

Lamp Letter



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Evangelism 2006 A Year Of Bountiful Harvest

The Year 2006 is shaping up as a great year for harvest evangelism. The statistics for baptisms, rebaptisms and Professions of Faith speak for themselves:

Green Bay	17
Janesville	17
Madison Community	13
Madison East	24
Fox Valley	7
Monroe	2
Racine	9
Christ's Community	3
Milwaukee Southside	17
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The harvest is ripe throughout our conference, in large cities and our smaller communities:

1. Ashland is experiencing tremendous interest in Adventism through Amazing Facts evangelist, Jason Sliger—over 100 interested persons! Don Benson, elder, stated “We never thought this could happen in Ashland.”
2. Evangelist Ric Swaningson conducted meetings to launch a church plant on Milwaukee's Southside. Rodney Mills together with John Glass and Adam Case planned on 15 core members for the new plant from their congregations. God added 15 new members from an evangelistic outreach to double the size of the newest Wisconsin Conference congregation.

Esther Zimmerman, Bible Worker for Christ's Community Church in Lena, conducted



Jessica Jensen emerges joyfully from the baptistry in Madison East at the close of the Adventures in Prophecy campaign in January

- house-to-house work and Pastor Juan Sorto baptized three new people into the fellowship.
4. Sheboygan Church has sponsored “NET events” with Doug Batchelor, Mark Finley, and others but had not hosted a live evangelistic series for many years. When Amazing Facts Evangelist, Emanuel Baek launched meetings in mid-April, the church was overjoyed to find over a hundred interested persons coming to the meetings. Thirty interested people are still attending and ten have thus far expressed a desire for baptism. Pastor Adam

Case reports good support by church members in prayer, attendance, and finances.

The response of interested people has been wonderful. God continues to bless people who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

We cannot overestimate the blessings of having Amazing Facts evangelists to assist us in our work. Jason Sliger and Emanuel Baek have conducted five wonderful campaigns in our field.

Our friendly, local, neighborhood evangelist, Ric Swaningson, has held two remarkable campaigns this year. Twenty four people were added to the Madison East Church and 17 were baptized into the Milwaukee Southside Church Plant. Elder Swaningson has a passion for planting new congrega-

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Thoughts on Ten Commandment Day

How are the final events on planet earth going to take

place? If we planned on their happening by coincidence, we would fear that they might never occur. However, God is superintending the affairs of this world. In Romans 9:28 it says that "He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth."

Ellen White states that before the end time "The law of God is to be magnified; its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth." 6T, p. 19.

There are many voices speaking against the Ten Commandments in the world and we wonder how the Law of God will be magnified in the way God describes.

One evidence of how God's Spirit is working on the hearts and lives of people is through the Ten Commandments Day, May 7, 2006. On the official website of the planners it says, "Finally a day in which we can come together and

celebrate God's eternal moral law." On that same website it states that the purpose of Ten Commandment day is "to restore the supremacy of the tenants, precepts, and principles contained in the Ten Commandments."

The above statements sound like they would be coming from an Adventist evangelistic series. Yet this is a movement among evangelicals. It is right that we also use this focus to help people understand the importance of the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandment Day is an illustration of how God uses more than one means to fulfill his purposes. Adventist evangelists have been preaching about the principles of the Ten Commandments for years. Today, Jesus is anxious to see His law magnified because this is a part of His witness to the world prior to His return. Today He is working on the hearts of many people to uphold the principles of His law.

How are all the events of planet earth to be fulfilled before Jesus comes? We don't know how all will be accomplished. However, the Ten Commandment day is an illustration that God superintends the affairs of mankind and He inspires people to respond to His will. He is going to use means that

we have not thought of to accomplish His purpose.

Yes, the Ten Commandment Day is an illustration that God is working to fulfill His prediction that "the law of God is to be magnified." He does it every day around the world through Adventist members, teachers, preachers and evangelists. Today he uses other Christian voices to assure us that "God will finish the work and cut it short in Righteousness. Praise God, Jesus is coming soon. Let's prepare to meet Him. Maranatha.

Don Corkum, President



Kyle James, Angela Schebo, and Crystal Morris were baptized at the Frederic Church Opening

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tions in the context of public evangelism. He is scheduled to work with pastors and lay leaders to plant a new group in Fond du Lac this Fall.

Please pray for God's continued blessings in our outreach. If God impresses you to make a gift large or small, please mark your tithe envelope, Wisconsin Evangelism.

James Fox



Pastor. Magdiel Gomez baptized nine people at the Hayes Church with ten more standing to signify their desire to prepare for baptism



Three precious souls were added to the Christs' Community and Shawano Churches

Evangelism Across Wisconsin

New Members at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

John McDonald's desire is to follow truth. Praying that God would lead, he enrolled in various Bible courses. God had shown him that the Ten Commandments were still His law and were to be kept. Each day, John prayed for more truth and for a church that honored the ten commandments. Robert Stauffer, then pastor of the Sturgeon Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church received John's name from *Voice of Prophecy* and invited him to a local Bible study. Because of John's sincerity he was baptized April 2, 2005, and joined the Sturgeon Bay Church family.

With a desire to learn more, John accepted a gift of a Hope Channel satellite dish. Having moved to a new neighborhood, John continued to look for ways to share his love for Jesus. When his new neighbors Andrew and Caroline Anderson decided to get acquainted and share their abundant crop of sweet corn, John was ready to share his faith. The neighbors were soon good friends and also enjoyed Doug Batchelor's *Amazing Facts Seminar* and other programs carried on the Hope Channel. Soon Andy and Caroline also joined the local Bible study group and came to church with John. Hearing that the *Amazing Facts*

Seminar was coming to the Green Bay Church they attended most of the meetings. Desiring to do God's will, Andrew and Caroline were baptized February 10, 2006, and now also fellowship in the Sturgeon Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jerome Mann

Bethel Church

Blessed with Baptisms

The Bethel church family was blessed with the addition of two new members, James Dieck and Emma Stoflet. Jim had been attending church for several years



Armando Camacho baptizes James Dieck

but was studying his Bible to make sure what was truth and what wasn't. His wife Sandra, a Bethel Church member, had been praying for Jim as he searched for truth. Jim then met with Pastor Armando Camacho to ask a few final questions and then decided to follow his Lord's example in being baptized. Jim was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church on April 8 of this year.

Emma Stoflet is a student at Bethel Jr. Academy and had attended a baptismal



Emma Stouflet follows her Lord in baptism

class provided by the church school and presented by Pastor Camacho last year. She continued to consider baptism and when this year's church school's baptismal class was once again conducted by Pastor Camacho, Emma decided this year was the year to give her heart and life to the Lord.

Emma is shy and dislikes being in front of people with a passion but her love for Jesus gave her the courage to stand before a crowd of people one Sabbath morning and be baptized. Emma's baptism and others that are planned by BJA young people are a tribute to Christian Education!

The Bethel Church family and Heaven's family rejoice with Jim and Emma in their new-found walk with the Lord!

Armando M. Camacho

Rice Lake Church Conducts Inexpensive Evangelism

"We already had the satellite equipment and Shawn Boonstra is an excellent evangelist," explained Jim Wright of the Rice Lake Church. "We just put up a few posters - under \$50 - and six people came to the church on opening night."

It seems the only evangelism that doesn't work is the evangelism we don't do . . .



Sturgeon Bay Church Family

Madison Church 24 Baptized

Saturday night, February 18 marked the end of a successful evangelistic campaign at Madison church. During a special candle light service twenty-four people surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ through baptism. But if this was all that you saw then you would only know a fraction of the story. After reviewing the reasons why these candidates had decided to join the Adventist church I discovered that there were actually two evangelists responsible for bringing these new members into the church. The first, Ric Swaningson, is very visible while the second is often so quiet that they are seldom even noticed by the casual observer. Maybe you have met these successful evangelists before and you didn't even know it. They seldom wear a name tag or talk about their accomplishments but their success is undeniable. The evangelists that I am referring to are the many faithful Adventists who have not isolated themselves from the world. Instead of only hanging out with their church friends, they have followed the Lord's command to "go into all the world" for the sake of lost men and women.

