

Lamp Letter



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From the Word

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

Romans 8:26



Susan’s Miracle



We all sat staring at the smoke and steam boiling up at us from under the hood. What were we going to do now? It was to be my first camp meeting experience and it seemed to be ending before it began.

But let me back up a bit. When I was a high school student in Taiwan, I very much wanted to learn English. Our foreign teacher from Wisconsin invited every one of his 900 students to speak with him one-on-one to improve their conversational English. I spent 10-15 minutes every day practicing my English with him during his office hours. When his parents came to visit him, I invited them to share a typical Taiwanese breakfast and they in turn graciously offered for me to come and visit them sometime in Wisconsin. I did not realize the offer was just them being polite, but I did very much want to visit America.

Several years later, I tracked that foreign teacher down and reminded him of his parent’s offer. He called his parents and, because I was one of the few students that took him up on his offer of extra help, he recommended me to visit. That summer I spent two months with the family.

My family is Buddhist, and I was somewhat confused with my host family’s religion. My host mother told me that I needed to learn about Christianity in order to fully understand English because it was often referenced in literature and daily life. She gave me the 10 volume Bible Story set to read and I could ask her any questions I might have on anything I read. I fell in love with Jesus by the time I finished the books. I wanted to be baptized but my host mom said I needed to talk to my mother back home and that I needed to see how I felt after my first year at my Buddhist college.

But before I left, the family was preparing to go to something called camp meeting. I wasn’t sure about the camping part, but I was willing to try new things. We spent the better part of the day loading up the van, and when I was sure it was so full we wouldn’t even fit, we somehow all squeezed in. My host father started the van and we were off, but not very far. Less than a mile down the road, the steam and smoke started pouring out of the engine cavity. We stopped and just stared.

We quickly drove back home and sat in the driveway wondering what to do next. My host father checked all the hoses and none were bad, so he refilled the radiator and

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I Don't Understand - But I Do It Anyway

We use a computer every day, for correspondence, emailing, web surfing, etc. I feel lost if I don't have at least one of my electronic computing devices with me. Years ago I taught a Pathfinder class on computers. I taught them about binary code, floppy disks, RAM, ROM, CPU's etc. Even though I taught about computers, and use a computer every day, I still don't understand thoughly how a computer works, but I use and trust it!

The same can be said about prayer. I don't fully understand how prayer works, yet I still rely on it. How can even a powerful God hear and respond to the millions of prayers that He hears at any given moment? How does my prayer for my ailing relative really help my relative? If God already knows all about me, why do I need to pray? Am I bothering Him when I mention the little details in my life that are important to me?

While I don't understand all there is about prayer, this I do understand: When I pray I am communicating with the all-powerful and all-caring Creator of the universe. What an awesome and humbling thought! When I bow my head and whisper His name He intently listens, and chooses out of a heart full of love, to respond.

Our camp meeting focus is on prayer. The Bible gives us many examples of prayer. It tells us to pray without ceasing, to cast our burdens on the Lord, to come before Him with boldness. Hopefully at camp meeting, we will not only learn more about prayer, but will experience God in a new and closer way through a revived practice of communicating with our Creator.

Ellen White gives us this simple, profound summary of what prayer is; *"Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him."* SC 93

Even though camp meeting is weeks away, let's begin right now to have a constant conversation with our Lord and Savior through the wonderful gift of prayer.

Michael H. Edge

Wisconsin Conference President

Susan's Miracle (Continued from Cover Page)

we all just sat. At that point, I wanted to ask my host mom if God could do a miracle for me. I had read about lots of miracles Jesus did for others in the Bible Story books and wondered if He would do one for me.

My host mom must have guessed my question, because she then prayed, "Dear Jesus, Susan so wants to go to camp meeting to learn more about You, and so do we. Please heal the van, at least so we can get to camp and back, and then if we have to, we can tow the van to the junk yard. But please help us get up to camp and home again. Amen." My host father started the engine and drove 100 miles up to camp meeting. At the end of a wonderful week, we drove home, still praising God for the time we could spend at camp meeting. Sometime later, my host father shared with me his amazement at the safe

and problem free trip up to camp and back. He was sure the engine was blown.

