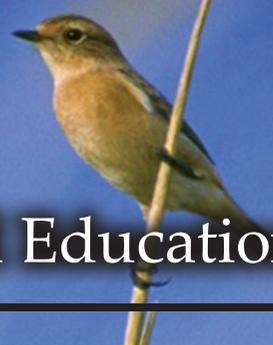


# Lamp Letter



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## Special Education Issue



### From the Word

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Proverbs 9:10



### Wisconsin Academy: A Stotz Family Tradition



*Johanna Stotz celebrates graduation at Wisconsin Academy with grandmother Doris Nelson Stotz.*

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If you were ever a student at Wisconsin Academy (W.A.), you more than likely had a member of the Stotz family in your class. It has been estimated that over 50 members of their extended clan have attended the academy as students at one time or another. For the Stotz’s, the experience of attending Wisconsin Academy has become a part of the family heritage, passed down generation after generation since the academy’s establishment. It all began with Doris, over six decades ago.

#### DORIS

The year was 1950, and like many of the other students, Doris Nelson Stotz was excited that she would be in the first graduating class of the newly opened Wisconsin Academy. “We started that year with about 75 students,” says Doris. “There were only two buildings on campus, the dorm and the power house. The boys lived upstairs in the dorm, the girls lived downstairs.”

Doris worked hard to get her \$75.00 school bill down each month, and remembers one month working it down to less than \$1.00. She worked grading papers for the Spanish teacher, and as hall monitor in the girls dorm. “I had a ball living in the dorm,” Doris said. “I remember checking rooms one night and one girl was missing. I was getting concerned until I heard a snicker. She had been hiding in her clothes hamper. Those W.A. years to me are some of the happiest years I had.”

“My husband and I sent all three of our children to Wisconsin Academy. It was expensive, but we managed. I remember cutting down on expenses as far as we could. You can make it if you really try hard, and I am so glad we did. There are no guarantees that your children are going to stay Adventist, but I do believe a Christian education is the best you can do by them. We felt any sacrifice was worth it.

“I am so thankful that all my children decided to stay in the Adventist faith. It is so easy to leave. So many things are pulling from the outside. Attending Bethel and Wisconsin Academy are what kept me in the Adventist church. I am very proud that five of my grandchildren have graduated from Wisconsin Academy. They are all Christians today.”

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## President's Perspective



### Mike's Sabbath Schedule

#### July

2  
9 Vacation  
16 Vacation  
23  
30

#### August

6 Superior Church  
13  
20 Hispanic Camp Meeting  
27 Small Group Training

#### September

3 Oakland Church Celebration  
10 Chippewa Valley Church  
17 LUC Pathfinder Camporee  
24 Northern District Meeting

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## Eternal Investments

It is fascinating to watch the stock market rise and fall. Sometimes they rise or fall based on the success of a company. Sometimes they rise and fall based on the news of the day or how the company is perceived by experts.

Each day, thousands of people take their hard-earned cash and invest it carefully in the stock market. Every investor hopes that his or her investments will appreciate and make money. As stock values fluctuate, investors must carefully choose when and where to invest.

Jesus tells us, "... where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). He indicates that we need to be wise about all our investing. We must make sure we are investing in that which has eternal value.

Consider another type of investing—the future of our children. If we want our children to grow up to be solid Christian adults, living and advancing the gospel, the decisions we make about how they live right now are extremely important.

I am convinced that the wisest investment we can make for our children is to provide them with a positive Christ-like home, a warm and welcoming church, and a Seventh-day Adventist education.

What young people are exposed to and absorb is very formative. If in school they are constantly exposed to teachings that are incompatible with the Bible or inconsistent with Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, how might that affect their characters? If in school they have teachers who love Jesus, and make the Bible a central part of the curriculum, how might that affect their characters? It is likely that the beliefs students are exposed to 6+ hours each day, year after year, will significantly affect their world view and shape their lives.

Does this mean that every young person who attends a Seventh-day Adventist school will choose to be active Seventh-day Adventists as adults? No, but studies show the probability is significantly higher.

The responsibility doesn't lie only with parents. We as a body of believers, all have a responsibility to provide a warm nurturing church environment, meaningful Sabbath Schools, and an opportunity for their children to attend an Adventist school.

