Lamp Letter

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

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Ana's Testimony



Ana Toalino, member of the Madison East SDA Church, enjoys teaching Kindergarten Sabbath School and leading a ladies prayer group. She moved to America from Bolivia in 1972, and is now retired after working 20 years in the Wisconsin State Capitol building.

44 aturday morning I arrived at my church at 8:45 and nobody was there," said Ana,

"I waited until 9:30 and still no one came." Ana, member of the Nazarene church, had volunteered to help give out pamphlets and invite people in their neighborhood to church, but no one else showed up. "I can't wait here all morning," thought Ana. Then she remembered something she had heard on a religious TV station. After the program they would always say, "We are Seventh-day Adventists. If you want to learn more about us, visit an Adventist church in your area."

"That's what I'll do," thought Ana. She found an Adventist church and went. She worried they might not like her wearing pants, but decided it would just be a test of how loving these Adventists were. Friendly people met her at the door, welcomed her, and led her to a seat. She liked the music, preaching, and praying and felt very much at home.

Ana attended both churches every week for three months. Then she prayed, "Lord, what shall I do? I like the Adventist group and believe Saturday is the Sabbath. But I love my Nazarene church, too. I don't want them to think I don't care about them anymore."

One Sunday after church Ana told her pastor she was studying the Bible with the Adventists and believed the seventh day was the Sabbath. The pastor said, "Here are some books I want you to read about the Sabbath. Then let's talk." "OK," said Ana, "But my mind is pretty much made up that Saturday is the Biblical Sabbath."

Ana leafed through the books, but decided not to read them for she already knew what the Bible said. Next Sunday Ana told the pastor she had decided to join the Adventists. "Why do you want to leave us, Ana," asked the pastor? "Everyone loves you and we are going to miss you." "Because I believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath," said Ana. Her pastor paused, "Ana go, and take my blessing. But know these doors are always open for you."

Ana was baptized into the Madison East SDA Church on February 16, 2000. At first it Continued on page 8

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Mike's Sabbath Schedule

May

- 1 Waukesha
- 9 Hispanic Brotherhood
- 16 Pathfinder Fair
- 23 WA Graduation
- 30 Lay Pastor Meeting

June

13 Camp Meeting

20 Camp Meeting

July

- 4 General Conference Session
- 11 General Conference Session
- 18 Vacation
- 25 Vacation

August

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To request speaking appointments contact Mike Edge at mgedge@wi.adventist.org.

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A Call for Unity

I believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy. Throughout our church history God has worked through men and women, boys and girls to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of the three angels in Revelation. I believe that as God has been faithful in His leading in the past, He will continue to lead. "Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard." AA 12

In a few weeks delegates from around the world will gather in San Antonio, Texas, for the General Conference session. Many important decisions will be made at that time. Many view the decision regarding the subject of women's ordination of utmost importance, and as pivotal in our church's history. Some may even use the outcome of this vote to determine in their minds whether or not this is still God's true church.

Theologians have studied this subject for many years using the same Bible passages and Spirit of Prophecy quotations, and have ended up with different conclusions. Papers and books have been written, sermons have been preached, DVD's produced, each advancing one position or another. The dialog has been vigorous, and mostly in a positive and healthy manner.

If I believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is God's remnant church, then when the duly elected delegates from around the world assemble in a General Conference session, and prayerfully consider each of the questions put before them, I must be prepared to move forward with my church for the fulfillment of the gospel commission. After the vote whether or not to allow the ordination of women, it is imperative that I continue to love my brothers and sisters, and not disparage those who have taken another position. To do this would circumvent the prayer of Jesus for unity, and would only encourage division and strife.

To proclaim the love of Jesus and the message of the three angels must again be the focus of our lives. "As never before we need to press together, serving Him who has prepared His throne in the heavens and whose kingdom ruleth over all. God has not forsaken His people, and our strength lies in not forsaking Him." CCh 337

I will continue to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the prayer of Jesus for the unity of His people will be realized. I invite you to do the same.

