

# Lamp Letter

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## From the Word

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



## Jesus Calling



Obeida Ehm (on right) is a Bible worker and pastor's wife in the La Crosse District. She is working to plant a church in Sparta for the Hispanic community. Pictured left is Obeida's newfound friend, Rosario.

One day, as I was driving to the shopping mall, I was passing near the TJ Max store when I heard a voice saying, “go to TJ Max.” I said to myself I am not going to TJ MAX. In the course of my journey I continued to hear the same voice two more times. When I enter the parking lot of the mall, again I heard the voice, and again I said out loud to myself, “I am not going to TJ Max. I have nothing to do there, I have no money, also every time I go I end up buying things I don't even need.” However, I now felt an urge to go. Still not understanding, I went to TJ Max and started walking around not having any interest in buying anything.

After a short while I heard someone speak Spanish, I was struck and looked around, but did not see anyone. I continued my tour in the store and suddenly heard the same voice again, but this time very close to me, immediately I looked and saw a woman with a child around seven years old, and she was talking on her cell phone.

Without realizing, I started walking behind her. When she finished her phone call, I immediately introduced myself and we started a conversation. “Do you lived in Onalaska?” “No,” she replied, “I live in Sparta.” “I'm starting a ministry in Sparta with the Hispanic community,” I replied, “I help people with various needs and offer Bible studies for people who want to know the wonderful messages that God gives us in the Bible. I call my ministry Light in the Darkness.” She answered, “That's a pretty name. I have so many questions, and I have been praying, asking God to send someone to help me answer all my questions. Obeida, I think God put you in my path to help me, because no matter how much money and success I have in life, there is always an emptiness inside. I would love to study the Bible with you. Can we begin as soon as my son starts school.” At that very moment I realized, the voice I heard was the voice of God. I immediately praised and thanked God for being so wonderful to me.

Rosario and I have been studying the Bible for over five weeks now and each week she is more excited with each new lesson. Rosario is now also interested in reading the Bible on her own throughout the week. In fact, just about the third week into

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- 23 Milwaukee Convocation
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### February

- 5 Conference Office Retreat
- 14 LUC Youth Congress
- 21 Sturgeon Bay
- 27 AHS Conference of Mission

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## Reignite the Passion

As I write this article it is October 22. We call it the anniversary of the Great Disappointment. They were almost right. October 22, 1844, dawned as a day of excitement, anticipation, hope, and happiness. Thousands stood outside looking up. Jesus was coming — today! Many had donated their life-savings or quit their jobs to spread the good news. They committed themselves completely to the cause of being prepared, and preparing others for the glorious return of Jesus. The anticipation turned to disappointment as the sun set that Tuesday evening. Jesus had not returned. While their understanding of the prophecy was not complete, their commitment and passion are admired.

I wonder how our church would be different if we acted on what we believe with the same commitment and energy as did those faithful ones of old? I wonder if our Sabbath School classes would be less concerned with debating nuances, and more focused on uniting to spread the gospel to the community? I wonder if our churches would be full to overflowing, because our desire to tell others of Jesus' soon coming would overcome our fear of rejection or ridicule? I wonder if the pastor's major challenge would be how to provide enough meaningful ministry opportunities for all those wanting to be involved, rather than searching for someone with time to following up on Bible study requests? I wonder....

This next year, 2016, is the "Year of Public Evangelism" across the Lake Union Conference. In Wisconsin, pastors and lay people have committed to conduct 156 evangelistic efforts. That's an average of two sets of meetings per church/company in our entire state. This is wonderful. This will be the most evangelistic meetings in our conference ever.

For these meetings to truly succeed more than speakers, brochures, and halls, are needed. Our greatest need is complete surrender to Jesus and total commitment to sharing the good news of His coming with our communities. Every member in our churches needs to be involved in some aspect of ministry.