God performed a miracle for me that day to solidify my faith in Him and His ability to take care of me. The next year, I was baptized to witness to the miracle He performed in giving me a new heart to love and serve Him. I am so grateful for both miracles.

Remember my host mom's prayer? The Sabbath after camp meeting, we decided to go canoeing. Once again we loaded up the van and set off. Several miles down the road, the van filled with steam and smoke, and the van stopped. An auto mechanic later diagnosed a blown engine. Its last trip was via tow truck to the junkyard.

Steve Mertins with Susan Mertins
Watertown Adventist Church

PRAYER

YOUR WIRELESS CONNECTION
JUNE 17-25



Jerry Page
General Conference Ministerial Director

1st Sabbath & Sunday 7:30 pm



Mike Edge
Wisconsin Conference President

1st Friday 7:30 pm



Mike Tucker
Speaker/Director of Faith for Today

2nd Friday & Sabbath 7:30 pm



Maurice Valentine
Executive Secretary Lake Union Conference

Monday-Thursday 7:30 pm



Barbara O'Neill
Naturopath, Nutritionist, Health Educator

Monday-Friday 11:00 am
Sunday-Friday 2:15 pm



Sung Kwon
NAD Adventist Community Services/Church History

Monday-Friday 9:30 am
Monday-Thursday 4:00 pm



Dr. Ricardo Norton
Assoc. Prof. for Church Growth Andrews University

Sunday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday 2:15 pm - 5:15 pm



Catrina LeSure
Children's Ministries Speaker and Leader

Monday-Friday 2:15 pm

Find More Camp Meeting Speakers and Information at:
wi.adventist.org/campmeeting

Wisconsin Launches Adventist Lay Seminary

Conference leaders are launching a fantastic lay training program at camp meetings this year in English (June 19) and Spanish (August 28, at Milwaukee North Hispanic Church).

Adventist Lay Seminary, a ministry of Dr. Ricardo Norton to upgrade lay ministry skills, was founded in 2005 by the Andrews University Institute of Hispanic Ministry to instruct church members in the theory and practice of ministry.

The disproportionate growth of the Non-Adventist (SDA) world population and the sluggish growth of the SDA church in some regions is an alarming fact that deserves attention. A solution to the challenge we face resides in the

development of a professional lay training program to equip church members to join full-time pastoral forces in disseminating the Adventist message. "The idea that the minister must carry all the burdens and do all the work is a great mistake." CS 68

These 10 high quality courses are taught by AU seminary professors. "We have operated the Lay Seminary for years in the Lake Region Conference," reported Eddy Allen, LRC Vice President of Multi-Cultural Affairs. "The quality of the training is phenomenal and the joy of the trainees is unmatched."

The highpoints of Adventist Lay Seminary:

- Meets one Sunday per month for 8 months
- English focus: Bible Instructor Training
- Spanish focus: Small Group Leadership
- Graduation for both groups: February 2017
- Receive 2 hours graduate credit from AU
- \$100 registration fee includes handout materials (not assigned books) and lunch

"We believe in the ministry of our lay people," said Elder Michael Edge, Wisconsin Conference President. "Together with our pastors and teachers, our members are our greatest resource. This program will help our leaders to be more effective for Jesus."

This summer we are launching Bible Instructor Training in English, and Small Group Leadership in Spanish, as the first classes to enrich our members.

To sign-up for the lay seminary classes, go to wi.adventist.org/salt. Space is limited! The opportunity for growth in ministry is unlimited! Don't miss out – sign up now!

For more information, contact James Fox at 920-484-6555 ext. 309 or email him at jfox@wi.adventist.org.

