

Lamp Letter

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From the Word

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



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Two Good Knees

"You don't know what you are getting into!" That's what everyone said as I told my Hungarian church family I was moving to the United States of America. "You don't know the language. You don't have any friends there. This is crazy!" I smiled. "It's OK", I have two good knees!"

Magdolna Muranyi is an 82-year-old grandmother living in a beautiful historic Catholic church in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She came to the U.S. five years ago to live with her son and his family after the death of her husband. "I didn't want to come," she said. "I was comfortable with a home in the country as well as a home in town, but I left my country with only four suitcases. If God wants me here, this is where I'll serve Him."

Magdolna was born and raised just outside Budapest, Hungary. Her father was Catholic, her mother Presbyterian, but they generally followed the Catholic faith for family unity. When Magdolna was 11 years old, her father died suddenly. Her mother wanted to go visit her sister on the other side of Budapest, but it was during the war, and government permission to travel was difficult to obtain. Near the end of the war they finally made arrangements to spend several months visiting



"I do not get discouraged. I remember how God has helped me in the past, and I pray."

with their relatives who happened to be Seventh-day Adventists. Magdolna and her sister, Helen, learned all they could from their cousins. When they returned home, they got involved in an Adventist church, and, even though they were not members, began selling Adventist books door-to-door. In 1946, at the age of 18, Magdolna was baptized along with her sister, Helen. Two years later, her mother was baptized also.

Magdolna married a musicologist who specialized in organ performance. He too had been raised with communist restrictions. She smiled as she related how, as a boy, he would hide each Sabbath under the church's large pipe organ, because children were not allowed to come to church. He grew up loving the church and loving music. Seeing a great need for more Christian books, he began translating Adventist books, especially Spirit of Prophecy books, into the Hungarian language. He also wrote an Adventist hymnal for the Hungarian church.

After her husband's death, and coming to America, Magdolna began praying, "Lord, I want to serve You. What can I do? I can't speak English. I feel like I cannot do any-

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Wise Investing

My mother is a firm believer in Adventist education. How do I know? She made it top priority.

Over the years, Mother took care of almost 50 foster children. From changing hundreds of diapers, to assembly-line feeding of three hungry kids in high chairs, Mother did everything she could to earn tuition and music lesson money for my siblings and me. It must have been hard to care for up to eight children at a time with Dad gone to work all day. Mother was willing to do whatever it took to keep her five kids in Adventist schools.

Dad made sacrifices, too. He moved our family to a town with a strong Adventist school, even though it meant he had to commute nearly an hour to work each day. My parent's decision wasn't based on how much Adventist education cost or how much effort it took them. Their decision was based on the value they placed on us getting the best spiritual, social and academic education possible.

I have noticed in other areas of life, as well as in education, that we invest in the things we value. We prioritize the things we hold important. We sacrifice some things to gain what we cherish.

As we stand at the beginning of a new school year, many parents are asking themselves questions like, "Can I afford to give my child an Adventist education?" and "What am I willing to sacrifice to make sure they get it?"

I encourage those who are struggling with the issue not to give up. Talk to your local school administrators and your local church. Find out what financial and practical assistance is available.

I encourage our local church families to support your local schools, not just with money, but with time and resources. Preparing our children for heaven is a team effort. Ask your local teachers and administrators what you can do to support the ministry of your school.

I applaud the hundreds of mothers, fathers, grandparents, church families, and others across Wisconsin who are making sacrifices to keep their children in Adventist schools. Your dedication is noticed.

Like my mother, I am a firm believer in Adventist education. Why? I was lovingly led to Jesus in an Adventist school.

Mike Edge
President

Mike's Sabbath Schedule

September

- 4 WA Senior Experience
- 11 Pathfinder Camporee
- 25 Northern District Meeting

October

- 2 Bethel District Sabbath
- 9 Clear Lake
- 23 Rice Lake
- 30 Wisconsin Academy

November

- 6 Year-end Meetings
- 13 Elders' Retreat
- 20 Executive Committee
Orientation Retreat

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"I was eleven years old when the light broke into my heart. I had pious parents, who in every way tried to make their children acquainted with their heavenly Father. We sang the praises of God in our household. Every morning and evening we had family prayer. There were eight children in the family, and every opportunity was improved by our parents to lead us to give our hearts to Jesus."

Ellen G. White
Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students p169

Two Good Knees *cover story*

thing now! Please, show me what I can do for You.” She bought 1,300 Steps to Christ booklets and put the church address in each with a Bible study card. Every morning she took a map and a bag of Steps to Christ booklets and began delivering them to all the homes around the church. “No one responded,” she said. “I was very discouraged. Yet I continued praying, ‘Lord, what can I do for You?’ Then God reminded me I could still translate books. I immediately bought an English/Hungarian dictionary and a computer, and began translating.”