In our home, when we find out that we have unexpected company showing up in a few minutes, Juanita and I drop everything else and focus on a flurry of activities to make sure that our house is ready for company. It is not time to pick up a good book to read, or check our email. It is time to prepare.

Friends, it's that time in our earth's history to prepare for Jesus' coming. The return of Jesus is right around the corner. He is coming to take us, and those we've worked with, home with Him to heaven. Let's reignite that passion of our early pioneers; let's lift our eyes heavenward, and commit ourselves to work and lead others to Jesus. Jesus is coming!

*Michael H. Edge*

Wisconsin Conference President

## Jesus Calling Continued

our studies, I went to her home and she said, "Obeida, I know you have not told me anything about the seventh-day Sabbath... but this week, I was reading the Bible and I found that there is a rest day in the Bible and it is Sabbath. I read and re-read and I could not believe that God gave us the Sabbath to rest, and not Sunday."

After five weeks the studies continue. Rosario is now very happy to not only learn of the

Sabbath message but also the wonderful message of salvation that Jesus freely gives.

Dear friends, like Rosario, there are so many people in this world waiting for someone to bring them the message of Christ. He has given us all the great commission in Matthew 28:18-20, "Today, if you hear His voice calling you, do not fear, for He says, 'Behold I am with you always.'" Amen!

Obeida Ehm  
Bible worker for the La Crosse Church



**PCM PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
Sharing Jesus on the Public Campus

Registration: \$25  
<http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?id=Camp=349&campCode=bpw&idSession=97437>  
Email: Kimberlyjoytaylor@gmail.com

Campus Kit \$50  
Free for first 50 Registrants

This event is sponsored by the ACF/NAD, LUC and Wisconsin Conf. of SDA  
Training for students attending non-SDA colleges or universities

**Camp Wakonda**  
W8368 County Rd E. Oxford WI, 53951  
**November 13-15, 2015**



In 2015 we walked 52,097 miles! That's more than twice our goal of walking around the world once. Here are the first and second place winners for 2015 by category:

First: Waukesha church	22,238 miles
Second: Southside church	4,965 miles
First: Three Angels school	4,989 miles
Second: Petersen school	1,479 miles
First: Lena Pathfinders	770 miles

WALK4LIFE's 2016 goal is to collectively walk around the world three times between January 1 and June 22. Learn how you can join the conference walking team and start reaping the benefits at [wi.adventist.org/walk](http://wi.adventist.org/walk).

## Embracing 2016, the Year of Evangelism



In the late winter of this year, Elder Don Livesay, Lake Union Conference president, invited conferences in the Lake Union to embrace 2016 as the Year of Evangelism. Elder Livesay went on to indicate that this emphasis should not

be a mere program to highlight the year – this should be a transformation in the way we do church.

The Wisconsin Conference has responded wonderfully to Elder Livesay's invitation. The conference is giving a threefold emphasis to cooperate with God in this transformation:

**1. RECLAIMING MINISTRY** – Elder Mike Edge is giving professional in-service training on reclaiming missing members. It is estimated that 1/3 of our members who no longer attend church will come back if they are approached with sincerity and earnest prayers. Training is available to the churches.

**2. DISCIPLESHIP** - The conference has invited pastors to give special emphasis to training members in discipleship:

- The work of a disciple of Jesus is to make more disciples. Disciples seek to inspire and train people to become

disciples who in turn will lead others to become disciples.

- Elder James Fox, evangelism coordinator, is training church members in finding interested persons who want to study the Bible.
- Wisconsin pastors have embraced the mission of training members to give Bible studies.
- The conference is subsidizing churches (2/3 of the cost) in purchasing Andrews University Bibles to resource pastors and members to use in giving Bible studies.
- The conference is subsidizing churches (2/3 of the cost) in purchasing "It Is Written" (John Bradshaw) Bible studies and "Truth-Link" (Ty Gibson) Bible Studies to resource pastors and members to use in giving Bible studies.
- Pastor Greg Taylor is leading a Public Campus Ministry seeking Adventist university students and their peers to bring them to become disciples of Jesus.
- Pastor Taylor is also working in our church schools with weeks of prayer, training, and inspiration so that they might do their part for Jesus.
- Education Superintendent Linda Rosen is inviting the church schools, teachers

and students, to be partners in this great work of preaching the gospel and winning people to Jesus.

