



# Festival

in the

*Ballpark*

Thursday, June 7, 2018

5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sioux Falls Stadium

1001 Northwest Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104

# Welcome

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from Bishop Ough

Welcome to Festival in the Park! One of the best elements of any annual conference session is the opportunity for Christian fellowship—making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. Festival in the Park provides a unique and entertaining environment for strengthening our Dakotas Conference community.

Enjoy the food, the company, and the kickball tournament, a free evening of “kicking” back. I look forward to the opportunity to greet many of you.

**Bishop Bruce R. Ough**



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"American Church Group of the Dakotas has really impressed us. I'm convinced that John and Dustin share our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. They have a solid understanding of the risks facing churches and related ministries, plus they did the hard work of trying to understand our ministries. As an accountant, I also appreciate their competitive prices and the free resources they provide."

**Jeff Pospisil**

Executive Director, Finance & Administration  
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# KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

## Northeast MARTYRS OF THE CROSS

*"Not sure how well we play, but we sure are the best-looking team!"*

### **Randy "Reverend Father" Cross - Head Coach**

*The only word that can describe Randy is "enchanting."*

### **Quaya "Great Balls of Fire" Ackerman**

*Quaya is a veteran, so you know she can bring the excellence!*

### **Mark "Nice 'Stache" Britton**

*Mark's secret weapon is his nuclear moustache.*

### **Joni "Making It Happen" Britton**

*Joni and her power leave nothing on the table when she's on the field.*

### **Kris "Forty & Fancy" Mutzenberger**

*Kris is a sneaky one—watch her smile as she destroys everyone else!*

### **Brandon "The New Guy" Dunham**

*Brandon, a new recruit, but he's "wirey!"*

### **Sara "The Mighty One" Nelson**

*Sara, raised by wolves—fierce!*

### **Jen "Put Me in Coach" Tyler**

*Jen is a world traveler—just watch where the kickball flies!*

### **Sheri "Thunder Hawk" Fadley**

*Sheri has been playing kickball for, well, a long time and knows the game...*

### **Thomas "Energizer Bunny" Carlson**

*Flip the "on" switch for Thomas, and he never shuts off!*

### **Paul "Mountain Man" Kimball**

*Paul holds the record for the most exploded kickballs with his foot!*

### **Synova "Like a Rock" Geranen**

*Synova, her name means "gift of God" but it's terror to the other team.*

### **Anna "Whirling Dervish" Mutzenberger**

*Stand back when Anna's in the game—wild and spinning!*

### **Faith "Chip Off the Block" Kimball**

*Faith moves us forward, with power!*

# MEET THE TEAMS

## Southeast OUGH-MEGAS

### **Roger "Sparky" Spahr - Head Coach**

*Last successful coaching season: 1989 Undefeated T-ball Team*

### **Brian "The Saint" Hansen - Kicking Coach**

*1984 NFL Pro Bowl Punter for the New Orleans Saints and Regional FCA Director*

### **Classy Clay Flesner**

*He will teach ya'll a lesson (director for LSS at Southern Hills and Hilltop UMC)*

### **Andrew "Tiberius" Gross**

*Always has his phasers set to stun his opponents. A stunning addition to the Madison1st staff*

### **Clar (Killer) Miller**

*Covers the infield like a blanket. Trained up on the school playgrounds of Arthur and Brookings*

### **Taylor "Freaky Fast" John-**

*Holds a Sioux Falls record for fastest Jimmy John's delivery of 45 seconds from call to doorbell*

### **Donny "The Slice" Vanderlip**

*Holding the fort down and bringing the word to the largest 2-point Charge in the District!*

### **Nikkee "Rhod-Kill" Rhody**

*Warning: Nikkee has only played kickball once, but she plans on "killin it" today*

### **Nicole "Glitter Fairy" Anderson**

*Shines like glitter and floats like a fairy around the competition*

### **Steve "Dr. of Destruction" Trefz**

*Potential to score more runs than he has jobs! (only on the team for his influence with the umps)*

### **Miles "Kick it a Mile" Bergner**

*Designated Kicker - Kicking it off with the Sioux Falls Storm*

### **Jo "Freudian" Flesner**

*Skilled at getting into opponents' heads (family therapist at SF Psychological Child and Adolescent Clinic)*

### **Janice "Ant Woman" Antrim**

*Her bite is worse than her bark. Never shrinking back from leading the Howard Beach congregation.*

### **Sue "Boo" Jopling**

*Competition Beware! Sue Boo is scary good!*

# KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

## Northwest SAKAKAWEA SCREWBALLS

### **Kermit Culver - Head Coach**

*Coached and played football for 12 years—which has nothing to do with kickball*

### **Brandon Vetter**

*Leads Legacy while playing with Star Wars Legos*

### **Annie Carlson**

*Northwest District Lay Leader and exotic sheep farmer*

### **Tanner Carlson**

*Bike rider and lion tamer (works at the zoo)*

### **Jane Hincks**

*Conference co-leader and prayer warrior extraordinaire—Gabe's mom*

### **Cory Thrall**

*Succeeding in ministry, so we just keep giving him more churches*

### **Chelsey Schmeling**

*Elisha intern from Luther College and Celebration Church in Brandon*

### **Mark Ehrmantraut**

*McCabe strategist and AWANA leader—speaks softly, but kicks HARD*

### **Jennifer McDonald**

*Horse lover from Wyoming by way of Kentucky—headed to Minot*

### **Bruce Adams**

*Quintessential Pastor, and lover of kids, kites, and camping*

### **Jeannie Sortland**

*New pastor, seasoned mom, seminary student—lots of free time*

### **Gabe Hincks**

*Accomplished swimmer—which surely will help with kickball*

### **Michelle Brennan**

*Team deacon—works with BOOM and kicks with one too*

# MEET THE TEAMS

## Southwest THE 11<sup>th</sup> PLAGUE

*"We're wiping other teams out."*

### **Kevin "Elbow Twister" Kloster - Head Coach**

*Kevin put his DS skills to use and elbow twisted a few arms to put this amazing team together.*

