

### From the Word

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For those who lived in a land of deep shadows—light! sunbursts of light!"

Isaiah 9:2

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## Out of the Darkness



Suny Cardenas Gomez, member of the Sheboygan SDA Church, is a junior at Wisconsin Academy, and plans to graduate as a four-year senior in 2015.

s a second-generation pastor's kid I have always been involved with the Seventhday Adventist church. How long I've been a Christian however, is an entirely different story.

My parents separated when I was in first grade. Problems had long been brewing at home and the divorce with all its emotional and legal complications was not something I was prepared to deal with. It wreaked havoc on my seven-year-old mind and I became very withdrawn, shy, and distrustful of people. This cast a deep shadow over the first portion of my life and for the most part severed my relationship with God.

The darkness of that time, however, only makes the new dawn shine brighter. I couldn't really say when the dawn of His tangible presence began. However, one of the major turning points in my new Christian walk occurred when I received my first adult Bible at a youth retreat at Camp Wakonda. I was so excited! By the time I returned to camp the following year, I had read that Bible cover to cover. God continued to work on me and, in 2010 during a youth Sabbath, I finally made the decision to be re-baptized.

By this time, God was already beginning to transform me into an entirely new person. However, I was surrounded by people who still thought of me as the shy girl in the corner. Even though I was constantly growing, the reputation I had built for myself was holding me back. So, I decided that I needed a place to begin again.

My sister, Susy, had graduated from Wisconsin Academy and I felt that God was telling me that's where I needed to be. However, my family lacked the resources. We did the only thing we could; spend the summer before my freshman year praying that God would somehow open a door. He did.

Coming to WA was the best decision I possibly could have made. Of course, it was challenging to be immersed in a new and unfamiliar environment, and I wasn't sure exactly why God called me to WA at first. Despite my initial adjustment time, the Christ-

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#### **Mike's Sabbath Schedule**

#### May

- 10 Spanish Brotherhood
- 17 Pathfinder Fair
- 24 WA Graduation
- 31 WA Church

#### June

- 21 Camp Meeting
- 28 Camp Meeting

#### July

5 Waukesha Spanish Company

#### August

- 2 Fox Valley
- 9 NAD ASI
- 16 NAD Pathfinder Camporee
- 30 Wisconsin Rapids

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## Missing

As I write today bodies are still being pulled from the overturned hull of a ferry in the rough waters off the coast of South Korea. The 300 plus missing and confirmed dead count is staggering. About 250 were students from a single high school near Seoul. I can only imagine the pain of the relatives who have had to file into a makeshift tent to identify their dead child, or endure the days of waiting without knowing if their child will be next to be recovered.

The frantic phone call from a teen boy, "Save us! We're on a ship and I think it's sinking," was the first cry of this unfolding tragedy. As of today, this boy is still listed as missing.

All too often we have members, young or old, who used to be a part of our church fellowship, who go "missing." Most of the time they leave the church and we don't hear the call, "Save me! I'm sinking!" They just leave, many unnoticed.

If I remember the story right, the shepherd knew how many sheep were in his flock. And as he counted one evening he found one was missing. It, too, had left without notice. It had not announced that it was headed on another path and not returning home that night. But that shepherd could not rest with one of his flock missing and went out, and stayed out, until he found the lost sheep and returned it to the fold.

Have you looked around your church recently? Are there empty spots where members once sat Sabbath by Sabbath? Have they moved away? Are they still somewhere in your community? Do you know why they no longer are a part of your church fellowship?

Each week there may be someone in our church family who just slips away, and may be drowning. Will we notice? Will we make every effort to bring them back into fellowship?

May we be as diligent as the Good Shepherd and continue the search until we find all who are missing and love them back to fellowship with God and His church.

Michael H Edge

Wisconsin Conference President

## Camp Meeting Speakers

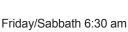
**Carlos Ancheta** 

Speaker



Fox Valley District Pastor Sabbath/Sunday 6:30 am

John Redlich Rice Lake District Pastor



Speaker

Nestor Soriano Portage District Pastor

Wednesday/Thursday 6:30 am Speaker



**Titus Naftanaila** Stewardship; Public Affairs & Religious Liberty Coordinator

Sunday 2:15 & 4:00 pm

Chuck Kohley Rhinelander District Pastor

Sunday and Monday 2:15 pm

Super Foods of the Bible



Monday/Tuesday 6:30 am Speaker



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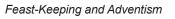
**Derek Morris** General Conference Associate Ministerial Secretary Editor of Ministry Magazine