By her desk is a stack of books she’s translated- books by Zdravko Stovonovich, Jon Pauline, George King, Marvin Moore, Samuel Bacchiocchi, and many others. “I really enjoyed translating the book Daniel, by Stovonovich,” she smiled, “it gave me a chance to learn some Hebrew and Aramaic.”

She sends the translated books by e-mail to a pastor friend in Hungary who shares them with the people. She has also translated several books by Ellen G. White, and thinks they now have most of her writings, except for the Testimonies.

The country of Hungary is smaller than the state of Wisconsin, and has a population of 10 million people. Recently, Mark Finley and

Shawn Boonstra held evangelistic meetings there. Many people responded. “My people still have some freedoms,” says Magdolna, “but with the new leadership I believe our window of opportunity is beginning to close. Government people are always present at our services, and only state approved pastors are allowed to speak. We need to pray, and do what we can now.”

Magdolna and her family are doing what they can to plant an Adventist church in the town of Fond du Lac. They currently have 13 members and about that many visitors each Sabbath. “God has given us one for one!” she smiles.

Magdolna prays every day for each member and visitor. When she hears of someone gaining a victory over some troubling problem, she rejoices, “My heart is so full of joy today! My prayer has been answered!”

Each Sabbath you can find Magdolna sitting at the back of the church waiting, and praying for people to come. She has a dream of filling the church and attached school someday with Adventist people from Fond du Lac. “I can smile, and I can pray,” she says. “This is something I can do.”

By Magdolna Muranyi & Estie Muranyi
As told to Juanita Edge



Even till the time of your grey hair, I am with you. Isaiah 46:4 “I love this promise!”

150th Anniversary of Seventh-day Adventist Name

It was 150 years ago, this October 1st, that the pioneers of our church chose the name “Seventh-day Adventist.” It is fitting that we celebrate this important milestone in the denomination’s history. It is also a good time to reflect seriously on the significance of our name, *Seventh-day Adventist*.

When choosing our church name, in 1860, the pioneers incorporated into it two primary teachings that still characterize us today:

1) observance of the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath, and 2) belief in the soon return of Jesus. After the name was decided, Ellen White commented, “No name which we can take will be appropriate but that which...expresses our faith... The name Seventh-day Adventist carries the true features of our faith in



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front, and will convict the inquiring mind.” Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1 p. 223, 224

During the month of October, we are encouraged to seriously consider the meaning of our Adventist identity, individually and collectively. Am I actively involved in the mission and life of my church? Sabbath, October 2, is a good time to focus on our mission. Who are we? How can we more effectively invite others to join our worldwide church family? What does it mean to be a Seventh-day Adventist today?

On the Website www.150sda.org, you will find weekend programming ideas, discussion questions, and historical reference materials to help you commemorate this 150th Anniversary.



“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.”
II Tim. 2:3,4

New in Education

School aged children recognize August and September as a time filled with new things. New school clothes, new books, new friends, new teachers, new choices and sometimes new schools. We are beginning this new school year with twelve schools including Wisconsin Academy, and over thirty teachers and principals ready to teach and guide students in their education. You will become more acquainted with the teachers that have joined our team of Wisconsin educators as you read the following articles.

We are happy to have Sonja Nottelson as the volunteer coordinator for Wisconsin Academy; you can read more about that on page eight. It is our endeavor to increase the level of staff development and communication with teachers and staff in our schools through the use of technology and a weekly memo. Our Seventh-day Adventist schools are in place to provide your children with "Something Better" (the watchword of education, Ed. 296) so they may have the tools and skills needed to be workers for Jesus.

Linda Rosen, Superintendent of Education

Wisconsin Academy Welcomes New Principal

The Conference Executive Committee voted August 6 to hire Steve Brown as principal at Wisconsin Academy. Steve Brown transfers from the Wisconsin Academy computer department and replaces Marshall Bowers, who moved this past July.

"I'm really excited about the possibilities I see at Wisconsin Academy," says Steve, reflecting on his new responsibility. "I believe the staff members are excited about this school year, too. I'm dedicated to finding time in our busy schedule to pray together and develop an atmosphere and opportunities where students can get to know Jesus. 'Excellence in all things' is my watchword."

Steve grew up in a missionary home in the Philippines, and attended Far Eastern Academy before majoring in religion at Southern Missionary College. While at Southern, he met Debbie Erskine, a nursing student from West Virginia. The two were

married on June 13, 1976. After graduation, Steve moved on to Andrews University where he graduated with a degree in religious education.