God asks us to invest wisely what He has entrusted to our care. May we invest in such a way that our young people will grow to love Jesus. May we hear the commendation of our Father, "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord." (Matthew 25:23).

*Michael H. Edge*

Wisconsin Conference President

## A Dozen Ways to Help Your Local Church School

*Submitted by Wisconsin Conference teachers*

1. Supervise a recess time
2. Teach an art class
3. Listen to younger children read
4. Check school "Wish List" and pick a project
5. Come tell a story or share about your career
6. Help organize Bible Labs
7. Organize a hot school lunch
8. Organize a fund raising event like fruit sales or a garage sale
9. Become a room grandparent, or adopt a student
10. Support you local church budget (it helps the school)
11. Have a fun night and invite the school kids to your home
12. Hold a church consecration service for the teachers and students



## Wisconsin Academy: A Stotz Family Tradition cover story continued

### LARRY

Doris Stotz' son, Larry, attended Wisconsin Academy from 1969 to 1973. "Our class was right in the neighborhood of 70 students," Larry said. "I think there were about 280 kids in the school each of the years I was there.

"My freshman year I rivaled the shortest people of the environment at only five foot. I was not an athletic star, but had plenty of recreation. The annual spring and fall picnics were big highlights. We had Olympic type activities, pie-eating contests, threw Frisbees' through hoops, that sort of thing. I don't think our class ever won a picnic event, but we definitely enjoyed trying.

"I worked in the business office all four years. My boss let me do some financial statement work, and whatever else I showed interest in. I'm sure it was formative in my choosing to be an accountant. Back then there weren't the limits on kids working that there are now, so we worked at least 4 hours a day 6 days a week. I remember my sister and I feeling bad if the monthly tab for dad got over \$100 a month for each of us.

"Some of my most enjoyable memories are of looking forward to home leave. We lived in Frederic and always had a carload of kids from our area. There was one particular trip coming back to school where I remember my cousin deciding to see if he could make the trip with only one tank of gas. We didn't make it. In Portage we actually cruised into a gas station with a totally empty tank. Didn't need to be towed, pushed or anything. Pretty miraculous. Mom said the Lord was looking out for us silly kids.

"My years at W.A. were rich. The connections that I made with faculty and students have multiplied. It was a tremendous base. It makes camp meeting, alumni weekends, and visiting other churches-even out of state, a good experience. There is a large chance that I'm going to see someone I knew, or I knew their parents. There's always some history to share.

"Attending Wisconsin Academy has given me a really good platform for my adult life, not only in social terms, but in faith terms, too."

### JOHANNA

Larry Stotz's daughter, Johanna, attended Wisconsin Academy for her Junior and Senior years, graduating in 2009.

"I loved my years at W.A.," says Johanna, now a sophomore at Southern University. "I was very shy my first few weeks, but soon I was talking to people and having fun. It helped me come out of my shell. I developed a lot of close friendships that still mean a lot to me.

"My Junior year I worked in the business office, like my mom and dad had. But the second year I was elected Student Association (S.A.) president. This meant I would work for Mrs. Sigler, the S.A. sponsor. I loved working for her and we became close friends. Even though I've graduated we still keep in contact with each other.

"My grandma Doris Stotz would always tell me about when she attended Wisconsin Academy the very first year it was open. She lived in the old girls dorm the first year it was built, and I stayed in the same old girls dorm the last full year it existed. We both think that is pretty cool.

"I had several questions I wanted Bible answers for while attending W.A., so Mr. McKenzie, my Bible teacher, scheduled weekly appointments for us to have Bible studies. I loved those times and learned a lot.

"I decided to be baptized my senior year at Wisconsin Academy. Mr. McKenzie baptized me on my 18th birthday, May 22, which was also graduation weekend. This was the highlight of my W.A. years."

Doris, Larry, and Johanna are only a few of the thousands of students who have attended Wisconsin Academy over the years. "It is good to send missionaries to other places," says Doris, "But I think there is missionary work to do here. Keeping the young people in the church is being a missionary right where we are."

For more about Wisconsin Academy, visit [www.wisacad.org](http://www.wisacad.org) or call the office at 920-623-3300.