Michael H Edge

Wisconsin Conference President

Camp Meeting Speakers







Abraham Swamidass Madison Community District Pastor Wed/Thurs 6:30am



David & Beverly Sedlacek

Sunday-Thursday 4:00

Andrews University

Family Life





Jean-Marcel Clouzet Wisconsin Academy District Pastor Mon/Tues 6:30am

Eugene Kitney Milwaukee Central District Pastor Fri/Sabbath 6:30am



Bruce Lorenz Investment Advisor Representative Saving for Education Friday 2:15









John Bradshaw Director/Host It Is Written First Sabbath/Sunday



Mike Edge Wisconsin Conference President First Friday Evening



Bryan Gallant Adventist Muslim Relations Working with Muslims/ Dealing with Grief Monday-Friday 2:15 & 4:00



Walt Stewart Attorney for Wisconsin Conference Legal Issues Sunday 2:15



Jody Otto Buchholz Financial Representative Retiring Wisely Monday 2:15



Alice Garrett Community Service Disaster Preparedness/ Donations Management Sunday- Friday 2:15



Chelsy Schauer Bible Teacher at WA Witnessing Sunday-Thursday 4:00



Karl Haffner Senior Pastor Kettering Adventist Church Second Friday/Sabbath



Lowell Cooper General Vice President General Conference Monday-Friday 11:00

Curtis Hall Founder of Sabbath School Coaching Sabbath School Ministry Sunday-Friday 2:15



Catrina Lasure Kid Center Dir. at CYE Children's Ministries Mon-Fri 2:15 & 4:00



Mon-Fri 2:15 & 4:00



Walter Allred Church Planting Coordinator Indiana Conference Church Planting Monday-Friday 2:15



Josh Jeresek Dir. His Home Ministry Practical Home Remedies Sunday-Friday 4:00



Gary Thurber Executive Secretary Lake Union Monday-Thursday Evenings

Jennifer-Jill Schwizer

Author, Musician, &

Counselor

Wellness





Diane Thurber Assoc. Dir. of Communication Lake Union Herald Communication Tuesday & Thursday 2:15

Sunday-Friday 9:30 & 2:15



Nadine Thomas Cardiologist Cardiac Health Wednesday 2:15

Billy Otto

Junior Tent

All Week





Zac Page Modesto Central SDA Young Adult Tent

Church Associate Pastor All Week

Independent Youth Minister, Musician & Film Maker

Gary Sudds Lake Union Education Director School Board Chairs Sunday 2:15



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Camp Meeting Announcements



New to Hallelujah Hustle

We welcome Robin and Alisha Cunningham of the Hudson Fellowship as our new Hallelujah Hustle 5k run/walk directors. Check out their updated website and registration system at: *halleluhahustle.com*, and register by May 15 for a \$5 discount. The cost, which includes a t-shirt, is \$20/person. "We are looking forward to the race," said Alisha, "and hope everyone has a fantastic experience."

Primay/Junior Choir

Children ages 9-12 are needed to sing with the camp meeting choir/orchestra Sabbath, June 20. Rehearsal times:

- Primary tent: 11:15am-11:30am
- Junior tent: 11:40am-11:55am

Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Please note that all practices listed below will take place after the evening meetings unless specified otherwise.

Choir

- Saturday & Sunday
- Monday-Friday 1:00pm in pavilion
- Friday final rehearsal Sabbath warm-up 10:30am at pavilion bookstore parking lot

Brass Ensemble

- First Friday (perform 1st Sabbath)
- Thursday (hymn for 2nd Sabbath)
- Friday (final rehearsal)
- Second Sabbath instrumental tuning: 9:00am

Orchestra

- Thursday & Friday
- Second Sabbath tuning: 9:00am

For more information or to receive music in advance contact Mrs. Jill Lawson, (608)792-7931 *jillrae.lawson@hotmail.com.*

Register for Children's Ministry

Please register in advance for the camp meeting classes listed below by going to the Wisconsin Conference website and click on the link under the children's ministries tab. Presenters need to know how many supplies to bring. Call Sandy Berg at 920-484-6555 ext. 303 with any questions.

Children's Ministries will be offering the following classes at 2:15 Monday - Friday.

- Learning Styles
- · Learning Cycles, and Modes of Learning
- Bible Learning Activities
- Teaching Children to Think
- Teaching from Nature
- Memorization Without Tears

Disaster Preparedness

This year ACS is collecting school supplies for the Westfield Elementary School. Needs are: 24-count crayons, 5" scissors, 12" rulers, glue sticks, washable markers, folders, band aids, and more. Complete needs list at *wi.adventist.org* on ACS page.

Red Hat Society

Red Hat Society meets Friday, June 19, from 11:30am-1:15pm in Cedar Lodge. Enjoy a special program, potluck, and fellowship. Donations are for Wausau church school. Call 920-494-3687 for more details.

Wakonda Work Bee Extended

This year's work bee is May 17-22. Come for one or all days. Meals and housing provided for workers. Learn more by calling Scott Baker at 608-296-2126.

Your Camp Meeting Site

If you plan to work on your RV or cabin before June 1, call or email first. *Campwakondawi@gmail.com.* Radio from the camp office when you arrive.