As I look over the list of new believers it is remarkable to note that only four people out of the twenty-four who were baptized were new to Adventism. The rest were baptized because they had seen some Adventist programming or because they had contact with Adventist friends or family. Of those two factors the larger was those who had Adventist friends or family. They represent those who have spent countless hours befriending lost people with the hope (not assurance) that they would one day be won to Christ. Their friendship wasn't a front to get them to the church and then dump them off. Their love and friendship

was real, regardless of the choices their friends made for or against the church. These were the same individuals who attended the meetings night after night—not because they didn't know the message but because they were supporting friends or family who were attending the meetings.

These are the evangelists who have always been there and will continue to be there long after the event is over. They may not have been the ones to physically baptize these individuals but they were right beside the baptistery with their hearts bursting for joy because now they have made a friend for this life and eternity.

Recognitions and Transitions

As the work expands or as existing workers accept calls, we have new workers coming to our Conference. From time to time, we also have individuals who are singled out for recognition for academics, service, or extraordinary achievement. We have a number of individuals in our work force whose achievements or opportunities for service have changed.

Bill Bossert, Pastor of the Wausau District, has earned his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Andrews University. Last October, he successfully defended his

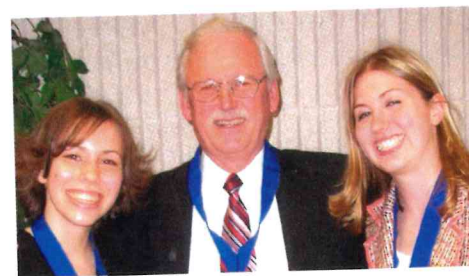


Dr. Bill Bossert

doctoral dissertation entitled, "The Process and Adaptation of the Ministries of the Wausau Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Postmodern Matrix to Those Born After 1964." The project focused upon the effects of postmodernism upon young adults and youth. It also studied how the postmodern culture might effect the local church's ministry and what steps might be necessary for the local

church to effectively reach out to this specific age group. The project involved a two-year research and trial ministry period, with follow-up evaluations and personal interviews of those young adults touched by the ministry of the Wausau Church. Dr. Bossert was issued his degree on the last day of December, 2005.

Don Corkum, President of the Wisconsin Conference, was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Andrews University.



Bobbi Gauger, Don Corkum and Bonnie McLean were recognized for academic excellence by the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

"Phi Kappa Phi is the largest and most respected academic honor society open to students, faculty and distinguished alumni from all academic disciplines. It awards membership to students of only the highest scholastic standing," wrote Ann Gibson, President of the Andrews University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Elder Corkum was inducted into the society on April 9 along with fellow Wisconsin residents, Bobbi Gauger and Bonnie McLean.

Paul Goia, Pastor of the Janesville District, has been appointed to serve on the North American Division Ministerial Commission.



Pavel Goia

This select group of 14 pastors will represent all the pastors in the North American

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Division at NAD planning and ministerial meetings.

James Fox, Communications and Ministerial Director of the Wisconsin Conference, has also been appointed to serve on the North American Division Ministerial Commission. He is one of 7 ministerial secretaries to participate in this commission. He will also serve on the NAD Evangelism Commission, a subcommittee of the Ministerial Commission.



James Fox

Two New Youth Ministers:



Michael Tuionetoa

We are happy to announce that **Michael Tuionetoa** has accepted a call to be the Youth/ Associate Pastor in the Green Bay district. Michael and Lavenda will be moving to

Green Bay in early July after their responsibilities as faculty at Wisconsin Academy are finished.

Jean-Marcel Clouzet, who graduated from Andrews University in May, will be taking up a unique position as Youth Coordinator for the Milwaukee area this June. He will be teaching two Bible classes daily and be the chaplain at Milwaukee Junior Academy. In addition, he will coordinate activities for the youth in the several churches in the Milwaukee area. Because he is bilingual he will be



Jean Marcel Clouzet

able to serve in both English and Spanish speaking churches. Pastor Clouzet is also engaged to be married to Tammy Paulien in October of this year.

2006 will surely be a year to remember for the Clouzet family and the Wisconsin Conference.

Colby Spanish Meetings

The Marshfield Church members felt a burden to help in fulfilling Revelation 14:6 about taking the gospel to every nation, tongue and people. And so they extended an invitation to Pastor Ruben Rivera to conduct a ground-breaking, week-long, seed-sowing evangelistic series for the Hispanic community in the Colby area, 20 miles north of Marshfield. Of those who attended, two are presently attending Sabbath services in Marshfield and three are taking at-home Bible studies.

Pastor Rivera shared some stirring messages centered on Christ's ministry for us on the cross. Pastor Armando Camacho provided English translation for church members from Marshfield who attended in support of the Spanish meetings. A group of eight Spanish folks who attended Sabbath, April 15, provided the English-speaking congregation at Marshfield with special music sung in Spanish!

This is a prayer-come true for the Salazar family who have been attending Marshfield Church for years but who understand little English. But they have hung in there by faith that one day an outreach into the Spanish commu-

nity would be realized. This effort by Pastors Rivera and Camacho was a stepping stone toward continual efforts to reach out to the growing Hispanic population in the Marshfield-Colby area.

Praise be the Lord for all of His wonders!

Armando M. Camacho

Constitution and Bylaws Changes

During the upcoming constituency session, we will be discussing the potential addition of a whole new article to be inserted into the current constitution. The new article covers the educational system here in the Wisconsin Conference. At this point, only a draft of the document has been circulating around. There are still a few details to work through. Once the document has been scrutinized by the current Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Executive Committee it will be ready for mass distribution. The document will be included in the delegate packets which will be mailed out the last week of August 2006.

Roger Driver

Constituency Outlook

What does the future hold for the work of God in Wisconsin? We certainly want God's future and not just our own plans and initiatives. We know much praying has been taking place about the future as we head to the constituency meeting on October 1, 2006 at Wisconsin Academy.



A lively group gathered in Colby for Hispanic Evangelistic Meetings

Milwaukee Southside Church Plant

April 1, 2006 marked the first Sabbath for afternoon worship services in the new Southside Church Plant. The new church was planted in the midst of evangelistic meetings with Pastor Ric Swaningson and Adventures in Prophecy. As over 50 people gathered for that first service, it was evident that God was working in starting up a new work for the English speaking community on the south side of Milwaukee.

The English Milwaukee area churches bonded together for this outreach for the south side. The evangelistic meetings were sponsored by the Milwaukee Central, Northwest and Waukesha churches. God led Pastor Rodney Mills to approach the Christ United Methodist Church to rent their facilities. Only at the interview did Pastor Mills discover that the Maranatha Spanish Church was renting from them on Friday nights and Sabbath morning. Since the Methodist church's experience with the Maranatha Church was so positive, there was no hesitation to rent to the new Milwaukee Southside group.

After concluding the evangelistic series with 15 baptisms, the Milwaukee Southside Fellowship is looking forward to organizing as a company. On Sabbath, April 29, there were 44 people worshipping together on Sabbath afternoon. Already, plans are being laid for

another evangelistic outreach in the fall and still two more next spring.

Rodney Mills

An Evangelistic Point of View

Among professional evangelists, Wisconsin has been known as one of the toughest battlegrounds. With that reputation, evangelists have in the past taken pause before accepting an appointment here.

I can say that while some areas of Wisconsin are not yet ripe for harvest, God has been faithful in giving us fruit for our labors! Since the Lord called me as conference evangelist, we have seen many surrender their lives to the Lord in baptism. In Madison (a very secular-minded city), 24 precious people surrendered there lives to Jesus in baptism. And in Milwaukee, we just finished *Church-Plant Evangelism*—17 were baptized (with about 12-15 in the next month)! We have seen close to 40 give their lives to the King of the Universe in baptism

I have found that Wisconsinites are warm, friendly, and a bit sturdy in their current belief structure. That being said... if Wisconsinites are presented with enough evidence in truth combined with kind, Christ-like persuasion, they will and do indeed embrace the truth! Wisconsin does not deserve its label as being ultra conservative but rather, as one of our wiser pastors put it, "they are very traditional."

Tradition can indeed be a tough

barrier to break down, The key to breaking tradition is evidence in truth!