Members of the Stotz family as shared with Juanita Edge

## David Rawls and God's Unexpected Money

"How do you do it?" I asked my friend Bob who raises hundreds and hundreds of dollars for his church. "Where do you get all this money?"

"Here is what I did," smiled Bob, "I told the Lord that any unexpected money He would send my way would be put back into His work. And God just keeps sending unexpected money."

My wife and I decided to try Bob's idea. We said, "Lord, if you send us any unexpected money this year, we'll return it to Wisconsin budget." This would be in addition to our regular offerings for Wisconsin Budget.

Here's what has happened so far. First, we received an insurance refund check for \$17.00. That was unexpected money. Then I sold some old used tires for \$100.00. That was unexpected money. Then a letter from an old retirement plan arrived correcting an accounting error. Enclosed was a check for \$169.00. Once again,

unexpected money. Next the State of Wisconsin (who's broke) sent us a home energy savings check for \$400.00. That's unexpected money. Another \$100.00 came in a thank-you card. Unexpected money seems to keep flowing our way!

The list just goes on. As of today God has given us over \$1,000.00 of unexpected money for Wisconsin Budget. And the year is only half over! Words can't express how excited we are to see what God will do next.

James 4:2 says, "You do not have, because you do not ask." Can you imagine what would happen if we all followed this plan? You now have a challenge. See what God will do for you. It will cost you nothing.

David Rawls  
Sturgeon Bay Church



## From the Education Desk



Recently, I attended a meeting at the Lake Union Conference Office where the results of the *CognitiveGenesis* study of our Seventh-day Adventist schools

was being presented. This study was done over four years, testing student ability and achievement of students in Seventh-day Adventist schools across the North American Division. The data from the study indicated, "Students in smaller schools achieve as well as those in larger schools as measured by the change from one year to the next. Students do better the longer they are in an Adventist school" (*CognitiveGenesis Summary Report*, [www.cognitivegenesis.org](http://www.cognitivegenesis.org)).

According to Dr. Elissa Kido, director of the *CognitiveGenesis* research project, not only do students do better the longer they are in our schools, but the Seventh-day Adventists' holistic curriculum reduces the disparity in academic performance between low-income and minority students and their peers in higher-income communities.

There are many reasons for children to have a Christian education, but what sets us apart is the holistic approach of an Adventist education. We address the whole person, integrating spiritual lessons into the curriculum of a Christ-centered classroom. We believe that "in the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one" (*Education*, 30).

Just as a little boy's lunch multiplied with the Lord's blessing, feeding a multitude of people with what appeared to be the impossible, God has taken the few resources we have and is producing amazing results in our schools. We have empirical evidence showing us what many of us already knew; a Seventh-day Adventist education is a quality education.

Linda Rosen  
Superintendent of Education

## Our Students Will Pray Today, Will Yours?

Adventist Education can present a distinct advantage to our young people. Excellence does not happen by accident. Excellence is achieved through intentionality and perseverance. Life is about choices, regardless of age. Positive choices are the result of a balanced life. When Christ is placed in the center of our lives, balance is achieved. Pray for us as we begin this new school year together.

It is the intentional goal of Wisconsin Academy to place Christ at the center of all we do. It is our obligation to encourage positive choices and to provide a supportive, Christian atmosphere for all of our youth. Acceptance of Christ as personal Savior must be the common goal, the overall purpose of His school. This kind of education cannot be taken lightly, stumbled into or assumed. This kind of education comes with prayer, and the gift of sacrifice.

Wisconsin Academy is dedicated to a process of excellence. We have a vision for mission and Spiritual growth with an eye on strong academics. Our foundation is solid and our goals clear. However, there must be a constant motion, a moving forward with a God centric component and a concerted team effort. We need our members, team and constituents praying like never before. We need far more than mere financial gifts; we need your prayers and your support. All of us are part of one team. The team dedicated to holding our youth up in prayer and dedication.

The time for complacency has long since fled.

The call of action is compelling us to seek shelter in the hand of God. It is not too late. Recent events have the nation discussing the end of the world and have sparked a curiosity into the time prophecies. The 12 gates of heaven are beckoning, as if the Trinity were calling out to all points of the compass with an invitation to live with Him. We do not need to doubt His gift of salvation. Our young people are learning to walk boldly with Him and let Him direct in their lives. We as a church need not stand in their way, but rather walk with them, carrying His promises amidst the storms.