Registration Online

There is a link to reservations on the Wisconsin Conference's web site. If you've ever had a campsite then you have a profile set up. Use your email address to log on. If you have any problems or questions contact *campmeeting@wi.adventist.org.* All site payments are now due in full.

Fresh WA Strawberries

If bearing, strawberries can be purchased outside Apple Valley at 1:00pm each day. Availability to be posted in the Camp Lamp.

Meal Tickets

Prices:	Adults 11-49		Senior 60 & up	
Breakfast: Lunch Dinner	\$7.00 \$7.00 \$7.00	\$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00	\$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00	

To order call Jean Schwark at 920-484-6555. Tickets are also available during camp meeting at the administration office. Tickets not available during Sabbath hours.

WA Lighthouse Thrift Store

The Lighthouse Thrift Store will have a trailer available during camp meeting to collect donations. It will be parked behind Apple Valley Market. Needed items include clothing, books, furniture, toys, house wares, etc. No TV's. For questions call 920-623-0031, or email *lighthousethriftstore@gmail.com*.

Blood Drive

There will be no Red Cross blood drive this year.

Daily Mini-Concerts: 7:00 - 7:20pm

Friday:	Jon Good
Sabbath:	Peguero Sisters
Sunday:	Sam Garbi
Monday:	Hymn sing-a-long
Tuesday:	Jennifer Jill Schwirzer
Wednesday:	Conference Office Staff
Thursday:	Laurie Carlson & Nadine
	Thomas
Friday:	Emmanuel Quartet
Sabbath:	Wisconsin Academy



Emmanuel Quartet

The Emmanuel Quartet, an acappella gospel group from Collegedale, TN, will perform the second Friday evening of camp meeting from 7:00 - 7:20, and at 2:00 Sabbath afternoon. The quartet's music is 100% acappella, featuring barbershop-style harmonies and a smooth blend of voices.



Moreno, New Pastor in Rhinelander District



Kevin Moreno began pastoring the Rhinelander District April 1, 2015. Kevin, originally from California, graduated from Andrews University with a degree in theology in May, 2014.

"Pastoring is something God has put on my heart," says Kevin. "I've learned that God can use anyone, and who He calls, He equips. I am open to His leading in my life, and I have seen Him leading in mighty ways. I love working with families and young people, and look forward to serving the people of Rhinelander."

Kevin is married to Amy Hahn, daughter of Rodney and Dawn Hahn of Baraboo, WI. Amy graduated with a degree in theology from Andrews University, and received her M.Div degree this past December. She and Kevin are expecting their first child in July.

Juanita Edge Communication Director

Minty New Assistant Men's Dean at WA



Caleb Minty, of New Market, Virginia, is the new Assistant Men's Dean and PE teacher at Wisconsin Academy. He is a graduate of Southern Adventist University with a BS degree in Health, PE & Recreation. "I would like to foster an environment of fun and excitement about living an active lifestyle," says Caleb. "I also love working with kids." In his free time, Caleb enjoys hiking, sports, and being outdoors.

Juanita Edge Communication Director

Schauers New WA Men's Dean & Bible Teacher



Kevin and Chelsy Schauer are moving to Wisconsin Academy where Kevin will serve as Dean of Men and Chelsy will teach Freshman and Senior Bible.

Kevin graduated from Union College with a BA in Religion and minors in Youth Ministries and Psychology. While serving as task force assistant dean of men, Kevin discovered his love of deaning and has since served two years as an assistant dean, and five years as head dean.

In his free time, Kevin enjoys mechanical things like tractors and anything with a motor. He also enjoys working outside, camping and just being in nature. He also looks forward to seeing his two brothers more often, Whitney and Bradley, who live in Eau Claire, WI.

Chelsy attended Amazing Facts Center for Evangelism, and has worked as a Bible worker doing outreach, community service, and evangelistic programs. She also served two years as Vice-President for Evangelism for GYC. "I have a passion for teaching Bible," said Chelsy. "I love including practical, hands-on projects and deep study of the Word of God. The goal is for students to know how to study the Bible for themselves and have the confidence to share it with others."

"We're really excited about the Lord's leading," said Kevin. "We look forward to serving God and His people at Wisconsin Academy." Juanita Edge Communication Director

FINANCIAL UPDATE

A swe look at our 2015 finances we are experiencing a 19.06% tithe increase, and an increase in Wisconsin Budget of 19.19%.

The comparisons over last year include an extra Sabbath through February when these readings were taken because of calendar difference from the past year; however taking the extra week into account still leaves us with an approximate gain in both offerings of around 5%. As we look at the 2015 budget we see once again a very tight budget that includes cutbacks in order to keep things in balance. If we could hold this tithe gain of 5% through the whole year it would be a great help in turning around a dwindling bottom line.