James Fox
Ministerial/Personal Ministries Director

Camp Meeting

Hallelujah Hustle Celebrates 10 Years

Hallelujah Hustle has been in operation from 2006-2016. Race director Alisha Cunningham said, "When we took over two years ago, we had no idea just how impactful this event is. Not only are you taking a step towards a healthier life, you are blessing others in the process. To every volunteer, participant, and camper cheering the racers on, we say, 'Thank you!'" Register for this annual 5K camp meeting event now at hallelujahhustle.com.

Concert by Steve Martin First Sabbath Afternoon

Music educator and performer from Chicago, Steve Martin, performs at 4:00 pm in Pioneer Pavilion. He is a collector of many brass, string, woodwind and folk instruments.

Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Please note that all practices will take place after the evening meetings unless specified otherwise. No children's choir this year.

Choir:

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

Brass Ensemble:

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

Orchestra:

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

For more information or to receive music in advance contact: Mrs. Jill Lawson, 608.792.7931 jillrae.lawson@hotmail.com

Camp Meeting Notices

Wakonda Workbee May 15 - 20

Help prepare Wakonda for camp meeting and summer camp. Meals provided. Call Scott at 608-296-2126.

Community Service Project

ACS is collecting school supplies again for the Westfield Elementary School. Needs include crayons, scissors, rulers, and more. See needs list at wi.adventist.org/acs

Cholesterol Panel Blood Draw

Sign up in the administration building for this fasting blood test performed Monday from 7-10 am in the Fireside Lodge conference room. Also test for A1C blood sugar: fast not required.

ABC Sunday Sale

Take advantage of some great buys on Sunday, June 19, at 9:00 am in Pioneer Pavilion. Prices good only during this limited time sale.

Fresh WA Strawberries

Available for purchase outside Apple Valley at 1:00 pm daily if bearing. Check Camp Lamp for availability.

Meal Tickets

Tickets are available during camp meeting at the administration office, or may be purchased and mailed prior to June 6. Tickets not available during Sabbath hours. To order, call LaQuita Anderson at 920.484.6555.

	Adult	Child	Senior
Prices	11-64	4-10	65 & up
Breakfast	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
Lunch	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
Supper	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

Complete menu at wi.adventist.org

Register for Camp Meeting Online

Link to reservations on the conference web site. Use your email address to log on. If you have any problems or questions contact us at campmeeting@wi.adventist.org. All site payments are now due in full.

Lighthouse Thrift Store Donations

A trailer to collect donations will be parked behind Apple Valley Market. Needed items include clothing, books, furniture, toys, house wares, etc. No TVs. For questions email lighthouse thriftstore@gmail.com, or call 920.623.0031.

Policy Reminders

We are obligated to follow state and local health codes regarding recreational camping facilities. Below are some reminders as you plan for this summer.

1. All gray and black water must be dumped at a designated dump station or a drain. Dumping on the ground is illegal.
2. All camper units and RVs must have a label/symbol on them that shows a nationally recognized testing laboratory or agency approved of the structure.
3. Minimum space between camper unit to camper unit is 10 feet. A tent on the same site does not have to maintain that distance. No sites are to have two campers/RVs on them.

Please plan with these regulations in mind.

Sandy Magray: Women's Retreat Coordinator



Sandy Magray of the Green Bay Church has accepted the position of Women's Retreat Coordinator for the Wisconsin Conference.

"A women's retreat is a special opportunity for us as women to put away the multi-tasking we do, and allow God to fill us, so we can be who God wants us to be," said Sandy. "I envision three benefits the retreat can bring the women of our conference: drawing closer to God, being filled with the Holy Spirit and helping others draw close to God, and allowing women to relax, be refreshed, and connected with their sisters in Christ."

Sandy and her husband, Doug, have two grown daughters, Shelley and Sherry, and four grandchildren. In her free time Sandy enjoys photography and spending time with family.

Juanita Edge
Communication Director

Special Constituency Session

All regular delegates, and delegates-at-large are invited to a special constituency session June 19, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in the Pioneer Pavilion at Camp Wakonda.