Statistically, students experience more success when they have strong support from the home, church and school. At Wisconsin Academy, we would love the opportunity to work with your home and your church to provide real help in all three areas while they are on campus.

Perhaps you have not considered Wisconsin Academy for some reason. Maybe the reasons are financial or maybe you have concerns. It is our plan to accept any student unashamed to call themselves Christian, and not to turn deny anyone for financial reasons.

Wisconsin Academy is a powerful tool in the hands of our constituents. Help us use it to advance the Kingdom of Heaven. We thank the Lord for the chance we have been given to serve Him and you in these last days.

Keith Nelson  
Principal, Wisconsin Academy

## Students Hold Read-A-Thon for ADRA



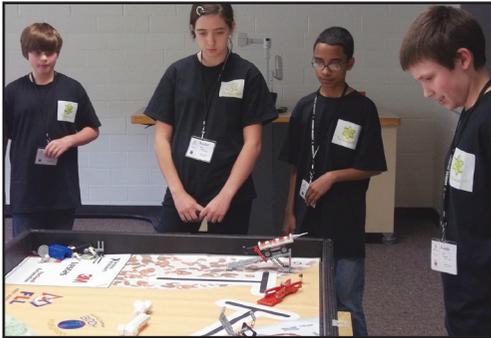
All 19 students got involved. They asked friends and family to sponsor 10 cents for every page they read in a two-week period. Even kindergartners got involved, asking their parents to read to them.

"They read a total of 3,256 pages and raised \$325.60," said Prima Glass, teacher for the K-2 students. "They were so excited, we decided to have another read-a-thon in May. This time I gave them ADRA catalogues. The students decided to help abused and displaced children in Brazil and Bangladesh.

"We will definitely do this again next year. My students were more excited to read when they were doing it to help others. Their compassion touched my heart."

Prima Glass, Milwaukee SDA School  
as shared with Juanita Edge

## Students Learn With Lego Robotics



Throughout this past school year a team of 4 students from Three Angels Elementary spent time together collaborating, strategizing, and problem solving for the annual Adventist Lego League competition.

Adventist Lego League is an event that challenges students to be innovative with Lego robotics while developing practical solutions to scientific problems in the workplace.

This year's theme focused on "Body Systems" and took place on May 2, 2011. As the student's of Three Angels Elementary worked on building an autonomous robot that could accomplish the challenges set forth, they also researched information on the procedure of angioplasty.

What a great hands-on learning opportunity for the kids! The students had a fantastic time and learned a lot in the process. "FIRST Lego League is a life changing experience like no other," said Noah O'neill, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade boy at Three Angels Elementary. "Sometimes it can be difficult, but most of the time it is very fun. I would strongly encourage you to do it. It's a blast!"

The students look forward to participating again. Next year the challenge theme will be on food contaminants and improving the quality of food service.

Sam Joseph  
Teacher, Three Angels Elementary School

## A Few Statistics

### WORLDWIDE

6,702 SDA Schools Worldwide  
65,679 SDA Teachers Worldwide

### WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

12 Wisconsin SDA Schools  
37 Wisconsin SDA Teachers

## Students Experience the Joy of Service



"Bible Labs are fun!" That's what most of my students at Three Angels Elementary School say. And why shouldn't Bible labs be fun?

Each month I take my class to Monona Meadows, an assisted living center down the street. On a typical visit we sing for 20 minutes in the activity room. The kids have really gotten into songs with motions this year. Next, I pray with the group. Then the students hand out their handwriting border sheets which they have colored and written a Bible verse on.

Each May, the students help Monona Meadows plant their flower garden. They provide the plants and tools and we provide the labor. Since there is a lot of bending and reaching, my students are a good fit for the job. The residents provide direction as we dig and plant. It is always great to go back in September to see how those flowers have grown.

Near Christmas time, we always do an abbreviated version of our Christmas musical. One occasion we were ministered to when one of the gentlemen residents performed a Christian magic show for us. He connected all of his tricks to Biblical themes.

In addition to the visits to Monona Meadows, our Bible labs coordinator arranges monthly opportunities for our students to serve. That's what our schools are about – children experiencing the joy of serving their fellow men one flower at a time.