Wisconsin Academy is looking to finish the year strong in many respects, not the least of which is in the area of finances. While still operating with a budget shortfall, the special appropriation from the conference to cover this deficit was cut in half from the previous year. Thanks go out to the staff and parents for all being a part of this turnaround.

All of us can help in this effort by continuing to support Wisconsin budget, a key component of funding for our academy as well as evangelism throughout the conference. I would like to challenge each of our churches to increase giving to Wisconsin budget by 20% over the amount your church gave in 2014. Together we can all be a part of keeping Wisconsin Academy strong well into the future.

Shoppers continue to increase at the Lighthouse Thrift Store. With this increase more items are needed to keep the store well stocked. Your donation items are needed. Learn how to help this important student industry, call Jerry or Michelle Martin at 920-623-0031.

May God continue to bless as you prayerfully consider what you can do to spread the good news of a loving Savior to our neighbors.

Brian Stephan Executive Secretary/Treasurer

FINAN	CIAL SN	APSHO	T
	2015 (9weeks)	2014 (8 weeks)	% Change
February Tithe Income	\$559,658.10	\$486,417.34	15.06%
Tithe YTD	\$1,011,212.97	\$849,338.03	19.06%
February Wisconsin Budget	\$22,730.56	\$19,097.71	19.02%
Wisconsin Budget YTD	\$42,376.75	\$35,554.12	19.19%





Wisconsin Academy

from the principal's desk



Seventh-day Adventist education is different from the education offered by public school systems and other parochial schools. This difference is rooted deeply in our church's heritage. When Ellen White urged our leaders to start training schools for our young people, her counsel outlined a model that was markedly different from the prevailing views of that time. She advocated physical, mental and spiritual instruction in a balanced approach that would educate the whole person. The purpose of such an education is to recreate in man the image of his Creator. Each of the three dimensions is linked to the other two, creating an interdependent triad.

Over the years Seventh-day Adventist schools have repeatedly included references to the physical, mental and spiritual dimensions of education in their logos, slogans, statements of philosophy, and promotional materials. Wisconsin Academy is no different in this regard, having used the "head, heart, hands" tagline. Unfortunately for some, over a period of many years, the frequent references to the body, mind, and spirit have too often become little more than a cliché.

Recognizing that God's counsel is timeless, Wisconsin Academy is heading back to the basics, choosing to refocus our energy on our educational roots as Seventh-day Adventists. As a school, we are renewing our efforts to provide a deeply spiritual environment; we are striving to be strong academically; and we are in the planning stage of a new personal fitness program designed to establish healthy habits for a life of active Christian service.

After reviewing the scientific research presented in the book SPARK, by John Ratey, MD, the

Board of Education and the Wisconsin Academy administration believe it is vitally important for us to place renewed emphasis on the physical dimension of education. Of the three, this area has often been under-emphasized. Seventh-day Adventists have known for more than a hundred years that physical fitness is positively correlated with mental and spiritual strength. Vigorous exercise fights depression, improves memory, speeds up learning, and decreases behavioral problems. This is why, in the 2015-2016 school year, we are putting in place a program to encourage fitness for life. We have seen God's hand leading in this initiative and are excited to see the blessings He has in store as we faithfully follow His direction. Watch for updates on Facebook and our website.

We thank you for your prayers as we seek God's wisdom in laying plans for the coming school year.

Wisconsin Academy Principal

Week of Prayer Ends With Decisions for Baptism



hree students made decisions for baptism in response to a call at the close of our spring week of prayer, with many others choosing to renew their commitment to Jesus. We praise God for His goodness and thank each of you who are praying for the work at Wisconsin Academy.

During the week pastor Jacob Gibbs spoke to the entire school body at morning and evening meetings. His theme was "Thy Kingdom Come." He challenged the students to "taste and see that the kingdom of God is good." He pointed out that we can never even understand what the kingdom of God is without asking for God's help. It would be more than we could comprehend.

On Thursday evening, Gibbs extended an

appeal using simple decision cards, including baptism as a response. While many of our students are baptized, a significant number are not. We rejoice with the three who are now preparing to publicly declare their decision for Jesus.

As the Sabbath came, we closed our week of prayer with an agape feast in the cafeteria. We enjoyed fruit, appetizers, and fellowship while reflecting on the messages of the past week. After the meal, Gibbs shared his final message, a call to respond to God's self-sacrificing love.

Over a third of the students stayed for the optional communion service that followed. We enjoyed the beautiful experience of footwashing, the Lord's Supper, and a time of sincere testimonies. Students testified to the way God has been transforming their hearts, revealing His love, and calling them to a deeper relationship with Him.