**3. PUBLIC EVANGELISM** - The pastors and lay evangelists in the Wisconsin Conference have committed to holding 156 outreach events in 2016. This is the largest evangelistic outreach in our conference history.

- Every pastor is holding multiple meetings.
- Ministers working in the Conference Office are holding meetings including: Mike Edge, Greg Taylor and James Fox.
- The majority of the evangelistic meetings this year will be conducted by lay people.
- The harvest will depend on personal work done by committed Christians before the public evangelism begins.

We are investing deeply in our people. We believe that God can bless all of us in finding interested people and leading them to a close walk with Jesus.

Wisconsin is not just holding extra meetings and calling it a special year. We are inviting the Lord to transform the way we do church.

Please pray for God's blessing on His work. When you observe Him working, join Him and fulfill His joy.

## From the Superintendent's Desk: What's Happening in Adventist Education Across Wisconsin?



Launching the new school year at the annual August teacher in-service, teachers were challenged to try new strategies and implement more technology into classroom instruction by presenters

Martha Ban, NAD Director of Technology and Support, and our very own teacher-trainers. Larry Blackmer, Vice President, NAD Office of Education, gave teachers a view of happenings and issues in education across the country. Teachers were pleased to have the opportunity to ask questions and learn what the NAD is doing to address relevant issues and challenges facing school boards and teachers.

Over 60 fifth and sixth graders arrived at Camp Wakonda on September 8.

The eager students settled in and began the unique outdoor



classroom experience we call Outdoor Education. Spiritual lessons in Nature, Life in a Log, Forces Around Us (magnetic field), Love a Tree, Plant Art, are some of the classes taught. We were honored to have our Conference President Mike Edge come for the evening worships and to lead the night walk. Students learned about their best friend Jesus through nature illustrations and how to see spider eyes in the dark. Something you may want to ask Elder Edge about next time you see him.



Larry Blackmer, vice president for the NAD office of Education, addressing relevant issues in education today.

It is a privilege to work with talented teachers and principals who have accepted God's call to service in Adventist education. They teach and facilitate in the many classrooms accommodating our more than 370 students enrolled in our nine Adventist schools. Thanks to the pastors, teachers, parents and church members for their commitment and support for Adventist education. This gives many students the opportunity to have an Adventist education. As God leads we hope to make Adventist education available to more children. Recently, I received several requests for information regarding the opening of schools. Please join us as we pray for God's leading and blessing in this effort.

Linda Rosen  
Education Superintendent



## Koinz4Kidz Helps Worthy Elementary Students

Join the Koinz4Kidz movement. Church members are saving their change in Koinz 4 Kidz containers for elementary school scholarships.

The Sturgeon Bay Seventh-day Adventist church members wanted to financially help elementary students through our scholarship program. They devised a plan: give Koinz4Kidz containers to those who want to participate, set goals, and bring in

the containers packed with change. Through the generosity of this church we have been able to award hundreds of dollars in scholarships to students in Adventist education.

To learn more about participating in this rewarding and benevolent project contact Linda Rosen at [lrosen@wi.adventist.org](mailto:lrosen@wi.adventist.org) or 920-484-6555.

Linda Rosen  
Education Superintendent

## Justin Spady New Portage District Pastor



The Portage district will be welcoming Justin Spady as their new pastor in January, 2016. This district includes the Oxford, Baraboo, Reedsburg and Portage churches. Spady is currently finishing his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University.