Steve taught seven years at Indianapolis Junior Academy before coming to Wisconsin Academy as a science teacher. From 1992 to 1997 he served as principal. Since 1998 he has been the computer teacher.

"I'm concerned about our church's future if we don't take care of our young people and give them quality Adventist education," says Steve. "We want to provide what students need for their high school years. We desire to build a relationship of trust between the academy, the elementary schools, and the homes. I am dedicated to looking for answers together."

Steve and Debbie have two grown children, Kristy and Erik.

Juanita Edge



Mike Martling - New Academy History Teacher

Mike Martling, the new History teacher at Wisconsin Academy, comes to us from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was Chair of the Humanities Department while also teaching History and English for Beehive Science and Technology Academy.

Mike is originally from Staten Island, New York. In his teens, the family moved to Arkansas where Mike graduated from Ozark Academy. He then took Theology at Southern Adventist College.

In 1981, Mike married Nancy Hyatt, and they made their home in the Collegedale area for several years. They moved to Upper Columbia Academy where Mike worked Task Force for several years. Feeling a draw to be an educator, he went back to school. In 1992 he graduated from Eastern Washington University with a BA degree in History, received a BAE degree in Secondary Education in 1993, and an AA degree in Advertising Art. Since that time he has been a full time teacher, serving at Georgia-Cumberland Academy,

Salt Lake City Junior Academy, in Utah, and most recently Beehive Science and Technology Academy in Utah.

Mike loves mountain climbing, biking, walking and is a lifetime fan of the Green Bay Packers! He remembers, as a little boy of 5, crying, because the Packers lost a game. "I loved the green and yellow uniforms", recalls Mike, "and I thought Vince Lombardi was the best. Now, for the first



time in my life, I'll be able to cheer for my state's home team!" Mike's other hobbies include collecting rocks and flags, and luge racing. "There are only two luge race tracks in America, so I'm limited on how often I get to race," says Mike. He has his own 40 pound sled, which he's thinking of hanging in his living room. Just for the record, he put a camera on his sled and recorded a trip down the ice track. Go to Wasatch Luge Club on YouTube and check it out!

Mike and Nancy have two sons. Benjamin will be in the 5th grade at Petersen SDA Elementary school in Columbus, and Shannon will be a freshman at Wisconsin Academy.

Mike says, "I have really come to value the love and concern that is able to be shown in a Christian school. I've been outside the 'box' of Christian education, and see how effective an Adventist school can be! It's a privilege to be able to serve the Lord here at Wisconsin Academy."

Juanita Edge

Mike & Colleen Meadows - New Teachers at Otter Creek Academy



Mike Meadows and his wife Colleen are teaching at Otter Creek SDA elementary school in Altoona, Wisconsin this year. They have two adult children, Bruce and Mindy. The family shares a common interest in bird watching, crossword puzzles, and travel. A recent highlight was traveling through their 49th state, Alaska. Hawaii will be their 50th state.

Mike attended Pacific Union College in California, receiving a BA degree in Biology in 1973, then his Master of Arts in Teacher degree and teaching credentials in 1974. The same year Colleen also graduated from PUC with a BS degree in Life Science, and also received her teaching credentials. They didn't study all the time, though, for in 1972, after their junior year in college, they joined their lives and talents in marriage.

Mike and Colleen have spent most of their careers joint teaching in a variety of elementary schools and junior academies. A quick run-down of conferences where they have served include: California, Potomac, Georgia/Cumberland, Carolina, Utah, Texas, and most recently, Oregon. We welcome the Meadows family and know God will bless their efforts in the Eau Claire church district.



Juanita Edge

Frank Meidell - New Teacher at Rice Lake Elementary

Frank Meidell is the new teacher in Rice Lake Elementary School this year. He comes to us from the state of Washington.

Frank started first grade in a public school with a Seventh-day Adventist teacher. She took an interest in him, and told his parents, "Your boy would do better in a smaller school," so, they put him in a Lutheran school. This Adventist first-grade teacher continued to keep contact with the family, studied the Bible with them, and in 1963 they decided to be baptized.

Frank attended Walla Walla College and graduated with a secondary education degree

in industrial arts. His first job, however, was teaching grades 5 through 8 at Upper Columbia Elementary school. He found he enjoyed it so much he decided to stay with it. For the past twenty-eight years Frank has taught elementary schools in the Iowa/Missouri, Arkansas, and Washington Conferences.

Frank and his wife, Marilyn, met at Walla Walla College and were married in 1971. They have four children, Kimberly, Kamella, Kory and Kylie. The family enjoys being outdoors, traveling, and camping. They love the Midwest area and are excited to become a part of the Rice Lake District.