One of the medical cures of the 18th century was "bloodletting." Evidence eventually proved that long standing tradition to be based not on truth but simply on tradition. New evidence came along with irrefutable truth and tradition gave way to a more correct practice of medicine.

The same process is in effect with evangelism. Truth is combined with the love and compassion of your Savior Jesus Christ and people respond.

Jesus is the Life Giver—in the beginning, at the Cross, and when He comes! When we understand this, then Sabbath is a natural! The state of the dead is easy to understand because without Jesus we die! Putting in harmony, the wages of sin is naturally death. The truth about the Second coming is also clear. Once Jesus is firmly established, we then can teach away error in tradition and as a result of this method we find that our new believers are stronger than some of the old! Because they are rooted firm in Biblical truth, not in tradition!

A wise man once said "one can afford to be stubborn in tradition, if that tradition is rooted in truth and reformation!"

The end is near, and it is now more important than ever to bring the truth of the Lord to our Wisconsin people! Let's share the joy of witnessing to Wisconsinites!

Looking forward to serving you

*Pastor Ric Swaningson
Your friendly
neighborhood Evangelist*



Sixteen new members are rejoicing in Jesus at the Milwaukee Southside Church Plant. Pastors Rodney Mills, Don Corkum and Ric Swaningson rejoiced with the newest members of the family of God

Camp Meeting Band and Choir Opportunities

Camp Meeting Choir—A Great Tradition! Plan now to be part of the choir that will provide worship music for the June 24 Church Service in the adult tent.



Practices will be held the first

weekend on Saturday and Sunday evenings following the service in the adult tent, as well as weekdays from 1:15 to 2:10 p.m. Second weekend practices will be Friday evening following the service in the adult tent and Sabbath morning at 8:00 a.m.

We look forward to having all singers, trained and those not trained, join the camp meeting choir and help provide inspiring worship music during the Sabbath morning service.

Camp Meeting Band—Another Great Tradition! If you play an instrument, you are invited to join. Elaine Corson will coordinate the group by providing music. Practice is at 8:30 Sabbath morning, June 17 and 8:45 Sabbath morning, June 24. The band will accompany song service for Sabbath School in the Adult Tent.

Phyllis Corkum,

Music Committee Chairperson

Country Life Restaurant

The building is done, the chef has arrived and final preparations are being made to open Country Life Garden Vegetarian Restaurant in June. The dining room looks over the center of the 250 acre campus of Country Life Education & Wellness Center. Radek Mikulasek, recently the manager of the Country Life restaurant in Prague, Czechia, has fourteen years of experience in creating nutritious culinary delights. He will



Radek Mikulasek

be the head chef for the new restaurant. With a mandate from the Spirit of Prophecy to educate the public on healthful living topics, the staff plans to use the

restaurant as a seed sowing operation. Seminars will be held on subjects such as vegetarian cooking, diabetes reversal and weight loss. Weekend seminars on health and family topics will also be offered with lodging and meals provided. The restaurant will be open to the public on Sunday's. Radek, his wife Helena, and two children, Richard and Karolina will be living at Country Life and joining the Portage Church. For more information about the ministry, call 608:742-7504 or visit their web site www.countrylifeportage.org

Red Hat Society

The first Sunday of 2006 Camp Meeting we will hold our 3rd annual Christian Women's Red Hat Society "gathering" from 2-4 pm in the Young Adult tent.

Please bring finger type foods to share, such as: veggies/dip, fruits, cheese/crackers, cookies, etc.

You won't want to miss the special sing-a-long with our very own almost "Elvis", David Rawls!

Special recognition will be given to those ladies who will celebrate their 50th or 90th birthdays during 2006. Women who are 50 and better, wear red/purple clothing/hats, those 18-49, wear pink hats/lavender and pink clothing.

Our featured guest speaker will be Martha Ladwig, member of the Monroe SDA Church, who will share the story of her conversion.

Please continue saving to help

support Wisconsin Adventist youth education, as we will be selecting another church school to help sponsor next school year.

Three Angels Christian School, Madison, was chosen for our project this year. We are still praying for this school.

Our \$2.00 annual dues will be collected at registration.

Any questions, please call Donna Aust at 920-623-9543 or Sue Toye at 920-432-9185.

Kitchen Help Needed for Camp Meeting

We are looking for 8-10 persons interested in helping with the food service during camp meeting. If you are at least 16 years old and would like to help either with food preparation, serving, or helping in the dish room, please contact Roger Driver at the Conference Office by calling 608-241-5235. If you have already called in, you do not need to call again.



Teachers and Helpers

are needed for Beginners and Kindergarten at Camp Meeting. If you are interested, please contact Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235, ext. 102 or kcrary@wi.adventist.org

Meal Prices for Camp Meeting 2006

Ages	Adult 11-59	Child 3-10	Senior 60 & over
Breakfast	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.50
Lunch	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$5.00
Supper	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$5.00

Children 2 and under no charge

Meals for Camp Meeting 2006 will be charged as a flat rate—no more per item charges.

Meal tickets can be purchased by mail. Tickets can be used for Sabbath or weekday meals. Orders received prior to June 7th will be mailed to you. Ticket orders received after June 7 will be available at the administration office at the campground. Tickets may be purchased at the administration office beginning Friday June 16th. They will also be available at mealtime at the cafeteria except on Sabbath. Please purchase Sabbath meal tickets prior to 8:00 pm Friday. Seniors are encouraged to obtain a 10% discount card at the administration office.

Camp Meeting Countdown

Spring is in the air in Wisconsin - can Camp Meeting be far behind? Beginning on June 16th and concluding on June 24, Camp Meeting will be a spiritual feast.

Featured Speakers:

- **Ron Smith**, Editor for Message Magazine, is a brilliant Biblical preacher. He will preach Sabbath morning and evening as well as Sunday night.

- **Ken Mittleider** is a former president of the Wisconsin Conference and was a General Conference Vice-



Ken Mittleider

President at the time of his retirement. He will present our early morning devotionals.

- **Mike Tucker** is the Speaker Director for Faith for Today. He will be our evening speaker during the week and our Family Life Seminar director by day.



Mike Tucker

- **Lonnie Melashenko** will close our camp meeting experience with Friday and Saturday night meetings as well as the closing Sabbath morning service.



Lonnie and Jeannie Melashenko

Seminars:

- **Mike and Gail Tucker** will lead in Family Life studies in the Young Adult Tent
- **Rodney Grove and Ric Swaningson** will lead the Lay Pastor Training seminar
- **Richard Davidson** will preach every morning at 11 am and hold a Bible Study Seminar
- **Richard O'Ffill** will preach every morning at 9:30 am and lead out in a Seminar on Outreach.
- **Vicki Griffin** will lead out in Health Seminars
- **Richard Habenicht** will lead out daily in a Seminar on Managing Your Finances



Richard Davidson

- **Floyd Brock** leads out daily in Community Services Training

Features:

- Sunday Morning will feature the **Super Sunday sale** at the ABC
- **Jaime Jorge** will give a gospel concert at 2:15 pm on opening Sabbath
- There will be a glorious **baptism** on the closing Sabbath afternoon

And so much more . . .

Do you want a blessing from the Holy Spirit? Do you want to experience dynamic growth in Grace, Knowledge and Truth? Do you want to be part of the fellowship of the people of God united in Christ? Be at Camp Wakonda starting June 16th for Wisconsin Camp Meeting!

Camp Meeting, Tornadoes, and Hurricanes

What do these three things have in common? Well, they can all happen in the month of June and that is coming up very soon. Yes, it's camp meeting time again as well as the tornado and hurricane season. But that is the only thing they have in common—Camp Meeting is truly a blessing, unlike tornadoes and hurricanes. Again this year, Community Services is offering chainsaw safety training as well as Disaster Response Training, Steps 1-3. This will take place during the week, Monday through Friday, June 19-23, in the afternoon from 2:15-4:00 p.m. in the Great Room of Hickory Lodge. With disasters becoming more frequent and more severe, we are going to have more and more opportunities to be of service to mankind. Being trained makes us better equipped to do that. Plan to attend! See you at camp meeting!