The sole agenda item is to discuss and vote on the recommendation of the conference executive committee to move ahead with installing a new waste-water treatment system at Wisconsin Academy.

Delegates who served at the October 2014 constituency session are to serve at this special session.

Further information will be sent to delegates within the next few weeks.

Hudson Adventist Church Organized



Welcome to our newest church family, the Hudson Seventh-day Adventist Church. January 30, 2016, about 75 members, friends and guests gathered for the special occasion of becoming an official church in the Wisconsin Conference. The three couples who founded the group in the Hudson community were present that Sabbath: Dan and Kathy Herwick, Sheldon and Sally Johnson, and Dwight and Linda Rosen.

Juanita Edge
Communication Director

Beloit Spanish Company Organized



On April 16, 50 people came together to celebrate the formation of the Beloit Spanish Company. What was a dream in 1996 became organized into a Mission Group just months ago. Twenty-one people signed as charter members during the services.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

I would like to highlight three items in this brief article as we head into 2016.

First, I am very encouraged by all the evangelism going on and planned for 2016. As of this date we have over 191 meetings approved all around the state. We have committed over \$200,000 to assist our churches in this effort. May God add the blessing of the presence of the Holy Spirit to these initiatives.

Second, tithe income through March is down by 1.8% over this same time period last year. Wisconsin Budget is showing a small loss as well, down by 2.73%.

Third, we have received good news on the Wisconsin Academy wastewater treatment project. We have had a proposal drawn up that essentially puts academy houses on their own wastewater treatment systems and the academy on its own. This proposal has been accepted and permits granted to build this proposal. The good news is that this can be built for far less than all the other proposals that have been considered. While final numbers will be forthcoming it looks as if this entire project could come in around \$500,000. This is far less than the near \$2,000,000 the other options were estimated at. We will be working out the details. We hope to have solid numbers and design by summer. Our plan is to share the final proposal to be voted by the executive committee via a special constituency meeting to be held the Sunday of camp meeting for final approval.

Please keep this project in your prayers as we look to take care of this issue that has been facing us for many years.

Brian Stephan
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
	2016	2015	% Change
March Tithe Income:	\$502,728	\$496,246	-1.31%
YTD Tithe Income:	\$1,479,555 (13 wks)	\$1,507,458 (13 wks)	-1.85%
March Wisconsin Budget:	\$22,763	\$23,966	-5.02%
YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$64,530 (13 wks)	\$66,342 (13 wks)	-2.73%



from the principal's desk Honing in on Mission



As a child, I remember my fascination with an old magnifying glass I found laying in my father's desk drawer. What fun it was to examine the fine detail in everything around me. One sunny day I decided to go outside to explore the world around me. Sitting in the bright sunlight I focused my magnifier on a dry leaf. Imagine my surprise when I saw a plume of smoke begin to rise. This was incredible! With my newfound technology I had discovered my own private source of fire!

At Wisconsin Academy we too have a magnifier - the magnifying glass of God's Word. As we look through its lens the details of our mission are brought into sharp focus. Developing leaders who are "Fit to Serve" requires us to reach out in ministry to those around us. Through the International Mission Project to the Philippines, the Senior Mission Project, and other service activities, the fire of God's love is being kindled in our own hearts.

This year, more than ever before, we sense God's leading as we hone in on our mission. Please pray for Wisconsin Academy as we shine God's love into the darkness of this world. Pray that our students' hearts will be illuminated with the light of life. (John 8:12)

Roger Dunder
Wisconsin Academy Principal

Applying

If a mission-focused education appeals to you, contact our admissions office at 920.623.3300 or apply online at www.wisacad.org.

School Play "Ann-Arky" A Success



Sophomore Kristin Zeismer and senior Jadis Courtney portray actors who are struggling to put on a school play.