First Sabbath, Sunday Speaker



Ron du Preez International Speaker, Author

Thursday 2:15 and 4:00 pm; Friday 2:15 pm



Mike Edge Wisconsin Conference President

First Friday Evening Speaker



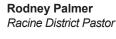
**David Sedlacek** Professor of Family Ministry and Discipleship at Andrews University

Sunday - Friday 2:15 pm

Family Life

**Chad Stuart** Senior Pastor of Visalia SDA Church, Founding/Lead Pastor of The Ark Community Church in Visalia, CA

Young Adult Tent



Monday-Friday 9:30 am Speaker



Alice Garrett Community Service Coordinator

Sunday 4:00 pm















**Mark Finley** General Conference Vice-President for Global Evangelism

Wednesday - Second Sabbath Speaker

J. Alfred Johnson II North American Division Director of Adult Ministries

Sunday and Monday 2:15 pm

The Sabbath School

Staci Osterman Bible Work Coordinator Michigan Conference

Steve Schefka Discipleship Ministry Leader

Monday-Friday 2:15 & 4:00 pm

**Chuck Simpson** General Conference Associate Director of Planned Giving and Trust Services

Sunday-Thursday 4:00 pm

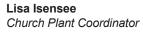
Keith Bowman II Youth Pastor: Founder thehaystack.tv, Currently Attending Seminary at Andrews University

Youth Tent

Leah Hatcher Midwife and owner of Morning Glory Midwifery

Sunday and Tuesday 4:00 pm

Environmental Impact on Our Health



Tuesday-Friday 2:15 pm



Samn Meetina Sne

**Dick Duerkson** Storyteller for Maranatha Volunteers International

Monday & Tuesday Evening Speaker

#### Jud Lake

Marilyn Renk

Coordinator

Professor of Preaching and Adventist Studies at Southern Adventist University

Monday-Friday 11:00 am Speaker

North American Division

Elder Care Ministries



**Ernestine Finley** Natural Lifestyle Cooking Author and Presenter

Sunday-Friday 2:15 pm

Wednesday Afternoon 2:15-5:30 pm

Josant Barrientos Youth Pastor, Currently Attending Seminary at Andrews University

Teen Tent



Steve Darmody President of Morning Song Music Group

First Sabbath Afternoon 2:30 pm Concert

Sarah Hillebert Wisconsin Academy Church

Sabbath-Sabbath 6:00 am

Early Glow Prayer and Sharing





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# Camp Meeting News and Events

## Donate Items for WA Industries Thrift Store

The Lighthouse Thrift Store will have a truck and trailer available during camp meeting to collect donations. It will be parked behind the ABC. Needed items: clothing, books, furniture, toys, housewares, arts/crafts, electronics, tools, etc. To learn more call: 920-623-0031 or 608-317-5407.

## Help Supply Flood Bucket Kits

This year in the ACS (Adventist Community Service) cabin we will be collecting items for flood buckets. The NAD had buckets made that are bright yellow with our logo on them and we were able to acquire some. We are assembling flood buckets, instead of collecting for the food shelf, so we will have some on hand in the event of a disaster.

These cleaning supplies enable the survivors to begin the overwhelming job of cleanup after a flood or tornado. Here is the list of the items we will be collecting.

Scouring pads, 3M or equivalent Sponges, assorted sizes Scrub brushes Cleaning towels, reusable wipes Liquid laundry detergent, 25 oz. Household cleaner, 12-16 oz. Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. Bags of 50 clothes pins Clothes line, 50-100 ft. Dust masks N95 masks Latex or non latex gloves Work gloves 24 ct. of heavy duty trash bags, 33-45 gal. Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. Air freshener, 8-9 oz. can

NOTE: If aerosol, cans must have protective caps.

Alice Garrett Wisconsin Adventist Community Services Coordinator

## Camp Meeting Notices

#### Wakonda Work Bee - May 19, 20 Please come help prepare Wakonda for camp meeting and summer camp 2014. Meals provided. Lodging provided if you work both days. For more information on what to bring,

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Steve Aust at 920-219-0113.

Thursday, June 26, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in Cedar Lodge at Camp Wakonda. Sign up for an appointment in the administration office before 10:00 am on Tuesday. Six volunteers needed day of blood drive.

call Scott Baker at 608-296-2126, or

#### **Red Hat Society**

Meeting Sunday at 11:30 am in Cedar Lodge. Sloppy Joe's provided. Bring finger food. Donations support Adventist education. Call 920-494-3687 for more details.