Juanita Edge

Jim VanArsdale - New Pastor at Janesville

Jim VanArsdale was born in the U.P. of Michigan, the youngest of three children. His father was a surgeon. By the time Jim was in third grade, he found himself a missionary doctor's kid in Korea. By seventh grade they had moved to Taiwan, and when the time came for high school, Jim enrolled at Far Eastern Academy, in Singapore. He attended Pacific Union College and majored in theology. While there, he met a California girl from Lodi, named Carol. They both finished college at PUC, Jim in Theology, and Carol in Library Science, Elementary and Secondary Education.

Both served as Student Missionaries, Jim went back to Korea, and Carol to Zimbabwe. Not wanting to be apart any more, they married in 1978. Having soft hearts for mission work, they soon found themselves in Borneo



teaching, constructing buildings, doing accounting, and whatever else was needed. After 2 years in Borneo they worked several years at Pine Ridge Indian Mission in South Dakota, then pastored a church in Forest City, Iowa. In 1987 they settled to Minnesota where Jim has been pastoring until now.

Jim and Carol enjoy an annual canoe trip in the boundary waters in Minnesota. What keeps them going back? According to Jim, it's "canoeing through moonbeams sparkling across the dark water, listening to the call of the loons, and watching the northern lights."

Jim received his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in 1994. He loves studying the Bible, has developed a Creation Science Seminar, and lately has been fascinated with studying the meaning of fire in scripture.

"I'm excited about the evangelistic opportunities in the Janesville district," says Jim. "There are a lot of people in Janesville who need to learn God's message. That's one of the things that drew me to come."

Juanita Edge

Religious Liberty: Words Matter

I write this article to make you aware of what seems to be a shift in the statements of our national leaders relating to Freedom of Religion. I have read the complete text of our Presidents Cairo Speech in June of last year. It was a pretty good speech and referred to “religious freedom” as a “spirit we need today.” That certainly fits with the practice which has helped make America great and is highly valued by us as Seventh-day Adventists. Since that time some have commented that the term “religious freedom” has often been replaced by our President and Secretary of State with the term “freedom of worship.” I can understand this may be an attempt to placate those in the Muslim world, but it could have serious unintended consequences. I include a paragraph from the Catholic Online magazine that clarifies the difference.

“In her article for *First Things* magazine, Ashley Samelson, International Programs Director for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, stated, ‘To anyone who closely follows prominent discussion of religious freedom in the diplomatic and political arena, this linguistic shift is troubling. The reason is simple. Any person of faith knows that religious exercise is about a lot more than freedom of worship. It’s about the right to dress according to one’s religious dictates, to preach openly, to evangelize, to engage in the public square. Everyone knows that religious Jews keep kosher, religious Quakers don’t go to war, and religious Muslim women wear headscarves—yet ‘freedom of worship’ would protect none of these acts of faith. Freedom of worship moves the dialog from the public national scene, to the inside of a home or church.’

“Human rights lawyer Nina Shea, who is a Senior Scholar at the Hudson Institute, is also concerned. ‘I’m very fearful that by building bridges, we’re actually stepping away from this fundamental principle of religious freedom. It is so critical for Western, especially American, leaders to articulate strong defense for religious freedom, and explain what that means, and how it undergirds our entire civilization.’”

This is something to keep in our prayers as our prophetic understanding indicates that America will someday repudiate these principles.

Richard Habentich
Religious Liberty Coordinator

Join a Pathfinder Club!

Pathfinders! What is it? A club for youth from 5th-8th grade that provides lots of fun, fellowship, camping, hiking, Bible training, outreach opportunities, nature and science activities, crafts, games, drill marching teams, the list is endless! It’s great to be part of a club. Check the chart below and pick a club near you. If you do not see one close by, talk with your pastor, or one of the area coordinators listed below and see if a club can get started in your area. Adults are welcome, too. Contact your club director or an area coordinator to see how you can be involved.

Sandy Magray
Pathfinder Area Coordinator



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Upcoming Events

Fall Camporee (for all Pathfinders)
September 10-12, 2010
Location: Camp Wakonda

Leadership (for club leaders)
October 15-17, 2010
Location: Camp Wakonda

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Welcome to the Family!

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved.” Mark 16:15,16



5 Baptism Requests from Milwaukee Meetings

In July, Pastor John Strehle, of Milwaukee Southside Fellowship church, held a series of meetings called "Truth and Life" at the Boerner Botanical Garden Center in Milwaukee, WI. "People today are desperately seeking relationships, answers, and hope," says Pastor Strehle. "We presented the beautiful truths of the Bible as personal invitations from Jesus to come closer and experience a more meaningful life."