Floyd Brock,
Community Services Director

News For The Pews

Family Ministry Certification Program

Family Ministry educators from Texas, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin were the presenters at an intensive two-day training event that was held March 31-April 1 at the Green Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church. Those interested in Family Ministries at the local church level were invited to this conference. Pastor Abraham Swamidass was the coordinator for this event. We felt blessed by the presentations and the wonderful fellowship and networking with people who have a passion for nurturing families in our churches. It was a joy to lead out in music with Pastor Swamidass who had a great repertoire of praise songs, and with Dann Thornton and Stephanie Dawn of Broken Jar Ministries. We felt the certification program was a smashing success and will help Family Ministries to continue to grow in Wisconsin.

Thom and Jane Foll

Women's Ministries

Across the Wisconsin Conference Women's Ministries is known for two big events: a weekend retreat called "A Time of Refreshing" now in its eighteenth year and two day retreats (Green Bay S.N.O.W Day and a Spanish Women's day-long retreat). A new addition to these traditions (two years old), is a more specifically designed weekend for women who have been emotionally damaged. This event is held in the spring at Camp Wakonda.

On the local level, women are coming together in many ways to find friendship and share Jesus with one another.

Aileen King

Katrina & Beyond

Hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, wild fires and floods; what is happening to our world? Not to mention wars, famine, genocide, murder, rape, drugs, pornography—the list goes on.

Hurricane Katrina, the biggest natural disaster that the United States has ever had, has devastated the Gulf Coast of the United States. It will take years to recover from the devastation of it all. So what does the future hold? With disasters becoming more frequent and more devastating it doesn't look very promising. For us who know our Savior, the future is much brighter even if we have to go through some dark times. But for those who don't know the Lord, where is the brightness in their lives? It's at times like these that we can bring some light into their lives. By meeting their immediate needs gives us an opportunity to meet their spiritual needs as well. We need to look at these disasters as "opportunities." Opportunities to care and to share. Care for their needs and share the love of Jesus.

The people of Waveland, Mississippi and surrounding communities will not soon forget Adventist Community Services for what has been done for them. And the caring and sharing is still going on. But what about the next "Katrina," the next "Rita," the future disasters. Are we ready for the next "opportunity?" Jesus lived his life to serve others while He was here. Shouldn't we be walking where Jesus walked? There is no finer feeling than being able to serve others. Experience the joy, become involved. Opportunities are going to be endless, take advantage of them. Walk where Jesus walked.

Floyd Brock

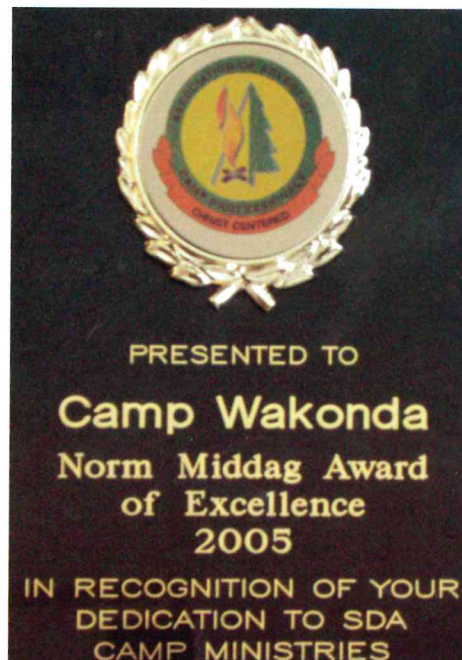
ASI Helps Build Churches

ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries) is a lay organization dedicated to help complete the mission of God on this planet. Through the contributions of its members many organizations are enabled to do their work. A new phase of ministry has begun in the Lake Union and that is to help build churches. In May members of ASI gathered in Princeton Illinois to help a small church build a facility for its congregation. This summer ASI members will gather in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin to help build the new church there. We praise God for the dedication of these ASI members who want to see new facilities to honor and glorify God.

Don Corkum

Mike Edge and Camp Wakonda Receive Award

Camp Wakonda received the Norm Middag Award of Excellence for 2005. The award was presented to Elder Mike Edge, Youth Camp Director, "in recognition of your dedication to SDA Camp Ministries" by the Adventist Association of Camp Professionals.



Missionary News

The **Ashland Church** recently sent boxes of clothing to a neighboring island of Kolonia, Pohnpei.



Patrick, Amanda and Sara McGuire are missionaries on Pohnpei

Sara and Patrick McGuire, members of the Ashland Church along with their daughter, Amanda are doing missionary work on the island of Pohnpei. Sara is aiding the principal of the Seventh-day Adventist School on the island and Patrick is a math teacher there. Amanda helps tutor some of the children. Sara had written friends in the Ashland Church that the children of the neighboring island were in need of clothing.

Dorothy Benson



*Twenty-two wonderful people renewed their commitment to Jesus in baptism, rebaptism, or by the profession of their faith in **Madison East Church** in the Adventures in Prophecy meetings with Ric Swanington*



*The children joyfully sang, "This little light of mine" at the **Frederic Church Dedication**—(Mat 21:16 NIV) "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?"*



*The **Wisconsin Rapids Church** broke ground for their new church building on Thursday, April 27, 2006. Dedicated Christians have donated the land, much cash, building materials, landscaping materials and professional labor. Pictured left to right are John Tesser, Fred Miller, Darryl Kasner, Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Mary Jo Carson, David Guerrero, Don Corkum, Roger Driver, Benjamin Moore, Darwin Dittburner, Bob Berger, and Carl Kasner,*



*Roger Driver, Conference Executive Secretary, leads the **Frederic Congregation** in Dedication on their Opening Sabbath*

**2006 CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE - ADULT MEETINGS**

THEME: Heaven Bound

Revised May 24, 2006

Friday June 16	Sabbath June 17	Sunday June 18	Monday June 19	Tuesday June 20	Wednesday June 21	Thursday June 22	Friday June 23	Sabbath June 24
	6:00 a.m.	Early Glow (Sharing & Prayer Time) —						
	6:30 Ken Mittlreider	Ken Mittlreider	Ken Mittlreider	Ken Mittlreider	Ken Mittlreider	Ken Mittlreider	Ken Mittlreider	Ken Mittlreider
	9:10 Sabbath School: Jim Wright Superintendent: Norm Britain	9:00 Super Sunday Sale	8:30 Pastor's Meetings Only (Speakers Listed Below for Each Day)	8:30 Pastor's Meetings Only (Speakers Listed Below for Each Day)	8:30 Pastor's Meetings Only (Speakers Listed Below for Each Day)	8:30 Pastor's Meetings Only (Speakers Listed Below for Each Day)	8:30 Pastor's Meetings Only (Speakers Listed Below for Each Day)	9:10 Sabbath School: Laura Hokanson Superintendent: Marshall Bowers
	10:40 Worship: Ron Smith		11:00 Richard O'Ffill - Main Tent Rodney Grove & James Fox: Lay Pastor Training - Fireside Lodge	11:00 Richard O'Ffill - Main Tent Rodney Grove & James Fox: Lay Pastor Training - Fireside Lodge	11:00 Richard O'Ffill - Main Tent Rodney Grove & James Fox: Lay Pastor Training - Fireside Lodge	11:00 Richard O'Ffill - Main Tent Rodney Grove & James Fox: Lay Pastor Training - Fireside Lodge	11:00 Richard O'Ffill - Main Tent Rodney Grove & James Fox: Lay Pastor Training - Fireside Lodge	10:40 Worship: Lonnie Melashenko
	2:15 Jamie Jorge	2:30 Vicki Griffin Health & Departmental Seminars	Seminar #1 - Mike & Gail Tucker - Family Life - Young Adults Seminar #2 - Richard Davidson - Bible Study - Seminar #3 - Vicki Griffin - Health - Seminar #4 - Richard O'Ffill - Prayer & Family Seminar #5 - Richard Habenicht - Managing Your Finances - Seminar #6 - Floyd Brock - Community Services, Great Room, Hickory Lodge	Seminar #1 - Mike & Gail Tucker - Family Life - Young Adults Seminar #2 - Richard Davidson - Bible Study - Seminar #3 - Vicki Griffin - Health - Seminar #4 - Richard O'Ffill - Prayer & Family Seminar #5 - Richard Habenicht - Managing Your Finances - Seminar #6 - Floyd Brock - Community Services, Great Room, Hickory Lodge	Seminar #1 - Mike & Gail Tucker - Family Life - Young Adults Seminar #2 - Richard Davidson - Bible Study - Seminar #3 - Vicki Griffin - Health - Seminar #4 - Richard O'Ffill - Prayer & Family Seminar #5 - Richard Habenicht - Managing Your Finances - Seminar #6 - Floyd Brock - Community Services, Great Room, Hickory Lodge	Seminar #1 - Mike & Gail Tucker - Family Life - Young Adults Seminar #2 - Richard Davidson - Bible Study - Seminar #3 - Vicki Griffin - Health - Seminar #4 - Richard O'Ffill - Prayer & Family Seminar #5 - Richard Habenicht - Managing Your Finances - Seminar #6 - Floyd Brock - Community Services, Great Room, Hickory Lodge	Seminar #1 - Mike & Gail Tucker - Family Life - Young Adults Seminar #2 - Richard Davidson - Bible Study - Seminar #3 - Vicki Griffin - Health - Seminar #4 - Richard O'Ffill - Prayer & Family Seminar #5 - Richard Habenicht - Managing Your Finances - Seminar #6 - Floyd Brock - Community Services, Great Room, Hickory Lodge	2:15 p.m. Education
	4:00 Evangelism James Fox & Ric Swainson	4:00 Rod & Donna Willey 5:30 Concert/Picnic	4:00 Prayer & Praise Greg & Lesa Budd	4:00 Prayer & Praise Greg & Lesa Budd	4:00 Prayer & Praise Greg & Lesa Budd	4:00 Prayer & Praise Greg & Lesa Budd	4:00 Prayer & Praise Greg & Lesa Budd	4:00 Baptism
7:15 p.m. Don Corkum	7:15 Ron Smith	7:15 Ron Smith	7:15 Mike Tucker	7:15 Mike Tucker	7:15 Mike Tucker	7:15 Mike Tucker	7:15 Mike Tucker	7:15 Lonnie Melashenko