When Justin was in high school he felt the Lord calling him to ministry. His desire had been to do ministry overseas. When he entered college his plans changed and he started pursuing a different career. God, however, never stopped impressing him in the direction of ministry here in the states. He resisted at first but as the Lord worked on his heart Justin softened to His leading. "It wasn't a lightning bolt from heaven", said Justin. "It was how God put the pieces of my life together: my upbringing, passion, study and insight and encouragement from others."

It's evident in his life that he has a passion for the truth and others. "We are all in this together and looking forward to Christ's soon return. God can use all of us," says Justin. "For me it's more a calling rather than a profession." His ultimate desire is to share the gospel. He also wants to shepherd and equip the church members to do the same.

Justin is engaged to Jennifer Biestek. They plan to be married on December 27, 2015, in Lexington, Kentucky. Jennifer is working as a Physician's Assistant.

Justin's hobbies include painting, reading, outdoor activities such as hiking, waterskiing, snowboarding, and swimming.

Deidra Roat  
Assistant to the Editor

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.*

*Psalm 98:1*

## Pericellia New Steven's Point District Pastor



Joseph Pericellia is the new pastor for the Steven's Point, Wisconsin Rapids, and Almond church district. Joseph comes to Wisconsin from the Iowa/Missouri Conference where he has pastored for nearly six years. He received his undergraduate degree from Southern Adventist University, with a BA in Theology, and a minor in Practical Religion.

Joseph gave his heart to Jesus for the first time at an Amway Convention. When he told his wife, Elena, about his conversion he discovered that she too had recently given her heart to Jesus while watching a TV evangelist. "What are we going to do about this?" asked Elena. "Well, all I know is that we're supposed to go to church," replied Joseph. Receiving an invitation in the mail to attend evangelistic meetings, they decided to attend. "I asked a lot of questions," said Joseph. "and was very impressed that the pastor never told me what he thought. He always turned to the Bible for an answer." In April, 1993, Joseph and Elena were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church.

"My passion is to seek and save the lost by introducing them to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," said Joseph. "He has driven me to ever grow and develop into a greater instrument in the Master's hands. Christ has been able to take me from a heathen non-believer to servant-leader. Praise His Holy Name! My focus now is on every aspect of evangelism, personal and public. I love evangelism."

Joseph and Elena have one daughter, Belle. They enjoy spending time together as a family, especially hiking in the woods and enjoying God's creation. Joseph also enjoys fishing and motorcycle riding.

Juanita Edge  
Communication Director

## Juanita Edge Women's Ministries Coordinator



Juanita Edge is the new Women's Ministries Coordinator for the Wisconsin Conference. She also serves as the Communication Director and Health Ministries Coordinator.

"I look forward to assisting our local church women's ministries leaders in their important work," said Juanita. "God has given each person unique gifts and talents. Whether leading Bible study groups, participating in community outreach events, or simply extending a listening ear or caring touch, I believe every woman is needed in the service of God. My prayer is that each woman in our conference is encouraged to grow spiritually and be involved in ministry in her home, her church, her workplace, and her community."

Juanita and her husband, Mike, have two children, Jennifer, a cardiac nurse in Georgia, and Greg, a Bible teacher at Wisconsin Academy. She enjoys walking, cooking, reading her Bible and spending time with Mike and their three granddaughters.

If you have any upcoming women's events, please contact Juanita at the conference office or email [jedge@wi.adventist.org](mailto:jedge@wi.adventist.org).

Deidra Roat  
Assistant to the Editor

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

With just three months to go in our fiscal year for Wisconsin Conference, we are experiencing a small title gain of just over one half of one percent (0.60). Wisconsin Budget has a gain of 5.48%! Thank you for your faithfulness in these challenging economic times.

It is once again that time of the year I begin the budgeting process for the conference. We have been fortunate so far this year to be operating under budget as far as expenses are concerned. This has given us a small operation gain for the year to date. With only a small increase in income, however, we will once again be facing a tight 2016 budget.