Pastor Strehle held Bible studies with a mother and daughter who wanted to attend the meetings but could not due to physical limitations. Obstacles are for overcoming, right? So he recorded the messages and delivered them to their house. Soon the mother reported, "We love the DVD's! And my daughter wants to receive Jesus into her life!" How exciting to watch God lead. No obstacle is insurmountable with God! Pastor Strehle is continuing to study with her as she prepares to be baptized.

During the series everyone was invited to the pastor's home for a Sabbath afternoon celebration. This was a special time for people to experience Sabbath as a family, study the Bible and fellowship together.

The series ended with five people expressing a desire to commit their lives to Christ and prepare for baptism. Praise God!

John Strehle
Milwaukee Southside Fellowship Church



Jesus says in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life!" Pastor John Strehle preaching in Milwaukee.

"I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live."

- Psalm 116:1,2 NKJ

Fire Truck Visits Portage Vacation Bible School



Portage SDA Church had their annual Vacation Bible School July 26th-30th, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Twenty-one community children joined with our church children for the week.

It was a free V.B.S., offered in the evening, to make scheduling easier for working parents. Our theme was "Fire Fighters for Jesus: Snatching Them From the Fire". The Portage Fire Department brought a fire truck to the V.B.S. and shared about real fire fighters. Sabbath, following the program, the children shared songs, crafts and other things they did throughout the week. Praise God for His hand in making it all possible

Sheila McKnight
Portage SDA Church

Frederic Leads the Way

"It's easy for some churches to reach their Wisconsin Budget goals," said a friend of mine as we were visiting, "They don't have church schools to support and their churches are paid for." I had to agree, it is easier for some than others.

Recently, however; I preached at the Frederic Church and marveled at the dedication and accomplishments of this church of 57 members. They have a church school; and, within the last three years they have built a new church with fellowship hall and Sabbath School rooms with an inviting lobby. During that time they were involved in evangelistic outreach. And amazingly, as of the end of June, they were at 144% of their 'to date' Wisconsin Budget goal.

I praise the Lord for their dedication and His blessing! I couldn't help but think, "What if every church in Wisconsin reached 144% of their goal?! A little calculation showed we would have an extra \$250,000 to meet the needs of our academy, evangelism and other items funded from Wisconsin Budget.

Thank you, Frederic, for leading the way!

Richard Habenicht
Stewardship Director

EAA Gets Vegetarian Breakfast

Every year the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) transforms the sleepy Oshkosh airfield into the world's busiest airport. Hundreds of missionary aviators gather here each year to display planes and share stories of their work. They supply air support for Bible translators, church planters, humanitarian and relief workers, and many other missionary endeavors. Eight hundred million people on this planet will only hear the gospel through aviation enabled missionaries! The Fox Valley SDA church hosted these missionary aviators with a Sunday morning vegetarian breakfast of biscuits and gravy, vegetarian sausage, granola and fruit! Two-hundred and fifteen people enjoyed the annual breakfast event this year and thanked the church members with a thunderous applause for the great-tasting healthy breakfast.

Carol Buchholz
Fox Valley SDA Church



A Message from Sonja Nottelson, Academy Volunteer Coordinator

During the course of this coming school year, I will be working with Wisconsin Academy (WA) staff to begin coordinating a volunteer program. We have so many talented individuals within our conference, and so many have expressed willingness to be part of the continued development and enhancement of our campus and its programs. I will soon get a questionnaire to all our churches in order to find areas of individual interest and expertise, as well as your willingness to share your time and talents with WA. If you are interested in becoming involved, or want more information about this program, please contact me at, sonja53121@yahoo.com.

We can all be grateful for our beautiful campus, dedicated staff, and precious young people. May God bless our efforts to bring honor and glory to Him, and to His school!

Sonja Nottelson
W.A. Volunteer Coordinator

Decision at Camp Wakonda

It's Friday night at Camp Wakonda. A breeze blows softly among the pines outside the cabin window, as eleven-year-old Emily* snuggles into her warm sleeping bag. Her suitcase is slid neatly under her bed, closed-toed, horse-riding shoes are by the door, and her swimsuit, still wet from the afternoon's beach activities, is drying on the line.

The week has flown by! Sunday afternoon, after registration, she met the other girls in her cabin and her favorite counselor from last year. They all had fun at the beach party and evening program. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday were filled with classes, activities, stories from the camp pastor, songs, games, and lots of time with friends. Emily is now a cowgirl, model rocketeer, leather crafter, master swimmer, waterskiier, gymnast, ceramic artist, and vocalist extraordinaire. Thursday evening was a rodeo, followed by a bonfire and camp out under the stars. Friday afternoon was spent at the beach and cleaning up for a special cabin inspection in preparation for Sabbath.