Small Group Convention

How can we assimilate all the new members that the Lord has guided to us into the church? One of the most effective ways to help build and disciple new people in Christ is through Small Groups. This year, the Small Group Convention will be held at Wakonda on August 25 and 26. Don James from Andrews University will be our presenter. His theme will be on "Discipling through small groups." His presentations on discipling are helpful for all members to know and understand how to grow in Christ. Call Kitty Crary to register at 608-241-5235, ext 102.

Lay Pastor Opportunity

Is your pastor overworked? Are there too many churches for your pastor to shepherd and too many responsibilities? Could your pastor use some assistance?

I don't know one pastor who could not use assistance in Wisconsin. Perhaps the Lord has placed a prospective lay pastor within your area already.

The Wisconsin Conference initiated lay pastor training last year at camp meeting. Some eighty-two persons attended the week long training event and entered into the program, some for certification, others simply auditing the program.

In order to be certified:

- 1. **You must have been recommended for consideration into the program by your pastor**

Lay pastors cannot simply join up! People sometimes crave a leadership position because of the power it seems to give them or the status that will come their way. To be a lay pastor means to become a servant of all. To aspire to be a lay pastor means having a call from God that your pastor and the conference both recognize.

- 2. **You must attend a two year training program in order to be certified.**

Our first cohort of learners have trimmed down to about 25 candidates. They all have been reading books and writing papers about leadership, Biblical preaching, chaplaincy, visitation, and will be soon be learning about public evangelism. Lay pastor candidates invest hours in developing their skills and understanding.

- 3. **You must be mentored in order to be certified**

Many skills in pastoring are not taught, they are caught! One learns pastoral leadership by observing and modeling a pastor who is doing it right. Our pastors invest themselves in the very ones they have recommended for certification. Pastors are key to the training and development of their own lay ministers.

How is the program going so far? Three pastors tell the story of their lay pastors' development:

Bill Bossert, Wausau District

– "Nate Skaife is an active member of the Antigo Church. He has a passion for Christ and eagerly participated in the local church's ministry from the very first weekend he attended the church after moving to our area. The Antigo members quickly recognized Nate's commitment to Christ and his leadership skills. He was nominated a local elder, but now has gone on to become a lay pastor. Nate has stepped up to help with some of the general pastoring duties assisting me in areas where I could not be present. He is a welcomed speaker on Sabbath morning, and leads out in a Bible study group on



Nathan Skaife

Wednesday evenings. We have asked him to be the speaker for an evangelistic series this fall in Antigo. We are simply delighted to have Nate bring his gifts of ministry to our church".

Jonathan Larssen, Madison District

– "Having a lay pastor has been a highlight in my ministry. Pastors often work in a broad scope to bring comfort, hope, and healing to broken lives. Having a lay pastor has opened up a



Ed Klingaman

whole new side of ministerial fulfillment. As I have worked with Ed Klingaman, I have had the opportunity to focus my ministry and gifts on one individual with the goal of successfully discipling him in the art of pastoring. It is a privilege to be able to plant some of your mission and methods for the church work in someone else. By the time this program is over, there will be two pastors at our church instead of one – pastors that share the same mission, methods, and love for God's church".

Rodney Mills, Milwaukee Central Church District

– "It has been almost one year since I submitted two members for inclusion in the Lay-pastor program. While I knew that it would require me to adjust my work style and scheduling, I believed that it would increase the ministry of the church here in Milwaukee.

"The lay-pastor program has enabled lay members to feel empowered and encouraged to stretch their God-given talents in ministry. It has enabled a team spirit to develop where we are all working together for the building

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up of the Kingdom of God. Ministry is expanded as the lay-pastors take on added roles in leadership of the church. Tim Krawczyk has been playing a vital role in the outreach ministry to the community youth. Ardis Burke has been leading out in two small groups and has taken a lead role in the planting of a new congregation on Milwaukee's Southside."

"Looking back over the past year, there are things that I would have done differently. I would have taken even more time to spend in ministry with my lay-pastors. I would have done more one on one mentoring to help them achieve even greater ministry."

Do you sense a call from God to serve Him as a lay pastor? Talk to your Pastor about your calling. Ask your Pastor to consider recommending you for this training and humbly accept the Lord's leading in this matter. It is an opportunity for service, not power and glory.

We start a new cohort this summer at Camp Meeting. We only open the program once per year to new candidates during Camp Meeting. Our class this summer will be "Preparing your Church for Public Evangelism" by Rodney Grove, Lake Union Conference Ministerial Director. Evangelist, Ric Swanson, will assist in the training. This will be a great event! This is a great work!

James Fox



Dale Mishleau, Carl Syvertson and David Rawls discuss the fine points of Biblical Preaching at the January Lay Pastors' Training Session



The beautiful, new Frederic Seventh-day Adventist Church

Frederic Church Opening

April 29 was a High Sabbath at the Frederic church. It was the official opening of their new church. About 150-200 people were a part of the celebration of the day.

The building project began in 2004 with Maranatha International helping with the building program. The beautiful sanctuary is a testimony to the dedication and sacrifice of the members.

The day highlighted three baptisms, the first in the new church. A music group from Minnesota brought joyful praise throughout the day. Don Corkum and Roger Driver from the Wisconsin Conference office led out in the act of consecration of the new sanctuary.

We praise God for what He has accomplished in Frederic through the opening of this new facility.

Don Corkum

Summer Camp At Camp Wakonda

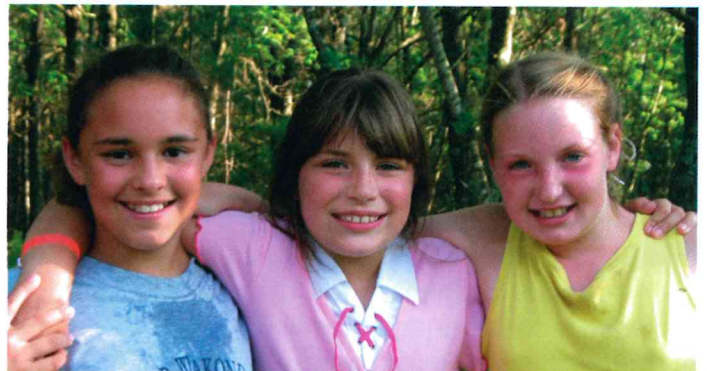
Summer camp is a time for ceramics, swimming, canoeing, climbing, nature and friends. In addition it is a time for exciting evening campfire programs and getting closer to Jesus in the beauties of His Creation. Any child ages 8-16 will experience a week that they will never forget. Back by demand is our teen camp overnight outpost. But summer camp is not for kids alone. Family camp is a time for mom, dad, and the kids to take a week's vacation together and experience all the activities of summer camp.