Please continue to pray for them and for the rest of the students and staff of Wisconsin Academy. "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." - James 5:16

Greg Edge Director of Marketing, Bible Teacher

A pick-up truck is needed for the Academy Farm. To help with this please contact Jerry at 920-623-0031, or email *lighthousethriftstore@gmail.com*.

For the most recent news and updates, visit us on facebook: search for *wisacad*.

Check our website for more info: www.wisacad.org

Welcoming New Staff Members

Kevin and Chelsy Schauer will be serving as men's dean and Bible teacher, respectively.

Caleb Minty will serve as assistant men's dean and PE teacher.

Read more on page five.

Collecting soil samples in Environmental Science class

More Than Books

Wisconsin Academy is more than just a school. It's a training ground for Christian service. Beyond the excellent academic program, you'll find opportunities to develop real-world skills, expand your vision, and listen to God's voice. If you're looking for an education grounded in God's Word and its truths for our time, join us on a learning journey that will prepare you not only for this world, but for the world to come.

Learn more about our exciting new direction by visiting us online.

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Wisconsin Conference Calendar of Events

May

2	WA Home Show
9	Hispanic Brotherhood - Milwaukee
12	Board of Education - WA
15-17	Pathfinder Fair - Wakonda
17-22	Wakonda Work Bee
22-24	WA Graduation Weekend

- 25 Memorial Day Office Closed
- 27 Executive Committee
- 29-31 Lay Pastor Wknd Conference Office

June

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12-20	Camp	Meeting
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- 20 World Day of Evangelism
- 21 Camp Strike
- 22 Conference Office Closed
- 28-7/5 Junior Camp
- 28-7/1 NAD Minister's Convention

July

- 2-11 General Conference Session
- 4-11 Day of Fasting & Prayer
- 6 Conference Office Closed
- 5-12 Tween Camp
- 14 Board of Education Telecon.
- 12-19 Teen Camp
- 19-26 Family Camp 1
- 26-8/2 Family Camp 2

August

2-4	Teacher Inservice
5-9	Hispanic Camp Meeting
25-26	Long Range Planning
26	Executive Committee Telecon.
29	Hispanic Children's Day
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31-9/2 Lake Union Officer's Retreat

Ana's Testimony Cont.

was hard," said Ana. "and I wondered if I had made a mistake. Often people seemed to ignore me and walk by without saying hello. I felt lonely." Ana complained to the Lord and He said, "Ana, you are not going to that church for anybody, you are going to worship Me. I want you there."

Since then Ana said her whole spiritual life changed. "Now I come to church for Jesus. I'm here to show His joy. Jesus has taught me to be friendly, smile, and say hello to everyone I meet.

"The last few years I've grown so close to Jesus. Why did I waste so many years not knowing Jesus like this sooner? If I have any problem I just talk to Him about it right way, for Jesus can help and give me joy again."

Ana held up her Bible and said, "Here is my strength. I pray, the Holy Spirit leads me, and I am just full of His joy every day."

Juanita Edge Communication Director

INTRANSITION

Steve Aust, pastor in Milwaukee West District, retired May 1 after 38 years serving in WI. He & his wife, Donna, plan to continue living in WI.

Fred and Lori Dana, boys dean and registrar at WA, are moving at the end of this school year. Their destination is undecided at this point.

LaQuita Anderson is the new Associate Treasurer at the Conference Office beginning June 1. She has been working at WA. **Benjamin Burton**, Math and Gymnastic teacher at Wisconsin Academy, has accepted a position to teach at College View Academy in Lincoln, Nebraska for next school year.

Steve Brown, computer teacher and vice principal at Wisconsin Academy, is retiring after 35 years of service at WA. He and his wife, Debbie, plan to remain in Wisconsin after retirement.

Rowell Puedivan, and his wife, Eldinh, have accepted a call to pastor the Chippewa Valley District here in Wisconsin. They previously served in the Wausau District.

ATTENTION: All Adventist Medical Professionals

Our Lake Union is developing an "Adventist **Community Health** Initiative." The purpose is to connect Adventist medical professionals within our four states, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, and explore outreach ideas & opportunities to best serve our church and communities. Randy Griffin, DDS, of Indiana, is the director of this initiative, and is collecting a database of local Adventist medical personnel contacts (MD, DO, RN, OD, DDS, etc.) Dr. Griffin is looking to plan a unionwide medical professionals retreat in the near future. Learn how you can be involved. Email Wisconsin Conference Health Ministries Coordinator at jedge@wi.adventist.org.