Then came the evening program. This year, it was entitled 20/20 Vision, a mosaic portrait of Christ through music, drama, and art. Near the end, characters representing Jesus and Satan made simultaneous appeals. Emily listened closely. She heard Satan point out the hypocrisy evident in many Christians. She also heard Jesus offering real love and a fresh start. When the call went out to stand up against Satan and his lies, and stand tall for Jesus, Emily made her decision.

Later, Emily wrote:
"Remember that play? Well, when Satan was talking about how innocent we act around Christians, then act badly when we're away from them, that reminded me of me. That is how I am ... The truth is that I've been lying all along. But this week really changed me. ... I have decided to really turn to God. I wanna learn more about Him."

Emily comes from a large, non-Christian family. Three years ago, an Adventist friend recommended that the family send the kids to Camp Wakonda. Four of their girls have now attended Camp Wakonda, and have grown closer to Jesus each year.

Emily is just one of many people who chose to follow Jesus at Camp Wakonda this summer and are preparing for baptism. These decisions are followed up by pastors at local churches.

Now, warm in her sleeping bag, Emily smiles. It has been a good week. She has so much to thank Jesus for. As the last clear notes of Taps fade in the night air, Emily hears her counselor kneel by her bed. "Emily," her counselor quietly asks, "could I pray with you?" Emily nods and smiles as once again the breeze whispers among the pines.

*not her real name

Jessica Stotz
Camp Wakonda Staff Member 2010

Cruisin' for Christ



Thirty-six registered riders on twenty-eight bikes gathered at a peaceful retreat in Cazenovia for the annual "Cruisin' for Christ in the Hill Country" motorcycle rally July 29 – August 1. The afternoon rides offered spectacular panoramic views across valleys, orchards and water ways. God's beautiful creation, seen from scenic roads through the hill country of Wisconsin, is outstanding. Each year's rally is held in a different area of Wisconsin, and amazing places of beauty have been discovered that we never imagined were in our state!

Camping was the lodging of choice this year. We enjoyed a great corn roast, beautiful music, fun fellowship and inspirational worship times together. The weekend is truly a blessing to all that attend.

This Christian motorcycle rally is sponsored by Wisconsin Academy, and includes many alumni of WA. As a group we make a donation each year to help students in need at the academy. This year's weekend was hosted by Ed & Lucille Klingaman, and Jim & Joan Carlson.

We are making plans to travel further north for the 2011 rally. For photos and more information watch the Wisconsin Academy website, www.wisacad.org.

Sally Johnson

Oxford Prison Ministry Expands

Over the past six years, Wendell Springer, retired pastor and member of the Oxford church, has served as the prison ministries coordinator. "When God opens a door, you go through it," says Pastor Springer. "It can be a little scary at first. You hear doors clanging behind you and get a little spooked. But once you get to know the fellows, even though they are inmates, they become your friends. You pray together, and realize this is a real highlight in their lives. Once you get into it...it's a little addicting!

Every Sabbath at 12:30 p.m., Oxford SDA church members visit the local Federal Prison. They go through Bible study set's, or sometimes even the Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly with interested inmates. Several baptisms have come from this study time, in fact one is scheduled for this coming October 21. Jeff Veldman and Dennis Pendleton are currently heading up this Federal Prison Ministry.

Six months ago, a new ministry started at the Portage State Prison. The prison chaplain, Leo Campbell is a Seventh-day Adventist and wanted to be sure the prison had an Adventist influence. Elders from both the Oxford and Portage churches are conducting Sunday evening services now and have about 80 prisoners coming each week. In fact they have two services, because the meeting hall is only large enough to seat 40. Pastor Springer and Jerry Minett are also conducting personal Bible studies with 4 of the prisoners.

Oxford's newest ministry started July 24, with Karen Blair organizing a weekly Sabbath church service for inmates at the Marquette County Jail. The jail has been without worship services of any kind for a number of years. Jail rules require inmates to obtain advance permission to participate, and response has been good with about one-third of inmates placing requests! A group of church members take turns going in teams of two, to sing, present a short sermon, and pray with attendees.

"It is my sincere hope that this ministry will continue and thrive until our Lord returns," says Karen. "Only Eternity can make known the good accomplished by such efforts." RH December 18, 1900

Wendell Springer and Karen Blair, Oxford SDA Church as told to Juanita Edge

"I was in prison and you came to Me."
Matthew 25:36

Training Opportunities

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV

Our strategy for Church Growth in Wisconsin depends on two factors: personal ministries, and evangelism.

