

## “Cast your bread upon the waters”

...for after many days you will find it again.” Eccl 11:1

I grew up in a family with four children. My father often used to say, “Don’t waste the bread. Even crumbs can be used. Don’t throw the bread away”.

Solomon recommended to us, “Cast your bread,” “he knew exactly what kind of bread should be thrown “upon the waters.” So many hungry people surround us. They are longing for the “Bread of Life” to satisfy the hunger of their soul. “O Lord! Give us eyes and heart to see them!”

The Superior Seventh-day Adventist Church had an opportunity to cast the “bread upon the waters” at the Tri-State Fairgrounds. Every year, for five days (July 24-29) this event brings together a lot of people, not only from Superior, but also from the surrounding area. Besides different kinds of exhibits – flowers, arts and crafts, animals and bird

displays - you can watch a horse race or listen to concerts.

A teenager of our church, Suzie Johnson, showed her horse for showmanship and she won 1<sup>st</sup> place. She also won the grand champion for her cow.

This was a great opportunity for the church to have a booth where people were invited to become acquainted with Christian life, and especially the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This year, Hope Radio, in collaboration with the church, displayed and shared religious literature valued at \$500. Among the most shared books were: The Desire of Ages, The Ministry of Healing, Steps to Christ and Ten Commandments Twice Removed along with DVDs featuring Doug Batchelor’s presentations. Our members who shared all of these materials had the opportunity to answer many questions regarding different spiritual topics, especially the Sabbath! Many visitors were already familiar with our doctrine and told us that they are regular listeners of the radio station.

While talking with a pastor from another stand, he expressed his interest in our evangelistic campaign, “Amazing Facts with Jason Sliger” coming here this fall and asked me to give him a number of flyers to share with the members



*John Hunter, Pastor Baci, Alice Hunter and Dale Hunter, new members of the Superior church*

of his congregation.

“...for after many days you will find it again.” The “bread” never dies. It feeds the soul, brings hope to hearts, raises up the discouraged people and one day this bread will return to the Giver of all blessings with fruits.

*Pastor Mihail Baci*



*Pastor Baci with Suzie Johnson and her show horse*

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### **First Love**



*Don Corkum  
President*

If a letter came directly from Jesus to your church would you listen carefully to its message?

The church at Ephesus had this experience (Rev. 2:1-7).

The message is also for us today. Jesus first commends them for their works, their intolerance of evil, their patience and perseverance. Yet in spite of all these good things He says "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." Vs. 3.

How is it possible to do all these good deeds and not have heartfelt, passionate love for Christ? It is possible to have doctrinal purity, hatred of evil, and even missionary activity and still not have the first love with Christ. In Matthew 7:23, Jesus said to those claiming a high level of performance for Christ—"I know thee not." In the most intimate respect, Jesus did not know them; there was not a first love relationship.

Jesus appreciates works for Him but works generally do not produce love. Love produces good works. In a marriage relationship love is the basis for an authentic relationship. The outward acts become significant when hearts are entwined in love.

Love involves having affection for another person; deep caring and adoring. Our love for God is expressed in public praise and adoration. This love finds expression in times of private spiritual intimacy. All aspects of our daily life find purpose and fulfillment when lived in the context of love to God.

Ellen White comments, "This love, cherished in the soul, sweetens

the entire life and sheds a refining influence on all around... It is the heavenly adoring that gives true nobility and dignity to the soul and assimilates our lives to that of the Master." 4T, 224.

Lets all pray for that first love.

*Don Corkum*

### **Spanish Camp Meeting**

Between four and five hundred members of the Spanish community came to praise God and experience fellowship with church family members throughout Wisconsin at their annual camp meeting at Wakonda the weekend of August 17-19.

Speakers included Elder Armando Miranda from the General Conference; Pastor Ricardo Scarfullery



*Elder Edgar Mendoza translates for Elder Don Corkum*

from Indiana and musician Rudy Micelli from MorningStar ministries.

Rain saturated the air and ground but the rain of the Holy Spirit permeated the lives of those gathered.