Keith Hatcher  
Teacher, Three Angels Elementary School

## CognitiveGenesis Study

*CognitiveGenesis* is a comprehensive study assessing Adventist academics in the North American Division.

Learn more about the *CognitiveGenesis* study results at [www.cognitivegenesis.org](http://www.cognitivegenesis.org).

## Adventist Junior Academy Students Baptized



A change took place in the hearts of Maritza and Mauricio Matamoros. This is the second year these two students have attended Green Bay Adventist Junior Academy, and this spring they both decided to be baptized at Three Angels Spanish church. They made sure to invite their teachers, Mr. Roy and I, for this big event which was held at the Three Angels Spanish Church.

We did attend, and Pastor Padron gave a wonderful sermon about baptism. "I went to talk to Maritza and Mauricio about the things that they needed to know before they were baptized," said Pastor Padron. "However, after I started talking to them I realized that they already knew a lot. I said, 'Where did you learn these things, because I did not teach them to you?' They said, 'We learned them at school from our teachers.'

"You need to send your children to the Adventist school because they teach your children about God all day," concluded Pastor Padron. "They do what you cannot do during the day or are too tired to do at night when you get home. I just had a baby girl born into my family and when she gets old enough I am going to send her to that school."

A tear trickled down my cheek. I thought about how much heaven must be rejoicing today because of the decision that these two young people made for God. I felt happy that our school had a part in helping them to build a personal relationship with God. This is the true purpose of Christian education. "Educating for Eternity" is our mission at Adventist Junior Academy.

Carmen Magray  
Teacher, Adventist Junior Academy

## Did you know?

Adventist Education is the second-largest denominational educational system in the world.

## I Paid The Price for An Adventist Education



August 19, 2007 was a hard day for me. That was the day I left my daughter, Adele, at Wisconsin Academy her freshman year. She was 14 years and 5 days old.

It was exciting signing her up for classes, intramurals, chimes, and choir. It wasn't so exciting waiting in line to pay the entrance fee. It was exciting again moving into the dorm and meeting Adele's roommate.

Things were not the same at home without Adele. We used to come home from work and school and watch Andy Griffith DVD's, eat supper together, then play games like Boggle as a family before going to bed. I really miss those times. Some people may wonder why I gave that up.

I wanted Adele to grow up to be healthy, happy, and saved. I feel the best way of achieving that is by being an Adventist. With

our health message, we have the best chance of being healthy. Adventist's have the truth. Following the truth gives us the best chance at true earthly happiness. Most important, Adventists have the truth about salvation—know Jesus and be saved. I knew the best way to give these things to Adele was to send her to Wisconsin Academy. But that was a price I did not want to pay.

I considered other options. There is a great public school in Wausau, and there's a good Lutheran school two miles from my house. We've been there to see "Charlotte's Web", and went through their program "The Journey to Bethlehem". They put on great programs, but they don't have our message.

One message at home, and a different message at school might cause confusion. When it comes to something this important, I can't afford any confusion. So I paid the price. To give Adele what I wanted her to have, I had to give her up.

With apologies to Mastercard:

Four years tuition—\$38,200.00.

Four years of missed experiences like playing Boggle and watching Andy Griffith—priceless

Knowing I've done my best to give Adele health, happiness, and salvation—more priceless.

Jody Marsh  
The Shepherd's House

## Frederic School Holds Pet Parade



In April, students at the Frederic SDA School held a pet parade for residents in a local nursing home.

While John Philip Sousa music played, dogs, cats, birds, lambs and rabbits paraded around the meeting room on leashes and decorated wagon floats. An 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy led the way wearing a sandwich board reading "Pet Parade – Sponsored by your local SDA school." Another boy walked on stilts and was dressed

up like a tall clown. After marching through the audience, students came forward one at a time, told something about their pets, and let the residents pet the animals.

"We visit this nursing home every month and put on a planned program," explained Ron Wood, teacher and principal of the Frederic school. "This year we also did a travelogue. Students showed slides and shared what they had learned about the Apostle Islands. It's just like you are there, but you are traveling in your armchair.

"We have put on plays, puppet shows, told stories, shared art programs and even held a spelling bee. "The residents call us 'The Seven Day Kids.' It is educational, but the idea is to help these folks have a nice day for today. We want to see them smile and make them feel worthwhile. When I see a student hugging a resident, I know something special is happening."