Evangalism is the call for decision given to interested people. It can be very public or very personal. It can happen at youth camp, in an elementary or academy class room, or in a prophecy series. When Jesus is uplifted and people hear the call of God, that's evangelism. It is personal and from the heart, but in a more public venue.

Another great training event is planned on November 5-7 at Camp Wakonda for Evangelism. Elder Robert Folkenberg, former President of the General Conference, has developed the ShareHim program. In three days you will be trained and equipped for free. You will receive the complete ShareHim presentation DVD with training from James Fox, Wisconsin Conference ShareHim Coordinator. All materials are free. The two nights lodging and four meals are \$30. A real bargain! Contact Aileen King at akking@wi.adventist.org, or 920-484-6555, ext. 304, to register and get information.

If you would like God to use you in personal or evangelism ministry, the Wisconsin Conference has training and materials to support you in service to Jesus. Call Aileen today!

Personal Ministries is the sometimes planned and sometimes spontaneous sharing of the gospel. It is always personal, intimate, and from the heart.

Giving Bible studies is one aspect of Personal Ministries. It is a science and an art. Young pastors spend years learning the keys to giving Bible studies in a successful manner. Pastor Chuck Kohley has put a lifetime of study into the method of giving Bible studies. He has devised a series of DVD's, with a study guide, that simplifies the process. The emphasis is on a relational approach wherein testimony and group interaction are a natural part of the study of God's Word.

The Wisconsin Conference is sponsoring a training event on August 29 at Camp Wakonda for Personal Ministries. All are welcome to attend this one day training event that will not only train you in Pastor Kohley's system, but equip you with the DVD's and study guides for free. Contact Aileen King at akking@wi.adventist.org, or 920-484-6555, ext. 304 to register and get information. It's just \$5 for a noon meal.

James Fox
Evangelism/Personal Ministries Director

Hope Radio at Superior Fairgrounds



The Adventist church was well represented at "Head of the Lakes Fair" in Superior. Church members and Hope Radio staff gave out free books, health information, and mingled with the community people on the fair grounds July 14-18. They also brought a TV to feature 3ABN. Several people expressed their appreciation for our Hope Radio station, and were excited to learn about 3ABN. One lady said she could hardly wait to get home and find 3ABN on her Cable TV.

Sue Carlson
Superior SDA Church

Green Bay Holds Week-long V.B.S



The Green Bay SDA Church held their annual Vacation Bible School/Day Camp this month, July 26-29. Seventy-six children attended during the week, with about half coming from non-SDA homes. The VBS/Day Camp is a full day experience, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Activities included songs, a Bible adventure, a Bible lesson study, crafts, games, snacks, and afternoon field trips to a park, the swimming pool, and the zoo. A Children's Church program on Sabbath morning, July 31, concluded the VBS week.

Delmar Austin
Green Bay SDA Church

Celebration of Creation

Andrews University
October 22 and 23, 2010

Seventh-day Adventists celebrate God's creation every Sabbath, remembering that:
"In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them..."

October 22 and 23 will be a special Celebration of Creation Sabbath at Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church.

Why do we believe in the Biblical creation? What is the evidence? Why can we celebrate what God has done? Some of Adventism's leading thinkers will present the solid foundation of our commitment to the Biblical creation. We trust God's Word, we believe the creation reveals His power and glory; join with us in this celebration of our faith!

For more information visit: fcsda.org

Celebration of Creation is sponsored by The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 12601 Old Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Annual Women's Retreat Plans

We are delighted that Joann Davidson will be joining us as guest speaker for this year's Women's Retreat. Her gift for making Bible teachings interesting and practical is refreshing. The retreat will be October 8-10, in the beautiful natural surroundings of Osthoff Resort, in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Treat yourself to a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, and inspiration. Invite a friend and make plans to attend now. Register by September 3 and save \$25!

For registration, contact Aileen King at akking@wi.adventist.org, or call 920-484-6555, ext. 5. For more information contact Susan Boon at boon@toast.net, or 262-878-5931.

Susan Boone
Women's Retreat Director



Joanne Davidson, theology professor and speaker

My Defense

"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."
Psalms 119:11

If we would not be misled by error and falsehood, the heart must be preoccupied with the truth. The Word of God will furnish the mind with weapons of divine power, to vanquish the enemy. Happy is the man, who, when tempted, finds his soul rich in the knowledge of the Scriptures, who finds shelter beneath the promises of God. "Thy Word," said the psalmist, "have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

This Word is ever to be in our hearts and on our lips. "It is written" is to be our anchor. Those who make God's Word their counselor realize the weakness of the human heart and the power of the grace of God to subdue every unsanctified, unholy impulse. Their hearts are ever prayerful, and they have the guardianship of holy angels. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God lifts up for them a standard against him. There is harmony in the heart, for the precious, powerful influences of truth bear sway.