In spite of a tight budget, and with the help of additional funding from the Lake Union, we are committed to providing extra funds to our churches in 2016 for the many outreach activities that are now in the planning stages. We are also committed to ensuring that Wisconsin Academy (WA) is a school that "Establishes Faith, Builds Commitment, and Trains for Service" the young people God has blessed us with. Your continued strong support of Wisconsin Budget makes these two goals of our conference possible.

Wisconsin Academy's financial year ended with a modest financial gain, the first in several years. We are continuing to gather information on the wastewater treatment replacement needed at WA. It looks as though the option to hook up with the City of Columbus utilities is not going to be a viable option, so we are now working on bids for alternative style systems and are still planning to bring those options to the constituency in the first half of 2016.

Brian Stephan  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
	2015	2014	% Change
September Tithe Income:	\$522,043.64	\$511,172.15	+2.13%
YTD Tithe Income:	\$4,685,265.25 <small>(39 wks)</small>	\$4,657,331.67 <small>(39 wks)</small>	+0.60%
September Wisconsin Budget:	\$24,719.14	\$25,131.35	-1.64%
YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$224,035.62 <small>(39 wks)</small>	\$211,417.36 <small>(39 wks)</small>	+5.48%



## from the principal's desk **Fit to Serve**



**F**rom its very beginning, Adventist education has existed to restore in our students the image of our Creator and prepare them for a life of Christian service. This is articulated in our mission statement: "Developing leaders today who will walk with Jesus into eternity." The leaders we train must be Fit to Serve – physically, mentally, and spiritually.

**Physically Fit** - I am pleased to report that our personal fitness program is progressing well. Students have made significant gains in pacer test scores and have reported feeling better. We will continue building this program to help students achieve balance, health, and stamina. We are seeking funding to expand our fitness room. We know physical fitness improves learning outcomes, mood, attitude, and ultimately, receptivity to the Holy Spirit.

**Mentally Fit** - Much has been happening in and out of the classroom. A group of students who just returned from Sci Fest at Andrews University were inspired to strive for excellence in the sciences. Students from World Geography class launched a weather balloon and gained an amazing perspective of the earth from the video captured. In Bible class students are gaining a deeper appreciation of our faith by surveying a number of world religions. They will be visiting a Buddhist temple and contrasting that belief system with our own. Students in Bells and Choralaires attended a performance of the UW Symphony Orchestra. In all academic areas our aim is to achieve excellence by demonstrating competence, diligence, and innovation.

**Spiritually Fit** - Wisconsin Academy's number one goal is the conversion of our

students. Through outdoor activities in God's creation, weeks of prayer and weekends of spiritual emphasis, and the personal witness of our staff, lives are being changed. Recently one of our students was baptized and others are studying in preparation. Please pray for our November Week of Prayer focusing on where we are prophetically in earth's history. We see signs of Christ's second coming all around us. It is our desire to be ready and to help our students to be ready as well.

Roger Dunder  
Wisconsin Academy Principal

## **Geography Students Send Cameras to Space**



After a final call to the Madison air traffic control, history teacher Tyler Cantrell prepares to release the 20-foot balloon.

**O**n the morning of September 8, the entire student body with guests from the conference office and Petersen Elementary gathered on the Wisconsin Academy ball field to launch a weather balloon.

For the previous two weeks, a team of fourteen World Geography students under the direction of Mr. Cantrell and science teacher Kelly McWilliams had been preparing for the launch. The 20-foot weather balloon itself was filled with 125 cubic feet of helium. From it hung a radar reflector, a custom-built parachute constructed by the geography students, and a small Styrofoam box. Inside the box were two GoPro high definition video cameras – one pointing straight down and the other pointing to the side. Also inside was a GPS tracker and a note to anyone who might find this balloon before we tracked it down. Taped to the outside of the styrofoam box was what the class called the "First Big Frank in Space."