*Don Corkum*

### **Pastor Ordination**

On the closing Sabbath of camp meeting, four pastors were ordained to the gospel ministry. Ordination is the Church's recognition and affirmation that an individual's calling to ministry is from God.

The service was noteworthy on multiple levels:

- It has been many years since four pastors were ordained in one year
- The presidents of the Wisconsin Conference, Don Corkum; Lake Union Conference, Walter Wright; and General Conference, Jan Paulsen; were present to officiate at this service
- Walter Wright gave a deeply spiritual and stirring ordination message.

The following pastors were ordained:

Adam and Laurella Case, Milwaukee Northwest/Sheboygan District  
Curtis and Tracey Denney, Rice Lake District

Robert and Virginina Mills, Durand/Menomonie District

Ko and Terry Saelee, Hmong Ministries Coordinator and Madison Hmong Pastor

*James Fox*

## Thirteen Lay Pastors Commissioned for Ministry

At Camp Meeting 2005, the Wisconsin Conference initiated a lay pastor training and certification program. Two years later, the first group of graduates were commissioned for ministry at Camp Meeting 2007.



*Elder Corkum and James Fox present lay pastor Ben Moore of Wisconsin Rapids with his commission certificate*

The program is rigorous in its demands for sound theological development; including computer skills, active service to God in ministry and humble servant-like deportment. While the first set of program graduates have completed their classwork, many of them are still fulfilling their *practical* requirements including conducting a public evangelistic meeting.

Benjamin Moore, from Wisconsin Rapids, graduated with the group on June 17. He was an ordained minister in another faith prior to learning the Advent Message. "This program has been rigorous and thorough in its preparation for ministry. I have grown immensely in my understanding and my practice of ministry."

The following were commissioned:  
Ray Fitzgerald & Katie Sigsworth  
Green Bay

Roxanne Adams Platteville

Linda Bishop Lancaster

Ardis Burke Milwaukee  
Southside

Horace Gentle Kenosha

Ed Klingaman Oakland

Nancy McLaughlin &  
Carl Syvertson Richland  
Center  
Ben Moore Wisconsin  
Rapids  
David Rawls Sturgeon  
Bay  
Jim Edwards & Dale Mishleau  
Oxford  
*James Fox*

## Teacher Commissioning

Teaching is not a profession. It is a ministry. There is nothing more important than working to help our youth develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sabbath afternoon June 16, five teachers



*Steve Laubach, Kim Gillen, Kathy Hayhoe, Elder Rojas, Janie Feather and Marshall Bowers*

were commissioned and presented Commissioned Ministry of Teaching Credentials. This is the highest level credential an Adventist teacher can hold. These credentials are given to teachers who have shown a lifelong commitment and significant experience in the Seventh-day Adventist system of education. Recipients must show a keen sense of responsibility for nurturing and leading students to Christ. They are chosen because they consistently uphold Christ as the focal point of all their instruction. Marshall Bowers, Janie Feather, Kim Gillen, Kathy Hayhoe, and Steve Laubach were the recipients.

Jose Rojas, in a very impassioned

charge, shared how Adventist teachers had a tremendous impact on his life. They nurtured and worked with him to change from a street wise kid who had seen crime all of his life to an educated man of God who is working to save souls. He challenged the teachers not to give up on students but to look beyond what they are to what they can be if they develop their talents for the Lord. He asked parents not to be critical of teachers, but to work with the teacher to meet the needs of their children.

*Ken Kirkham*

## New Conference Office

As you have probably heard by now, the current Conference Office has been sold. The City of Sun Prairie is allowing us to stay for a specified length of time for a nominal monthly rental fee.

Construction has already begun at the new office site. Tons and tons of gravel have been put into place to provide the driveway to the actual building location. The basement has been dug and form work is beginning for the concrete foundation portions of the project.

Many bids have been received and reviewed by the Conference Building Committee. Winning bids have been selected for many of the major portions of the project. Other portions will be let out for bids shortly.