It was 7 o'clock on a Saturday night. Ten nervous students gathered together on the stage for a final prayer. Moments later the curtain was raised and the first performance of "Anne-Arky" was underway.

For two months I had the opportunity to work with ten student actors who regularly gave up recreation periods and Sunday afternoons in order to make this play a success. Countless hours were put into memorization of lines and practices. Some students had prior experience acting. Others didn't. My student director and stage manager were integral in making this play possible. I was very blessed with my students' resourcefulness and creativity as well as their willingness and ability to be flexible in the mayhem that is a drama performance. In the end, the effort of these students (and six extra that helped with lights, sound, and stage makeup) were rewarded in the best possible way: with a resounding applause.

Sara Gardner
English Teacher

Class of 2016 to Serve Homeless in Asheville

The Class of 2016 will be serving Jesus in Asheville, NC, during their senior class Trip April 27 - May 4, 2016. They will help a local kitchen that serves breakfast for up to 200 homeless every Sabbath morning.

Besides serving the homeless restaurant style, they will remove old carpet, paint, install shelving, make repairs, etc. In addition, the seniors will purchase toiletry items and other things we consider ordinary, but are not easily purchased by those who find themselves living on the street. They will make a donation of items or money to the kitchen.

Students Trained in Disaster Preparedness



Sixteen students and nineteen community members received certification in Disaster Preparedness

Adventist Community Services of Wisconsin (ACS) partnered with Wisconsin Academy's Disaster Preparedness class to offer training in Donations Management. This class was designed to prepare the participants for service in disaster situations by handling and organizing donations so that they could be quickly and effectively shipped where they are needed most.

The training involved 16 students and 19 community members who were all certified for three years. Students left with a knowledge of how disaster response happens, what organizational skills are needed to process donations as well as how to work well as a team. Students were also certified in Disaster Preparedness through ACS.

Tyler Cantrell
Social Studies Teacher

Keep up to date by visiting us on Facebook. Search for "wisacad"

The seniors are excited to show the love of Jesus to the marginalized and outcast of our society and those who help them.

Karen White
ESL/Piano Teacher





Mission Project to the Philippines Makes Lasting Impact

Last Wednesday night, if you had stopped by the principal's office at Wisconsin Academy, you would have seen students laughing and crying as they talked over the telephone to new friends they made on the other side of the world. It's been several weeks now since the 32 students and staff returned from our two-week mission project to the Philippines, but the people of the little village of Marcilla on the island of Busuanga will always be in our hearts.

After months of fundraising, letter-writing, prayer meetings, and answered prayers, our journey began - 18 hours in airplanes, 15 hours on a ferry, and 2 hours on a jeepney.

Once in Marcilla, one of our main projects was building a church. Most days, we worked with community members to build the walls and grade the floor. Grading the floor meant breaking up and hauling tons of dirt. When we left, the walls were ready for stucco and the building was ready for its roof. The church should be finished in May, and we look forward to seeing pictures.

We also held a free medical clinic which served over 600 people. Medical care is scarce and very expensive for the people in Marcilla. Dentists pulled teeth while students held patients' heads and cleaned instruments. Other students ran a dispensary for the doctor who saw patients all day.

Every night, before and during the evangelistic meetings, students led a VBS. By the end of the series, over 80 kids were attending. We grew very close to the children and it was hard to say goodbye when we left.

By God's grace, 51 people were baptized at the close of the meetings, including one of our students. More have been baptized since. This more than doubled the small congregation in Marcilla who will be meeting in the soon-to-be-finished church building.

We're back now, but the work is not finished. We've raised money to buy a boat for a fisherman who lost his livelihood to follow Jesus. We're now raising money for two others who desperately need surgery. We pray that through such experiences, Wisconsin Academy students will be fit to serve God wherever He calls them - across the street or around the world.

Greg Edge
Bible Teacher/Marketing



Senior Jarrett Coleman is baptized by elder Reuel Almocera. Fifty-one people were baptized at the close of the meetings, more than doubling the local church.