Ron Wood, Principal Frederic School  
as shared with Juanita Edge

## A Day At Peterson Elementary School



"What really happens over in that little school building in the woods?" someone may ask. To answer this question, you would have to come along on a typical day at Petersen Elementary School.

As the day begins, Mrs. Hayhoe and I meet for devotions. We read from the book *Education* by Ellen G. White. Then we pray that God will fill our school with His Spirit and that He will bless each family who sends their precious children to us. Then the students come through the door, with their bubbling, happy, sometimes sleepy spirits. We are a little family gathering every day. We protect each other and love each other.

Every morning, students and teachers meet together for worship. It is such a blessing to hear their young prayers. They pray for their families, for their boo-boos, that they will have a good day, that their pets will be in heaven, and that God will come soon. We read stories in the Bible of God leading in people's lives. We learn that they made mistakes just like us and yet God still loves us with an everlasting love.

Yes, we teach the "Three R's" here—reading, writing, and arithmetic. We also learn to play new games. We learn about history and science.

We learn the joy of serving others through our Bible Lab activities. Recently, we collected items for victims of the tornadoes in the south. We made bread for people this year to encourage them and let people know that Petersen Elementary cares.

We have come to realize that learning and life go far beyond the classroom. The Bible says "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Prov. 22:6).

Mrs. Hayhoe and I know there are many people who support and pray for our school. Thank you.

Leah Anderson  
Teacher, Petersen Elementary

## Nathan Skaife New Milwaukee Central Pastor and Bible Teacher



Nathan Skaife serves as part-time youth pastor for Milwaukee Central SDA Church and part-time Bible teacher for 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades at the Milwaukee SDA School. Nate graduated with a BA in Theology from Andrews University. He and his wife, Rachel began serving in Wisconsin on June 7, 2011.

"I grew up in a Lutheran church in Janesville, Wisconsin," said Nate. "As a young boy I remember attending Easter services and hearing that Jesus died on good Friday, rested on Sabbath, and rose on Sunday. I knew Sunday was obviously not Sabbath. Young as I was, I sensed something just wasn't fitting right."

"Years later I began studying the Bible with the Janesville pastor and Jack Atkins. I would grill them for hours with my questions. I wanted to make sure that whatever church I joined believed the Bible. After my baptism in 2002 into the Janesville SDA Church, I began teaching the Sabbath school lesson, became a deacon, and even started preaching sermons. I loved everything about this church. In 2007, sensing a call from God, I decided to study theology at Andrews University."

Nate met Rachel in class at Andrews. She also graduated from Andrews with a BS in Speech Pathology and Audiology. Rachel plans to continue her studies toward a master's degree in the Milwaukee area. Nate and Rachel both enjoy most anything in the outdoors; hiking, camping, gardening, scuba diving, and just walking in the woods.

Nate has been involved in evangelism in Bulgaria, in local churches, and has enjoyed giving Bible studies and baptismal classes with the youth in the Antigo church. One of Nate's favorite texts in the Bible is 1 Corinthians 10:31. "Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God."

"I love to be with people," says Nate, "and I want to encourage people in their walk with Christ. It's very important to me. I'm excited to be involved in the things that are most important."

Juanita Edge  
Editor

## Celebrating 150 Years At Oakland SDA Church



This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oakland Seventh-day Adventist Church in eastern Wisconsin. Oakland holds the distinction of being the first organized foreign-language Adventist church in the world (Norwegian). The celebration will be held September 2 and 3, 2011, at the Oakland church.

Dr. Bjorgvin Snorrason, a native Norwegian doctoral graduate of Andrews University is the guest speaker for the Sabbath 11:00 worship service. Dr. Snorrason wrote his doctoral dissertation on the history of the Norwegian Adventist church from the 1840's to 1887. Currently he serves as Sabbath school and personal ministries director for the Iceland Conference in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Following the noon fellowship dinner, there will be a slide show and presentation on the history of the Oakland church and school. The weekend begins Friday evening at 7:00pm with vespers, and finishes Saturday night with a 7:00pm music program.

