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Walking Assignment
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1. Edgewood St. – I met an older lady named Loyce along the path here. There's no real stopping point or bench or anything, we just stopped in the middle of the trail. Turns out she lives just around the corner from me. Also, turns out I have her grandson, Andy, on the Becker speech team, and he has been in 2 plays I have directed. Loyce also works at the local grocery store part time, although she is retired. She commented on my landscaping and Christmas light display.
2. Becker Cemetery – I didn't meet any people here. I have just gone by it too many times to count in the 5 years I have lived in Becker and had never stopped. Cemeteries are fascinating. In this case, there were lots of names I recognized from our community. Additionally, a couple of headstones with balloons and other décor for kids who had passed away.
3. Becker Community Center – Now, I actually go here a lot for Yoga and other classes. I stopped though during the day this time, and met a completely different crowd of people. Most of them older, rather than the usual young parents and their kids. I chatted with a couple of the workers. I also went into the library that is attached, which I have never done before. I found out they don't have much in the way of books that I'm interested in, so I wasn't missing much.
4. Becker High School – I'm here all the time anymore. I am the Assistant Coach to the speech team and director and assistant director to many productions. There were some kids leaving practice, so I walked by and chatted with them a bit. They knew who I was, but I didn't know them, at least by name, although they looked familiar. Had a nice chat about the Becker Basketball team, and my involvement with theater and speech. One of them was actually in a class at the middle school when I was subbing a few years back.
5. Skate Park – There is a skate park just down the road from my house. One would think that in the dead of winter this would be abandoned...but kids just don't seem to care a whole lot about snow and cold. There were kids using snowboards on the jumps rather than skateboards. I stopped and watched them attempt a few tricks, and joined in the laughter when they fell. Again, I knew a couple kids here from my substitute teaching days.