Junior Mikel Arce fills block with cement at the construction site. Students and community members worked together, building the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Marcilla.



Junior Olivia Sloan smiles with her new best friend. We held a VBS nightly during the evangelistic series. Over 80 kids attended, building strong bonds with the students.



Juniors Courtney Berger and Jenifer Galvez move concrete block to the construction site from the bottom of a hill early in the week. Later, block was made closer to the church.



Our mission team included 25 students from Wisconsin Academy, several staff and parents, and volunteers from other islands in the Philippines.



Senior Jadis Courtney and junior Ryan Owiti help teach an action song during AY (Adventist Youth) service on the beach on Sabbath afternoon.

Student-Planned Youth Rally Coming May 7

Youth ages 13-18 are invited to attend a one-day, student-planned, student-led youth rally on May 7 at Wisconsin Academy. Plan to be inspired by guest speaker Taurus Montgomery. In the afternoon, there will be opportunities for outreach in the local community and several breakout sessions. The event will cost \$20 per person which includes lunch and supper in the cafeteria. For more information call us at 920.623.3300.

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Calendar of Events

May

- 2-5 NAD Hispanic Advisory
- 7 Hispanic Brotherhood
- 9 WebX Pastor's Meeting
- 13-15 Wisconsin Pathfinder Fair
- 15-19 Wakonda Work Bee
- 21 WA Spring Concert
- 25 Executive Committee
- 23 Last Day of School
- 27-29 WA Graduation
- 30 Memorial Day - Office Closed

June

- 3-5 Lay Pastor Intensive
- 6 Board of Education
- 10-12 Hispanic Women's Retreat
- 13-16 Camp Pitch
- 17-25 Camp Meeting
- 29-7/2 Blind Camp
- 30 Office Closed -
Post Camp Meeting Day Off

July

- 4 4th of July - Office Closed
- 3-10 Junior Camp
- 10-17 Tween Camp
- 17-24 Teen Camp
- 24-31 Family Camp 1
- 26 Board of Education
- 31-8/7 Family Camp 2

August

- 1-5 Small Schools Workshop
- 8-10 Pastor/Teacher Meetings
- 10 Hispanic Camp Meeting
- 20 Hispanic Women's Ministries
- 6-8 Teen Leader Training Retreat
- 30 Executive Committee

Men's Conference



Over 120 men braved the frigid 8 below weather to attend the annual Wisconsin Men's Conference weekend January 15-17 at Camp Wakonda. Though it was extremely cold outside, most hearts were burning within with the spiritual messages presented by special guest speaker Pastor Ivor Meyers who spoke on the Blueprint of the Sanctuary.

With their Bibles wide open these men searched through the Scriptures seeing the theme of Christ's love and sacrifice for them unfold. Sunday morning the men were burning with the fire of God and ready to go sharing what they had learned. What a blessing for all!

INTRANSITION

Greg Taylor has accepted a call to be Youth Director for the Kentucky/Tennessee Conference after the 2016 summer camp season. He and his wife, Kim, have served the Wisconsin Conference since 2010.

Jerry Martin (Goby), manager of the Lighthouse Thrift Store, has accepted a call to be Industries Director at Sunnysdale Academy in the Iowa-Missouri Conference beginning April 1, 2016. His wife, Michelle, will join him the end of this school year.

Pat Latiker, fifth grade teacher at Milwaukee Seventh-day Adventist School, is retiring the end of this school year.

Ellen Robertus, fourth grade teacher at Milwaukee Seventh-day Adventist School is retiring the end of this school year.

Kevin Carter, Maintenance Director at Wisconsin Academy, has accepted the position of Assistant Maintenance Director at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. He and his wife, Jeanine, will be transferring the end of this school year.

Carlos Ancheta has accepted a pastoral call to the Upper Columbia Conference in Washington. He and his wife, Xiomara, have been serving in the Fox Valley District, and plan to move the end of June.