Schedule

Blind Camp	Jul 2-9	All ages
Junior Camp	Jul 9-16	Ages 8-10
Tween Camp	Jul 16-23	Ages 10-12
Teen Camp	Jul 23-30	Ages 13-16
Family Camp	Jul 30-Aug 6	All ages

If you have not received a camp brochure/application you can get one at your church, or you may call Aileen at 608-241-5235.

*Mike Edge
Camp Director*

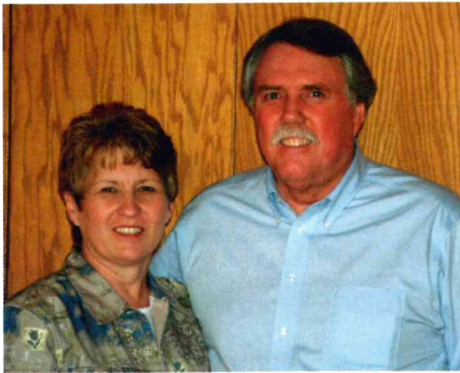


At Wakonda, you make "forever friends"

Meet The New Principal for Wisconsin Academy

In February of 2006, Darryl Reeves announced that he would not be returning as the Principal of Wisconsin Academy and would be relocating to Sandia Academy in New Mexico. Holly Roy would also move from being the Registrar to work with her husband, Cris.

Don Corkum, President, and Ken Kirkham, Education Superintendent, convened the Personnel Committee to review potential candidates and secure an effective Principal and Registrar for Wisconsin Academy.



Marshall and Lois Bowers

Upon learning that Marshall and Lois Bowers were available and open to being principal and registrar respectively for W.A., the K-12 Board extended a call to Marshall and Lois Bowers. In this interview, we sought to understand why the K-12 Committee moved so quickly and decisively to secure the services of Marshall and Lois Bowers.

LampLetter: How did you become interested in Christian Education?

Bowers: I took the Theology course in college and served as a pastor for six years. I wanted to work with young people, however. I accepted a call to serve at Dakota Academy as Pastor, Bible Teacher and Boy's Dean. I am interested in young people. I went back to Union College for one year and received my certification in Religion and Social Science.

LampLetter: Where have you served the Lord in Adventist Christian Education?

Bowers: I served at Dakota Academy for five years; Rio Linda Academy for three years; Maplewood Academy for 13 years and my last two years have been with the Minnesota Conference as Trust Services Director. We are blessed with two married children, Melissa who lives in Michigan and Chad who lives in Hutchinson, Minnesota. It might be unusual but both of our children have twins.

LampLetter: What are your impressions of Wisconsin Academy?

Bowers: This is a good school with a good staff, they are a good bunch of people. They have a dedicated Christian outlook. They have a love for kids and want what is best for them. It is also obvious that the people of Wisconsin strongly support Adventist Christian Education.

LampLetter: What are your goals for Wisconsin Academy?

Bowers: My goals haven't completely "gelled" yet. I want W.A. I want this to be a school where kids meet Christ or grow in their relationship to Him. *We want to help our young people learn to love being loved by Christ.* Christ loves us – He always loves us no matter what! We would love to grow in enrollment with a program that is strong and centered on Christ.

LampLetter: When do you begin your service in Wisconsin?

Bowers: I am already working with our staff and personnel committees to prepare for next year. Lois and I will be here for Camp Meeting or at least part of it. I will seal off my work in Minnesota and relocate to Wisconsin sometime during the month of June. We will begin my official service on July 1.

Music Fest at Wisconsin Academy

Wisconsin Academy's music festival began March 8 with 81 students in attendance from grades 5 through 12.

Their days on campus were filled with rehearsals as well as breakaway sessions, which are new to WA's music fest program. A total of four breakaway sessions were scheduled and students could choose which activity to participate in. Some of the choices were cooking, drawing, basketball, and gymnastics. "I really liked the break away sessions because it was fun and it gave me something else to do besides just singing, plus I learned something new at the same time," stated Kendra Thompson, Alpine Christian School student.

Thursday night's entertainment was entitled Café Night. The attendees we treated to an evening of music in the café-style decorated cafeteria. WA music students waited upon the guests while they sat back and listened to WA students as well as other attending student's display their musical talents. "Café night was a great time. I enjoyed serving the guests as well as getting to see the great talent that we have on our campus," remarked Giselle Ortiz, WA junior.

The music fest weekend concluded Sabbath afternoon with the mass choir performance as well as performances by the bell choir and choraliars. Lavenda Tuionetoa, music director, commented, "This year's music festival was absolutely superb. Everything went exceedingly better than I expected and the energy and enthusiasm just can't be beat!"

Katherine Miller
Senior Class

Pathways to Success

Many believe that Christian education is out of their reach, mostly because of the cost. Some students dream of the opportunity to be able to attend an Academy, but it is not within their reach. This year twenty-two students saw their dreams become reality. Pathways to Success is a Division of the Commonweal Foundation, Through *Pathways*, these students were able to attend Wisconsin Academy. Here is one of their stories.

Beth (not her real name) is from small town Wisconsin. She always knew that she wanted to attend a Christian school. Thanks to financial support from her church she was able to attend the local church school. But high school was fast approaching. Since her sister was already at WA, she knew it would be a huge financial strain on her parents to put both through academy as well as having a younger sibling in church school. Beth felt that she had to go to the Academy - there was no other option, but what could she do?

Then last spring during Youth Rally/Academy Day weekend, Beth and her mother walked into the business office to discuss the possibilities for next year. In the business office, Beth's family ran into Ms. Shufelt who quickly explained how excited she was that Beth would be coming to the Academy next year. Her family stated how excited they were too but sadly, they couldn't afford Wisconsin Academy with all their other expenses. Ms. Shufelt quickly explained about the Pathways to Success program:

- How they are granting almost \$5,000 in student scholarships to those who are first time attendees of a boarding school.
- The scholarships are also renewable every year until a

student graduates.

- There is no minimum or maximum number of students that can apply.

With stunned looks in their eyes, Beth's family asked, "Where do we sign-up?" An application was quickly produced for them and Beth's academy journey began.

As Beth looks back at her experience at WA, she feels that it has opened many doors for her spiritually, scholastically and musically. She states, "WA has such a great music program - I am so happy to be apart of it. I am super excited to be here and extremely grateful to the Pathways to Success program. They are involved with our lives sending us notes of encouragement, coming to visit the campus, and making us feel special."

This was Beth's story but it could be yours too. You could experience all the wonderful things WA has to offer even if, financially, it seems a little out of reach. Now, it is within your grasp.

All applications have to be to the Commonweal Foundation no later than July 31, 2006.

So, contact Wisconsin Academy and start making your dreams of a Christian education a reality. For information on the Pathways to Success program please contact Michelle Shufelt or Addiel Amador at 920-623-3300.

Mission Trip to Romania

During Spring Break, the Class of 2006 at Wisconsin Academy headed overseas to the country of Romania for our annual senior class mission trip. God lead and guided not only while we were on the trip, but throughout the planning and decision making aspects of this excursion.

At the beginning of the school year, when we were deciding where we should go, we felt im-

pressed to vote on going to go to Kenya, Africa. When not enough money was raised in time to make Africa a reality, we felt discouraged. "Why would God lead us to Africa if he knew it wouldn't work?" we wondered. Soon after this disappointment a student mentioned the idea of going to Romania because she had gone there on a previous trip. "Going to Romania four years ago was all part of God's plan for us to be able to go now. Even then, He was working for something I couldn't have dreamed of," stated Erin McLean.