In the spring of 1855, four Norwegian immigrant families discovered the Bible teaching of the seventh day Sabbath, and began keeping it, believing they were the only Sabbath-keepers in the world. Within two years, their numbers doubled. In 1858 a visiting Adventist preacher shared the three angels' message with them and in the spring of 1861, the Oakland Adventist Church was organized. Three years later, they erected a church building. Today the Oakland church still meets in the original building, though it has undergone alterations and additions. Services are now held in English.

We hope many former pastors, teachers, and church members will be able to share in this milestone celebration for the Oakland Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more information please contact an event coordinator: Joan Carlson at 920-563-8503, Lois Elmer [loiselm@yaho.com](mailto:loiselm@yaho.com), Michael Larson [larsonmichael60@yaho.com](mailto:larsonmichael60@yaho.com), or Shelby Molina at 262-473-5705.

By Joan Carlson, Oakland SDA Church  
and Juanita Edge, Editor

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	2011	2010	% Change
May YTD Gross Tithe Income:	\$2,648,171.02	\$2,607,658.70	1.55%
May YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$145,582.76	\$89,920.21	61.90%

### GROSS TITHE INCOME

The above gross tithe compares 22 Sabbaths for 2011 and 22 for 2010. We send 37% of gross tithe on to higher church organizations, such as the Lake Union, North American Division, General Conference, and Andrews University where it is used for wider ministry including world missions.

### WISCONSIN BUDGET INCOME

Each dollar received as Wisconsin Budget stays in Wisconsin and is distributed as follows:

Wisconsin Academy Operations	65.63%
W.A. financial assistance	17.19%
Evangelism	13.75%
Church, camp, W.A. capital funds	3.43%

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## Wisconsin Conference Calendar of Events

July	1	Conference Office Closed	5	Conference Office Closed
	3-10	Junior Camp	6-8	Outdoor School Elementary
	5	Conference Office Closed	9-11	Hispanic Women's Retreat
	10-17	Tween Camp	12-16	WA Week of Spiritual Emphasis
	10	JAHWI Sports Day	16-18	Pastor Wives Retreat
	17-24	Teen Camp	21	WI ExecComm
	23	Cruisin 4 Christ Motorcycle Rally	24	Northern District Rally
	24-31	Family Camp I	24	JAHWI Evangelist Campaign
	29-31	Hispanic Couples Retreat	30-10/1	Church Ministries Institute
	31-8/7	Family Camp II		
August	1-5	Small School Workshop		
	7-9	Pastors Meetings		
	14	WA Registration		
	15	WA First Day of School		
	22	Elementary First Day of School		
	17	WI ExecComm Teleconference		
	18-21	Hispanic Camp Meeting		
	26	Seventh Dawn Madison East		
	26-28	Small Group Training		
Sept.	2-3	Oakland Church 150th Anniversary		
	2-5	JAHWI-Hispanic Youth Retreat		



### CHIP Leadership Training at WA

The Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Adventist CHIP Association will hold a CHIP leadership-training workshop at Wisconsin Academy, N2355 Duborg Road, Columbus, WI 53925.

This workshop is scheduled from Friday September 23, 2011 at 8 am to Sunday September 25 at 1 pm.

Workshop instructors may include Harold Burden, Dena Guthrie, and Lynda Nelson.

For registration and further information call the Adventist CHIP Association at 423-546-4719 ET or visit [www.sdachip.org/workshops.html](http://www.sdachip.org/workshops.html).

## Crucial Funds Are Coming In!

The WI Budget offering is up 75% from last years to date figure. A special thank you to all involved!

Wisconsin Conference members are rising to the challenge to expand our WI Budget giving so we can support Wisconsin Academy, camp meeting, evangelism and student scholarships.

I pray that more members will join in including the WI Budget offering in their systematic giving.

God has promised to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing on His faithful children. Let's claim it and experience it from now until heaven. Giving 2% of our income for Wisconsin Budget is our goal. Send me your stories of how God has blessed and thank you again for your faithfulness.

Richard Habenicht  
Stewardship Ministries Director



John and Elizabeth Strehle are moving from Milwaukee Central Church to pastor the Chippewa Valley SDA Church and the Hudson Company.

David and Anita Scofield have moved from the Richland Center district to pastor the Bethel Church, Marshfield Church, and Neillsville Company.