#### **Cafeteria Workers**

Interested in being considered for cafeteria or dish room work at camp meeting? Call Jean Schwark at 920-484-6555, jschwark@wi.adventist.org

#### Meal Tickets

Meal tickets are available during camp meeting at the administration office, or may be purchased and mailed prior to June 8. Tickets are not available during Sabbath hours. To order, call Jean Schwark at 920-484-6555.

|           | Adult  | Child  | Senior  |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Prices    | 11-59  | 3-10   | 60 & up |
| Breakfast | \$6.75 | \$5.75 | \$6.25  |
| Lunch     | \$7.25 | \$6.25 | \$6.75  |
| Supper    | \$7.25 | \$6.25 | \$6.75  |
|           |        |        |         |

Complete menu at wi.adventist.org

#### ABC Sunday Sale

Take advantage of some great buys on Sunday, June 22, at 9:00 am in Pioneer Pavilion. Prices good only during this limited time sale.

#### Camp Meeting Choir & Orchestra

Come join choir practice in Pioneer Pavilion after the evening meeting on Friday & Saturday, and Sunday-Friday 1-2 pm. Orchestra and choir will meet together Thursday & Friday after the evening meeting.

## Hallelujah Hustle

For seven years groups of adventurous saints have woken up on the first Sunday morning of camp meeting, tied up their running shoes, donned a brand-new t-shirt and joined fellow walkers and runners in breaking a sweat for their health and to raise money for various community and camp causes.

This year the 8th Annual Hallelujah Hustle is aiming to cross 275 people over the starting line, and we need you to help do it. If you've done this before, we look forward to seeing you again. If you've been a cheerleader, why not sign up today? We've posted a day-to-day training calendar at *www.hallelu-jahhustle.com*. Pre-register for this five-kilometer event online or print out a registration form and mail it in. More details are on the website, Facebook or Twitter @5kHustle.

It all happens June 22 at 7:30 am at the ball field. Make this year your year!

Paul Britain Hallelujah Hustle Coordinator

## Out of the Darkness... continued

centered focus on campus soon began to water my budding relationship with Him and make it blossom. In just one year, God transformed me from a scared and shy freshman into a member of Campus Ministries and a leader on campus. This school year, I serve as the Student Association Spiritual Vice President, and God still finds countless ways to challenge me spiritually and expand my comfort zone.

WA gave me a blank page, a new start, an opportunity to grow into the person God wants me to be in an environment where those around me would nurture, not hinder, my spiritual growth. I am extremely grateful for what WA has done for me and I can only hope to give back through my ministry so it can do the same for others.

Suny Cardenas Gomez Wisconsin Academy Student from Sheboygan Church

## Ladies Exercise Class

Maria Lopez, a personal fitness trainer will offer exercise classes at camp meeting, Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 8:40 am. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear. Bring water to drink and a towel or mat to lie on.

## Camp Office Hours

any of you will be coming to Wakonda to work on your trailers and cabins prior to camp meeting. You need to be aware that the water will not be turned on until mid-May. To conserve energy, the electricity in the campground area is turned off. Sections may be turned on as needed so please call the camp prior to your arrival. Check in at the camp office when you arrive. The camp will not be available for work on trailers or cabins on Tuesdays. Wakonda office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you arrive at camp after office hours or on Sunday, please use the radio on the office wall to notify Scott you are here. Thank you for your cooperation.





We cannot wait until camp! In only a few months we will embark on another incredible summer at Wakonda. Two summers ago, Camp Wakonda was awarded the *Norm Middag ward of Excellence*, given to camps who demonstrate strong growth and evangelism. To our surprise, it was given to us again this summer! God is blessing in amazing ways. With increasing numbers, camp financial needs are also increasing. Please contact Greg Taylor if you can help. Continue to keep your camp in prayer!

### Project List

New Zip Line Stand-up Paddle Boards New(er) Nurse's Station New Kiln for Ceramics Many More!

Nature Center Improvements Hickory Lodge Basement

## Sanctuary Model Tours



A one-half size sanctuary model is available for 20-minute tours by "Moses" and "Aaron" all week of camp meeting. Come learn how the sanctuary worked, what it meant to people then, and what it means for us today.

## Camp Meeting Registration Online

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

News and Events

## WA Music Fest Draws Over 230 Students



Over 230 5th-10th grade students came to Wisconsin Academy for its annual music festival. The theme this year was My Maker's World. Students from not only Wisconsin but also Illinois joined together to sing about our Creator and the world He designed.