The school board granted us the chance; however, we had to raise the bulk of the money in just three weeks and all 35 of us going on the trip would have to get our passports in time. The class was hopeful and felt that God was leading us, so we set our hearts on Romania.

During those weeks everyone was busily working at raising the money. As the deadline approached, the money poured in above and beyond the amount that we needed. The class then realized this was God's plan for us.

Another miracle that occurred was on the day before we left, one student still did not have his passport. After praying throughout the church service, the passport came in the mail that afternoon! Praise the Lord, everyone in our class was able to go!

While we were there, a church was built in the center in the small town of Crasna. Without our help the church would have taken years to put up due to a lack of funding. We were also able to hold two Vacation Bible Schools in the public schools of that town. Along with VBS, we held a health screening and taught a few English classes. The people were extremely hospitable and we grew to love them in the short time that we

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 were there. "After seeing how appreciative the people in Crasna were and how needful they were of the church building made me realize why God led us there," commented Adrienne Gust.

Now that the we are back at school and the old routine has set in, we are still amazed at the miracles that God performed for us and we will never forget the experiences we had knowing that God was in the midst of it all.

Michelle Paulsen & Katherine Miller

2006 Science Fair

Our annual Science Fair hosted by Wisconsin Academy and planned by the Office of Education is a highlight of the school year. Each year in the spring our 5th – 10th grade students are given an opportunity to come

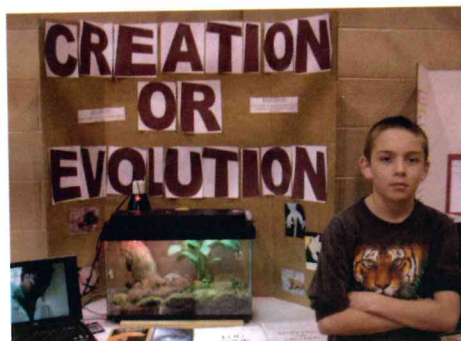


together to display the results of their scientific study.

Our science fair has several benefits. First it allows our students, many of whom come from small and isolated schools, to see that they are a part of something much bigger. It also allows students to study something that they have an interest in. Students can "do something" with their learning. Often, students learn facts, but are not given an opportunity to make



Scholarship recipients gather for a group shot at the close of the Science Fair



use of the facts. Another benefit comes from seeing that science can be fun.

For the past three years, due to the generous financial contribution of Fred and Sandy Miller, we have been able to bring Ben Roy to this event. Mr. Roy is an educator who is known for his science show that was on Channel 9 in Chattanooga, Tennessee and his appearances on 3ABN. His presentation each year is a highlight of the fair. His show is not only very enjoyable, but he never fails to demonstrate God's love and creative power. The students give him their complete attention. They want to know what is going to happen next. We are very happy that we have been able to schedule him to come again next year on March 11. Why not plan on attending yourself?



The final event of the day is the presentation of \$2000.00 in scholarships from Andrews University. These awards are given to students who do experimental projects that demonstrate

creative and original thought. We wish to thank Andrews University for their willingness to recognize students at the elementary level. It is never too early to get our children thinking about higher education. The winners this year were:

\$500.00 scholarships:

Kelah Hatcher and Daniel Cordona

\$300.00 scholarships:

Naomi Ferrel and Zachary Sloan

\$100.00 scholarships:

Adele Marsh, Christa Spieth, Blake Otto, and Aphee Messer

Ken Kirkham

Parental Choice In Milwaukee

When the doors of the Milwaukee Seventh-day Adventist School opened on August 22, 2005, the class rooms had many empty seats. We were grateful for the parents, teachers, and churches who were sacrificing to provide an Adventist Christian education for Milwaukee children. However, there were many students who were not able to obtain this quality education. For financial reasons, many parents had no choice but to send their children to the public schools.

Thanks to a program for families living in the city of Milwaukee, next year we are expecting twice the number of students attending school.

The Milwaukee Parental Choice Program offers parents who qualify by living in Milwaukee and their income being below a certain level the choice to send their children to a private or religious school. After numerous meetings, phone calls, emails and letters, it was decided to have our school participate in this program. Working together with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, parents can now choose to provide an Adventist education for their children without the worry and struggle of financial concerns.

Next school year, Milwaukee Junior Academy will open with over sixty students, five full time teachers, a

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Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Financial Highlights

March 31, 2006

	2006	2005	Difference	% Change
1. Tithe - Month-to-Date	443,677.06	444,413.87	-736.81	-0.17%
Tithe - Year-to-Date	1,443,808.88	1,346,390.43	97,418.45	7.24%
2. Wisconsin Budget - MTD	18,628.72	17,373.86	1,254.86	6.74%
Wisconsin Budget - YTD	53,607.91	53,694.88	-86.97	-0.16%
3. Cash				
Checking	1,138,133.29	989,788.07	148,345.22	13.03%
Money Market Certificates	352,790.92	14,039.46	338,751.46	96.02%
Securitates & Investments	1,222,811.93	742,028.29	480,783.64	39.32%
Total Cash and Investments	2,713,736.14	1,745,855.82	967,880.32	35.67%
4. Accounts Receivable				
Churches	-14,331.57	9,959.31	-24,290.88	169.49%
Schools (Including WA)	121,587.30	39,587.77	81,999.53	67.44%
WA (Separately)	82,189.32	19,919.47	62,269.85	75.76%
5. Current Ratio (Note 1)	9.21:1	4.19:1	N/A	N/A
6. Evangelism - Unrestricted Fund Bal	-73,696.38	20,324.83	-94,021.21	127.58%
Evangelism - Restricted Fund Bal	60,128.19	20,406.02	39,722.17	66.06%
	Actual - 2006	Budget - 2006	Difference	Actual - 2005
			Fav/(Unfav)	
7. Income	1,664,581.00	1,627,180.00	37,401.00	1,571,897.00
Expenses	1,829,020.00	1,826,926.00	-2,094.00	1,541,083.00
Net Incr/(Decr) Before Transfers	-164,439.00	-199,746.00	35,307.00	30,814.00
Fund/Funct Transfers	-17,960.00	-10,454.00	-7,506.00	-15,392.00
Net Incr/(Decr) After Transfers	-182,399.00	-210,200.00	27,801.00	15,422.00
Net Assets - Beginning	2,971,163.00	2,971,149.00	14.00	1,551,307.00
Net Assets - Ending	2,788,764.00	2,760,949.00	27,815.00	1,566,729.00
8. Expense (Selected Functions)				
Pastors F-200	555,035.73	479,605.00	-75,430.73	488,409.27
Evangelism F-230	140,683.01	228,780.00	88,096.99	35,583.05
Church School Oper F-302	354,534.74	359,164.00	4,629.26	359,942.44
Academy Operation F-304	114,331.76	115,404.00	1,072.24	113,276.56
Group Medical Plan F-733	-28,555.46	7,215.00	35,770.46	59,448.14
General & Admin F-798	96,055.33	102,486.00	6,430.67	53,436.97

Note 1 - The Current Ratio is the ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities.

Parental Choice

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opened the doors here in Milwaukee to allow more young people the opportunity to have a Christian education. God is good and we are thankful for His direction in the education of our youth.

Pamela Mills

New W.A. Men's Dean

Shawn Sorter will be the new Men's Dean at Wisconsin Academy. He comes with many years of experience and has served most recently at Great Lakes Academy in Michigan. He is best known for being a caring, Christian mentor of young men. Welcome to Wisconsin—May God richly bless your ministry here!