All went according to plan. The morning was still as we watched the balloon rise and

disappear from sight. Then the GPS tracker stopped working. For two weeks we heard nothing. We estimate the balloon reached an altitude of 80,000-120,000 feet, over twice the altitude of commercial airline flights. The human body would require a pressurized suit or capsule to survive this high.

Then one morning, Cantrell got a call. The balloon had been found. An email followed, telling the story. While fishing, a husband and wife had found the styrofoam box and radar reflector floating in Lake Michigan a few miles off the coast of Manistee, Michigan. Upon opening the box and reading the note, they called and said they were sending the box and cameras back. Only the Big Frank was not sent back. It had survived the flight, but was worse for the wear.

There was much rejoicing when the cameras arrived safe and sound. While we wait for the footage to be edited down, check out the stills posted on our Facebook page. Search for: wisacad.

Greg Edge  
Director of Marketing



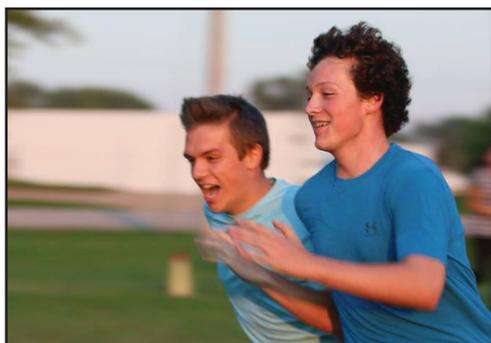
World Geography students construct the parachute that will bring the balloon's payload safely back to earth. The launch was a cooperative project between the science and social studies departments.



A still from the video footage taken at the edge of space. The balloon has just popped and fragments are visible across the top of the image. The blue parachute is at the upper right corner. Notice Lake Winnebago faintly visible. More images are available on our Facebook page.



## New Personal Fitness Program Update



**Y**ou may have heard about our new personal fitness program. Each day, all students gather on the field or in the gymnasium for a period of physical activity led by PE teacher Caleb Minty. Some days this is a set of traditional exercises such as pushups, sit-ups, laps, etc. On other days, it may be a large organized game such as “keep-away kick ball.” The variety keeps it fun. Assistant girls’ dean Ellen Mbungu runs a parallel program at the same time for girls who want to exercise in a girls-only setting.

Wisconsin Academy recognizes the link between mind, body, and spirit. Based on Spirit of Prophecy counsel and research presented in the book SPARK by John Ratey, we are convinced that young people involved in physical fitness activities on a consistent basis will have higher cognitive abilities, less depression, aggression, and mood swings, and develop sharpened spiritual perceptions.

Greg Edge  
Director of Marketing

## Week of Prayer Results in Baptismal Decisions

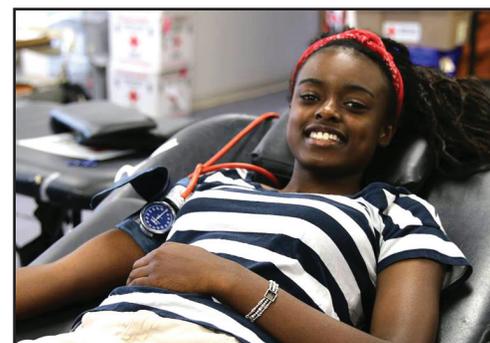


**T**he week of Aug. 1-Sept. 4 we were blessed to have Pastor Rodney Palmer of the Racine District share our Week of Prayer with us. His morning and evening meetings centered on encounters with Jesus. By Friday evening, two students had made decisions for baptism and several others requested Bible studies. Nearly all the students responded to his calls to a deeper relationship with Jesus and preparation for His soon coming. Several said they wished he could stay and continue his series.

In the weeks following the Week of Prayer, students have been involved in small group Bible studies and several are studying with the pastor. One student has been baptized. Thank you for continuing to pray for Wisconsin Academy. Please pray for the students who are growing to know Jesus better and for the faculty, that we will represent Him truly.