For eight years conductor, Clinton Anderson, has brought students together to sing. When asked why Anderson said, "I want to engage students in quality music in a large group setting. By doing so on Wisconsin Academy's campus we are drawing students to consider WA for their high school experience. I also want to provide them a musical opportunity to experience God as their friend."

Students practiced long hours on Thursday and Friday, but were also able to play some games together in the gym and enjoy a gymnastics show by the WA Knights. Friday night's vesper service, a compilation of music done by festival participants, became a praise time honoring God and a wonderful way to begin the Sabbath.

When asked what his favorite song was, Asa Hatcher from Three Angels Christian School said, "First Came Aardvarks." He was not alone as this was a favorite of many, both participants and those in the audience.

> Pennie Wredberg Petersen Elementary School Principal



## Darrell Ezell of WA, Finds Joy in Serving



• Jjust love people," says Darrell Ezell II, a senior at Wisconsin Academy. "I like

being around them and hearing their stories."

Darrell is one of four students who spend three hours every school day working at The Meadows, a local assisted living facility. The high schoolers spend time reading, visiting and playing games with tenants, helping them with projects and odd jobs that need done.

"I love how the tenants open up to you," says Darrell, who gets to know many tenants on a personal level. He became friends with a man who had been a race car driver and a lady who had recently converted to Adventism. Darrell claims experiences like these are teaching him not to be so shy.

"The most important thing I've learned here is that God puts you in the right place at the right time," he says. "You never know what a person has been through, or the kind of impact you could leave on a person."

Marsha Braatz, assisted living director at the facility, is very thankful for the students. She recalls one day in particular when Darrell went out of his way to pray with a tenant. "We're so impressed and very thankful for the students," she says. "It's a blessing to have them alongside our staff."

Students working in The Meadows are part of a program called Project Assist, that is overseen by Southern Adventist University. Project Assist pays 80% of student wages to approved schools, such as WA.

Darrell is pastor of his senior class at Wisconsin Academy. In the summer, he enjoys canvassing in his hometown of Chicago. He hopes to attend Andrews University in the fall and has interests in religion and business.

> Juanita Edge, Communication Director with Ashleigh Jardine, Andrews University Student

## Koinz 4 Kidz - Enables Christian Education



K oinz 4 Kids, is an idea, born in the heart of Marlene Rawls to help elementary students get a Christian education.

"If people simply saved their loose change, we could raise enough money to make quite a difference in a child's life," says Marlene. "There are scholarship programs for students in academy and college, but not for youngsters in elementary school."

In a pilot program, the Sturgeon Bay Church members volunteered to fill banks marked Koinz 4 Kidz with their loose change. In May members will pool their money, and give it to the education department. The money will be given as scholarships for worthy elementary students during the camp meeting education hour, June 21.

"We don't have a church school at our church," says Marlene, "but this is a way we can help do our part. Christian education is more important this year than it was even last year. We need to sacrifice and help these little ones get a Christian education. Every dime counts! An anonymous person has offered to match Sturgeon Bay's donations for Koinz 4 Kids up to \$2,000 this year!"

"My dream to award scholarship money to elementary students at the camp meeting Education Hour became a reality through the generosity of a few people," says Superintendent of Education Linda Rosen. "As a result, students were blessed with financial assistance, helping fund their Adventist education. The Rawls are a blessing with their encouragement and support of the idea. If we all help a little, many will benefit."

Join this worthy project. Simply save your coins and donate them to the Wisconsin education department by June 1. Let's make every dime count for our kids!

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## Michael Ehm New La Crosse District Pastor



Michael Ehm, a graduate of Wisconsin Academy, graduated in 2012 from Andrews University with a BA in Theology, a minor in Communications, and an AA in Bible Work and Evangelism. "I love it here," says Michael. "Each church has its own character, and all are on fire for witnessing. I just want to lift up Jesus. Jesus said, 'If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to Me.' Michael married Obeida Mendoza on August 4, 2013, in a 500-yearold Waldensian church in Italy. He enjoys fly-fishing, hiking, camping, photography and meeting people.

## Palmer New Racine District Pastor



Robeautiful island of Jamaica where he has served the Adventist church for over eight years. He recently graduated with his D.Min. in Prophetic Preaching and Praxis from the United Theological Seminary in Ohio. He is married to Alyssa Faith Ricketts, a graduate of UW Law School with a Juris Doctor Degree. "My passion in ministry is evangelism and discipleship," says Rodney. In His free time he enjoys writing, playing scrabble, and playing with his puppy, Mozi. Cindy Stephan, Trust Officer for Wisconsin



Cindy Stephan accepted the position of Trust Officer for the Wisconsin Conference Trust Services and Planned Giving Department.