WISCONSIN BUDGET GOAL

Thru March, 2006

CHURCH	MEM.	GOAL THRU FOR 2006	GOAL THRU 03-31-2006	AMT REC GOAL 03-31-2006	AMT UNDER OF GOAL 03-31-2006	% RECEIVED
Almond	44	2,283.53	570.88	604.15	-33.27	105.83%
Antigo	42	1,329.91	332.48	669.48	-337.00	201.36%
Ashland	52	1,488.01	372.00	-144.24	516.24	-38.77%
Baraboo	27	2,499.53	624.88	679.55	-54.67	108.75%
Beaver Dam	23	912.60	228.15	369.55	-141.40	161.98%
Beloit	75	2,556.38	639.09	496.62	142.47	77.71%
Bethel	115	3,482.42	870.60	338.61	531.99	38.89%
Chippewa Falls	24	635.10	158.77	0.00	158.77	0.00%
Christ Comm Lena	128	6,844.35	1,711.09	1,195.90	515.19	69.89%
Clear Lake	90	5,968.54	1,492.13	785.98	706.15	52.67%
Clearwater Lake	81	2,366.16	591.54	514.18	77.36	86.92%
Delavan	73	6,196.19	1,549.05	1,224.23	324.82	79.03%
Durand	64	2,267.24	566.81	732.68	-165.87	129.26%
Eau Claire	181	9,612.21	2,403.05	956.22	1,446.83	39.79%
Evansville	21	1,248.40	312.10	368.00	-55.90	117.91%
Fish Creek	14	724.48	181.12	334.00	-152.88	184.41%
Fox Valley	257	15,555.58	3,888.90	2,230.56	1,658.34	57.36%
Frederic	57	4,687.97	1,171.99	897.91	274.08	76.61%
Green Bay	541	27,056.44	6,764.11	3,237.17	3,526.94	47.86%
Hayward	27	2,710.66	677.66	41.50	636.16	6.12%
Hudson	27	802.15	200.54	34.01	166.53	16.96%
Hylandale	72	2,801.33	700.33	269.74	430.59	38.52%
Kenosha	66	2,844.48	711.12	16.02	695.10	2.25%
LaCrosse	82	3,006.74	751.68	221.03	530.65	29.40%
Lakeland	58	3,261.27	815.32	320.21	495.11	39.27%
Lancaster	50	2,074.49	518.62	182.50	336.12	35.19%
Madison Community	191	9,648.26	2,412.07	1,086.47	1,325.60	45.04%
Madison	459	26,825.86	6,706.47	5,904.95	801.52	88.05%
Marshfield	110	5,969.51	1,492.38	1,309.71	182.67	87.76%
Menomonie	68	1,599.19	399.80	336.02	63.78	84.05%
Merrill	19	1,126.67	281.67	90.22	191.45	32.03%
Milwaukee Central	255	14,507.81	3,626.95	1,436.95	2,190.00	39.62%
Milw Greenfield Span	140	4,527.32	1,131.83	233.94	897.89	20.67%
Milwaukee N.West	194	11,239.06	2,809.77	2,813.12	-3.35	100.12%
Milw Maranatha Span	44	575.30	143.83	0.00	143.83	0.00%
Milw Hayes Span	62	2,937.62	734.40	168.82	565.58	22.99%
Milwaukee C. Span	163	6,570.56	1,642.64	423.16	1,219.48	25.76%
Monroe	40	2,373.47	593.37	187.65	405.72	31.62%
Neillsville Company	34	394.98	98.74	60.00	38.74	60.76%
New London	59	2,696.16	674.04	449.64	224.40	66.71%
Oakland	36	1,903.10	475.78	383.01	92.77	80.50%
Oxford	81	7,486.19	1,871.55	1,990.18	-118.63	106.34%
Platteville Chris Com	10	706.98	176.75	20.00	156.75	11.32%
Portage	82	4,855.59	1,213.90	1,010.02	203.88	83.20%
Pound	42	1,398.47	349.62	96.00	253.62	27.46%
Prairie du Chien	21	810.24	202.56	198.85	3.71	98.17%
Racine	128	4,634.70	1,158.68	270.00	888.68	23.30%
Racine Spanish	41	1,221.10	305.27	64.55	240.72	21.14%

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Raymond	120	7,320.26	1,830.06	437.77	1,392.29	23.92%
Reedsburg	49	1,824.47	456.12	484.00	-27.88	106.11%
Rhineland	107	4,108.63	1,027.16	1,302.41	-275.25	126.80%
Rice Lake	141	8,213.92	2,053.48	1,542.95	510.53	75.14%
Richland Center	80	3,517.42	879.36	499.31	380.05	56.78%
Shawano	34	1,248.10	312.02	192.51	119.51	61.70%
Sheboygan	94	6,816.18	1,704.05	636.14	1,067.91	37.33%
Sheboygan Spanish	41	1,896.96	474.24	46.53	427.71	9.81%
Sparta	38	705.34	176.34	74.60	101.74	42.31%
Spooner-Trego	13	386.78	96.70	100.00	-3.30	103.42%
Stevens Point	54	2,925.98	731.49	274.03	457.46	37.46%
Sturgeon Bay	28	2,323.44	580.86	928.00	-347.14	159.76%
Superior	61	3,976.27	994.07	514.40	479.67	51.75%
Tomah	53	1,602.22	400.56	378.12	22.44	94.40%
Tomahawk Comm	24	1,285.05	321.26	232.00	89.26	72.21%
Watertown	45	1,259.66	314.92	482.00	-167.08	153.06%
Watertown Hisp Co	32	1,110.25	277.56	53.00	224.56	19.09%
Waukesha	182	11,493.29	2,873.32	1,938.27	935.05	67.46%
Shepherds House	117	7,520.94	1,880.23	2,257.93	-377.70	120.09%
Wisconsin Acad.	291	16,043.00	4,010.75	2,440.04	1,570.71	60.84%
Wisconsin Conf	244	24,102.91	6,025.73	443.45	5,582.28	7.36%
Wisconsin Rapids	76	2,671.64	667.91	2,013.05	-1,345.14	301.40%
Woodland Comm	223	7,206.20	1,801.55	1,143.55	658.00	63.48%
TOTAL	6,717	348,783.24	87,195.81	53,522.88	33,672.93	61%

Where Do You Think We Are In Time?

If you think we are nearing the end, the following quote is interesting:

“It will not be long before probation will close. If you do not now serve the Lord with fidelity, how will you meet the record of your unfaithful dealing? Not long hence, a call will be made for a settlement of accounts, and you will be asked ‘How much owest thou unto my Lord?’ If you have refused to deal honestly with God, I beseech you to think of your deficiency, and if possible to make restitution. If this cannot be done in humble penitence, pray that God for Christ’s sake will pardon your great debt. Begin now to act like a Christian. Make no excuse for failing to give the Lord His own. Now, while mercy’s sweet voice is still heard, while it is not yet too late for wrongs to be righted, while it is called today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.”

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Conference Calendar

The **ABC will be closed** June 5 through July 1 for Camp Meeting at Camp Wakonda. Come and see us at Camp Wakonda June 16-24.

September 17, 2006—Our annual **Community Services Federation Meeting**. This year it will be held in Fireside Lodge at Camp Wakonda from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with our usual potluck lunch. This year we will be electing our new Federation officers for the next three years. Plan ahead to come. We invite your presence!

June 16-24—Camp Meeting 2006

June 15-23—Camp Meeting 2007
Don't forget to plan for Camp meeting 2007, June 15-23. First weekend speaker is Jose Rojas, NAD Youth Specialist and the second weekend speaker is the President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Jan Paulsen.

August 25-26—Small Groups Convention at Camp Wakonda

October 1—Wisconsin Conference Constituency at Wisconsin Academy.

Constituency Session Update

The last delegate orientation meeting took place on April 30, 2006 in Hayward Wisconsin. Each of the eight meetings provided valuable information during the question and answer period held at the end of each meeting. The Executive Committee will give consideration to each suggestion that was presented.

Recently, each church should have submitted their list of recommendations for persons who could be selected for the Standing Nominating Committee, the Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or the Organizing Committee. If your church has not voted on those names, please get them

voted by your local church board and submit them to the Conference Office right away.

Sometime around the middle of May we will be mailing letters out to each of you who have been selected to serve on the various committees. If you can not serve, please let us know so we can notify the next alternate.

We look forward to seeing you on October 1, 2006 at Wisconsin Academy. Registration will begin at 8:30 that day. The session itself will begin at 9:30. May the Lord's hand guide us through the business of the day!

Roger Driver

Breaking News

As the LampLetter goes to press, the Wisconsin Conference and the City of Sun Prairie have signed an offer to purchase the Conference Office Property:

- The purchase is contingent on the Sun Prairie Community Church property sale being

finalized with the City of Sun Prairie

- The Wisconsin Conference would have 15 months use of the office *rent-free* after the close of the sale

Look for more Information at Camp Meeting!

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