Greg Edge  
Director of Marketing

## Wisconsin Academy Hosts Blood Drive



**O**ver 30 presenting donors gave 24 units of blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive held in the Wisconsin Academy commons room on September 30. Seventeen students also volunteered to help run the drive which served students, local church members, and people from the community.

The drive was coordinated by science teacher Kelly McWilliams, who has planned a second blood drive for this spring. Thanks to all the students and other personnel whose dedication made this drive a success and helped save many lives.

Greg Edge  
Director of Marketing

## Journey to Bethlehem

*Join us for this year's Christmas pageant Dec. 11 & 12 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome.*

## Students and Faculty Spend Time Relaxing in the Great Outdoors

We've had a lot of fun this fall spending as much time as possible outside. We've been canoeing on the Wisconsin River, hiking at Gibraltar Rock and Pewitt's Nest, picnicking at Devil's Lake State Park, and soap-sliding out behind the administration building.



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## Calendar of Events

### November

- 6-8 Elder's Retreat
- 10 Pastor's WebX
- 13-15 Public Campus Ministries
- 20-22 Family Life Couple's Retreat
- 25-26 Office Closed

### December

- 1 Board of Education
- 2 Executive Committee
- 5-6 Hispanic Departmental Training
- 11-12 Journey to Bethlehem
- 12-13 Hispanic Youth Rally
- 21-24 Office Closed - Holiday
- 31 Office Closed - Holiday

### January

- 4-6 Pastor Meetings
- 8-10 Winter Youth Retreat
- 15-17 JAHWI Leader's Retreat
- 15-17 Men's Conference
- 18 Office Closed
- 22-23 Milwaukee Convocation
- 29-31 Lay Pastor Intensive

### February

- 2 Board of Education
- 3 Executive Committee
- 15 Office Closed - Holiday
- 20 PBE Conference Level
- 19-21 Pathfinder Winter Youth Retreat
- 26-28 Hispanic Women's Ministry

## Lighthouse Thrift Store



This past year saw the opening of a “dent and bent” grocery area of the Lighthouse called Blessings Unlimited. “This addition has doubled our gross sales,” said Lighthouse Manager Jerry Martin (Gobey). “The thrift store and grocery store are a great hand-in-hand combination.”

Site improvements include new windows, new interior wall to define store with drywall and paint, new insulation, new clothing racks and a much needed handicap access ramp. “Wow,” said a customer who hadn’t been in the store for a couple years, “These improvements are incredible.”

“Thanks to several generous donations of lumber, time, and skill, we now have a 15-foot lighthouse advertising our presence along Highway 16,” said Gobey. “It’s a great addition to the store and several people have commented on how ‘cool’ it looks.”

Gobey also shared the store’s need for more donated items to sell. “More and more people are frequenting the store and sometimes we

can hardly keep up with the demand. We could definitely use donated items to keep the shelves stocked.” Other needs include volunteers to help sort, clean, fix, and price donated items, and repair the leaky metal roof. Buckets are strategically placed throughout the store to catch drips when it rains.

The Lighthouse continues to employ WA student help, but also needs adult volunteers. Aileen King, one of the 10 current volunteers at the Lighthouse said, “I volunteer here because there is so much to do, and that invigorates me. It also makes the retirement adjustment easier. There are sitting jobs, standing jobs, pricing jobs, sorting jobs, and even jobs you can do from home.” Volunteers are needed for part-time, full-time, once-a-week, or whenever a few hours can be shared.

“I love coming here,” said a customer recently. “It’s like a treasure hunt. I never know what treasure I’ll find next!”

*For more information on how to donate, volunteer or just come shop, visit the Lighthouse webpage at [wi.adventist.org/Lighthouse](http://wi.adventist.org/Lighthouse), call 920-623-0031, or simply stop by W959 State Hwy 16, Columbus, WI. They are also on Facebook.*

Juanita Edge  
Communication Director



Check the website for more calendar and event details: <http://wi.adventist.org>