### **Kara "Taco Tuesday" Togel**

*Kara is "nacho" regular kickball player because when she kicks the ball she brings the heat.*

### **Abby "Abberella" Ferris**

*Abby is the team's fastest runner and you can be sure she won't drop a shoe.*

### **Sean "Stormy" Binder**

*Sean may be nice while leading Storm Mountain but he's taking the field by storm today.*

### **Beata "BeAttitudes" Ferris**

*Beata is our team Chaplain for blessed are those in the SW District for they shall win the tourney!*

### **Valerie "The Sour Patch Kid" LaBounty**

*Valerie's kicks have been described as first they're sour, then sweet, then gone. Hello homerun kid!*

### **Scott "The Kilt" McKirdy**

*One could say Scott's a "braveheart" for wearing a dress on the field.*

### **Mark "Sparky" Johnsen**

*Careful in the crowds because the last time Mark played kickball the ball spontaneously combusted .*

### **DeAnn "Rev Redhead" Eidem**

*DeAnn may be holy, but you will quickly learn to dread the red.*

### **Clay "Lundy" Lundberg**

*Clay's pitch is immortalized in the Kickball hall of fame—it's know as "the Lundy."*

### **Ben "Bad Boy" Ingrebretson**

*Ben is the Team's Designated Kicker who was jailed for stealing the other teams playbooks.*

### **Ashley "#Ashtag" Alsup**

*Ashley doesn't have a Twitter account, but she is "#ashtag" our star player.*

### **Davis "Dangerous" Anderson**

*No more needs to be said other than these two words—Dangerous Davis.*



# DAKOTAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018



## Tuesday - June 5, 2018

1pm-Wed.am New Clergy Orientation  
 5:30-8:30pm Seminarian Retreat Part I

## Wednesday - June 6, 2018

7am - 9am HealthFlex Wellness Screening  
 8am - noon Pre-Conference BOM  
 9:00am Pre-Conference Cabinet  
 9 - 11:30am Seminarian Retreat Part II with Young Adults  
 9:30am Pre-Conference Archives

10am - 7pm Registration  
 Noon Historical Society Luncheon  
 1pm - 5pm Pre-Conference CCYM  
 1:30pm 5 Equipping Workshops #1  
 3:15pm 5 Equipping Workshops #2  
 4:45pm First Time Attendee Orientation  
 4:45pm Lay Servant Ministry Reception  
 5:00pm Benefits & Investments:  
 2 Presentations w/ Dinner  
 5 - 8:30pm CALLED Retreat Part I for Youth & Young Adults  
 5 - 7pm Elisha Orientation w/ Dinner  
 5:30pm Various Committee Dinners

## Thursday - June 7, 2018

6am - 9am HealthFlex Wellness Screening  
 7am - 8am Breakfast Church Planters with Speaker  
 7am - 5pm Registration  
 8:30am Opening Worship (Communion) Episcopal Address  
 10:00am Break  
 10:15am Opening Plenary (Missional Report)  
 11:30am Lunch Recess for all and Lunch Meetings for:  
 Extension Ministry  
 Clergy Spouse  
 Seminaries  
 LLP / CLM  
 Children's & Youth Cohort

11:45am Lunch & Learn  
 1:00pm Teaching Session I  
 2:00pm Plenary  
 2:30pm Break  
 3:00pm Clergy Session  
 Laity Session  
 Recess  
 5:30pm Festival in the Ballpark for All  
 5:45pm Young Clergy Meet with Bishop and Speaker  
 8:00 pm

## Friday - June 8, 2018

6am - 9am HealthFlex Wellness Screening  
 6:30am Breakfast UMW / UMM  
 8:00am Worship (Miracle Offering)  
 9:15am Teaching Session II  
 10:15 am Break  
 10:45 am Plenary  
 11:45am Lunch Recess  
 12:00pm Lunch & Learn  
 12:00pm Luncheon Ordinands/ Commissionees  
 12:15pm Luncheon Retirees

1:30pm Plenary  
 2:30pm Break  
 2:45pm Plenary Session (Jubilee, BOM)  
 5:00pm Dinner Recess  
 7:00pm Celebration of Life in Ministry Service - Embrace UMC

## Saturday - June 9, 2018

8:00am Worship (Baptismal Remembrance)  
 9:30am Plenary  
 9:30-11:30am CALLED Retreat Part II for Youth & Young Adults  
 11:45am Closing Benediction (and Fixing of Appointments)



NEXT YEAR IN BISMARCK, ND  
 JUNE 5-8, 2019