In 2012 Cindy completed her North American Division Trust Services Certification. She has worked for the Trust Servies and Planned Giving department since 2011, and enjoys taking the required yearly continuing education classes. While serving as trust officer Cindy will be continuing her secretarial responsibilities for the Ministerial department.

"As trust officer, I will continue to oversee the trusts and wills of those who have left bequests to the conference," says Cindy. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet and assist members in Wisconsin who want to leave a gift to the Lord's work."

Cindy is married to Brian and they have three children: Dalton Doolin, a senior at Wisconsin Academy; two grown children Jessica and Craig; and two grandchildren, Logan and Paige. Cindy enjoys laughing, singing, cooking, and the outdoors.

For estate planning needs, contact Cindy at 920-484-6555 ext. 302.

## Naftanaila: Stewardship & Religious Liberty Leader



Pastor Titus Naftanaila is the new Stewardship Coordinator and Public Affairs & Religious Liberty Coordinator for the Wisconsin Conference. He will continue as senior pastor of the Madison East Church while serving in this position.

Born and raised in Romania, Titus obtained his BS in Theology from the Babes-Bolyai University in Romania, and his MA from Andrews University. While still in Romania, Titus served as the Public Affairs & Religious Liberty Director for the Muntenia Conference.

"I am committed to helping members who face any religious liberty issues," says Titus. "I am available to help, write letters, and provide materials that can be of help.

"Stewardship is an act of worship and a celebration of God's blessings in our lives, I look forward to helping our constituency to extend God's Kingdom in Wisconsin."

Titus enjoys reading, spending time with his family, and traveling around the world. He is married to Rozina, a registered nurse, and they have one son, Sebastian, who attends Wisconsin Academy.



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## Wisconsin Conference Calendar of Events

#### May

- 2-4 SAGE Retreat
- W.A. Academy Day 3
- W.A. Gymnastics Home Show 4
- 10 Spanish Brotherhood
- W.A. Spring Concert 10
- 11 Mother's Day
- 16-18 Lay Pastor Weekend
- Pathfinder Fair: Wakonda 16-18
- 18-19 Wakonda Work Bee
- 23-25 W.A. Graduation Weekend
- 26 Memorial Day

#### June

3 Board of Education **Teachers In-Service Meeting** 4 **Executive Committee** 4 15 Father's Day 17-18 Camp Pitch Camp Meeting 20-28 29 Camp Strike Junior Camp 29-7/6

#### July

| 2-3    | Conference Office Closed          |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 4      | Independence Day                  |
| 6-13   | Tween Camp                        |
| 13-20  | Teen Camp                         |
| 20-27  | Family Camp I                     |
| 27-8/3 | Family Camp II                    |
| 28     | Board of Education Teleconference |

#### August

- 6-10 Hispanic Camp Meeting
- Forever Faithful Camporee 11-16
- 15-18 NAD Hmong Camp Meeting
- 17 Standing Nominating Committee
- 27 **Executive Committe Teleconference**



ith just under two months left, the conference is directly on target to make it all the way aroung the world. Here are some numbers from the 2/3's point of the challenge.

16,062.7 miles walked

65% circumference of the earth walked

8,838.8 miles left to go for a round trip

15 church groups are involved

24 independent people involved

20% conference churches involved

177 days in the Walk-for-Life challenge

57 days left in the 2014 challenge

The target is in sight! Submit your miles walked this year at wi.adventist.org. Remember, you only have until June 26!

## **Executive Committee** Highlights: April 13, 2014

- The 2014 proposed budget was recommended by the Statistical Review Committee and approved through vote by the Executive Committee.
- Pastors John Redlich, and Michael Ehm, and Bible Worker Eusebio Lima were hired, as was WA Industries Manager Gerald Martin.
- Cindy Stephan was hired as Trust Officer and Pastor Titus Naftanaila was voted Stewardship/Religious Liberty Coordinator.



Jean-Marcel Clouzet, Youth Pastor for the Madison East Church District, has accepted a call to pastor the Wisconsin Academy Church District. He and his wife, Tammy, will make their transition in May of this year.

Keith Nelson, principal of Wisconsin Academy, has accepted a call to the Florida Conference, where he will be principal at New Port Richey Adventist Christian Academy. Keith and his wife, Andrea, have served in Wisconsin for the past three years.

Ron Wood, principal and teacher at the Frederic Elementary School, is retiring. He has taught for 21 years in the Wisconsin Conference. Ron and his wife, Nancy, plan to continue living in Wisconsin after retirement.

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

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