The Word of God is a channel of communication with the living God. He who feeds upon the Word will become fruitful in all good works. He . . . will be the discoverer of rich mines of truth which he must work to find the hidden treasure. When [he is] surrounded with temptations, the Holy Spirit will bring to his mind the very words with which to meet the temptation at the very moment when they are most needed, and he can use them effectually.

We must be better acquainted with our Bibles. We might close the door to many temptations, if we would commit to memory passages of Scripture. Let us hedge up the way of Satan's temptations with "it is written." We shall meet with conflicts to test our faith and courage, but they will make us strong if we conquer through the grace Jesus is willing to give. But we must believe; we must grasp the promises without a doubt.

Ellen G. White
The Faith I Live By p.8

Water for a Dry Brain

Water is extremely important in brain function. It is vital to energy production in your cells and neurotransmission. Small waterways, or micro-streams, run along the full length of your nerves. When your body is dehydrated, nerve transmission is compromised and brain function is diminished. Foggy thinking can be the result of a dry brain!

Don't wait to drink water until you feel thirsty.

We can be suffering from dehydration quite a while before we realize we are thirsty. A few symptoms of dehydration are: headache, fatigue, loss of appetite, dry mouth and eyes, false sense of hunger, and a slower metabolism.

How much water do I need each day? The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends 9 8-oz glasses for women, and 12 8-oz glasses for men under mild weather conditions.

Juanita Edge
Health Ministries

A Child's Prayer

One evening as I spoke with my daughter Jacqlyn on the phone, she said, "I just have not been sleeping at all, lately! I have a tooth that is killing me, I can't get in to the dentist, my insurance won't pay for it and I don't have the money right now." I told her I'd pray she would get some sleep that night. She assured me she *had* been praying.

The next day I stopped by and asked Jacqlyn how she was feeling. "Good," she said, "My tooth stopped aching!" At that point, my granddaughter, 6-year-old Paris, said, "That's because I prayed! Didn't I momma? God answered MY prayer." As Jacqlyn affirmed her with a "Yes, you did pray for me," Paris said once again, "I prayed and God answered my prayer." I glanced in her direction and noticed she wasn't looking at either of us. She was staring straight ahead, smiling to herself, as if in her own world.

She *knew* God had heard her. God had answered her prayer, and she was embracing the moment.

We should never let an answer to prayer go "undigested", no matter how insignificant it may appear. It is a large part of the 'spiritual food' faith is made of.

Lesia Budd
Prayer Ministries Coordinator



"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6,7

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Sept.	3	Women's Retreat Registration Discount Deadline
	3-5	Wisconsin Academy Senior Experience at Camp Wakonda
	6	Labor Day
	10-12	Pathfinder Camporee at Camp Wakonda
	25	Northern District Meeting at Rice Lake
Oct.	1	150th Anniversary Date of Choosing SDA Name
	8-10	Women's Retreat at Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake
	15-17	Pathfinder "Leadershop" at Camp Wakonda
	17	Wisconsin Academy Fall Festival
	22-24	JAHWI Hispanic Youth Retreat at Camp Wakonda For ages 16-35. Call 920-918-2307 for more information
	29-31	Lay Pastors Training at Camp Wakonda
Nov.	5-7	ShareHim Boot Camp at Camp Wakonda
	12-14	Elders Retreat at Camp Wakonda
	25	Thanksgiving

Fall Bookmobile Schedule

Sept. 25	Sat. Eve.	7:15 – 9:00 p.m.	Rice Lake SDA Church
Sept. 26	Sunday	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Chippewa Valley SDA Church
Oct. 2	Sat. Eve.	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Green Bay SDA Church
Oct. 3	Sunday	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Christ's Community SDA -Lena
	Sunday	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Fox Valley SDA Church
Oct. 8 – 10		See Posted Hours	Women's Retreat Osthoff Resort Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
Oct. 16	Sat. Eve.	6:45 – 8:15 p.m.	Bethel Junior Academy
Oct. 17	Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Wisconsin Rapids SDA Church
	Sunday	11:45 – 12:45 p.m.	Stevens Point SDA Church
Oct. 23	Sat. Eve.	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Shepherd's House (Wausau)
Oct. 24	Sunday	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Rhineland SDA Church
	Sunday	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Clearwater Lake SDA Church
	Sunday	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Antigo SDA Church
Oct. 30	Sat. Eve.	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Milwaukee Jr. Academy
Oct. 31	Sunday	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Racine SDA Church
	Sunday	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Raymond SDA Church
Nov. 6	Sat. Eve.	6:30 – 7:45 p.m.	LaCrosse Area (Bangor School)

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