Because of layers and layers of required permits, we have gotten a later start than we would have hoped for. Please keep this project in your prayers as we move forward.

*Roger L. Driver*



*Site of the new Conference Office located in Fall River, Wisconsin.*

## **Wisconsin Academy Dormitories**

We have tentatively scheduled a meeting of the Dormitory Feasibility Committee for September 20, 2007. At this meeting we will review a presentation by a construction company that has many years experience in constructing dormitory facilities. They will be providing some potential designs and cost estimates on remodeling the existing facilities as well as providing some rough sketches for a new design and estimates on building a new facility.

The Dormitory Feasibility Committee will analyze all the facts that are gathered as quickly as possible. Please allow them time to complete this process.

The Dormitory Feasibility Committee will then make their recommendations to the Conference Executive Committee for ratification or refinement. Once ratified, the recommendations will be announced prior to the special session voted to be held before March 30, 2008. At that special session, you will be asked to select from the options provided and choose the best option for the future of Wisconsin Academy and the future of the Wisconsin Conference.

For a project of this importance, we want to ensure the task is accomplished correctly, efficiently and cost effectively.

*Roger L. Driver*

## **Wakonda Receives a Blow**

Around midnight Saturday night, August 11, the wind picked up.



*This cabin suffered minor damage from falling trees*

The strong swirling winds knocked out electricity for 9.5 hours, and blew over several trees. The good news is that few were at camp and there were no injuries. Four



*Trailer that suffered damage from falling trees.*

cabins were hit by falling trees and blowing branches. Most received minor damage. Two trailers that were left by camp meeting attendees had trees hit them, doing major damage. Thanks go to Don Ross, Shorty Mundt, Art Monnier, and other volunteers who have done much to clean up the mess left by the storm.

*Mike Edge*

## **Summer Camp 2007**

Seldom do I receive letters from



*Happy campers at Wakonda*

campers at the end of camp. However, this summer I received a six page journal from Marc, a

young camper who shared his reflections on his first camp experience at Wakonda. After telling of all his fun times with activities and friends, he finished up with the following: "I think I know God better now than before I went to camp.... I want to study my Bible more, to take some time every day to read God's Bible and to talk to him.... I would like to be baptized by Pastor Mike and Pastor Bill." This past Sabbath Marc was baptized. And he was only 1 of 65 campers who indicated that they wanted to study for baptism.



*Making friends during Junior Camp*

Many campers come each year from homes, neighborhoods and schools where they are bombarded by the devil. Camp is a refuge, a safe place where they can make new friends, and grow closer to Jesus.

This summer 355 campers spent a week experiencing all that Camp Wakonda has to offer; skiing, origami, model rockets, orienteering, cake decorating, horseback riding, great evening campfire programs, and even a "Waldensee experience" on Sabbath. Our theme text was "Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." The memory verses, plays, activities, and continued stories, all focused on the value of God's word for our lives today. Many campers left camp with a new Bible and a new desire to know Jesus.

*Mike Edge*

## ***Habitat for Humanity in Green Bay***

On Thursday, August 16, the Young Adult Sabbath School Class of the Green Bay Church sponsored an outreach project working for Habitat for Humanity in Green Bay. People aged 19 to retirees worked together to serve the community. The home was designed for "Universal Access" to be wheelchair accessible. Ken Folkman Jr. using a roller brush while sitting in his wheelchair, was painting the inside walls along side Pastor Delmar Austin. What happened that day was more than painting and siding a home. A young man's confidence in his ability to serve others was reaffirmed.



*Green Bay Church young adults worked on this house for Habitat for Humanity*

Disabilities only exist in our minds. When serving others is a priority, Jesus opens a way. This project was an inspiration to our Church, not only for those who are overcoming disabilities and discovering their abilities, but also to our young adults.

*Kris Guido*

## ***Camp Meeting Pavilion Huge Hit***

Wisconsin Conference Camp Meeting has changed for the better! Speakers and seminars continue to be deeply spiritual and wonderful. Emphasis on prayer and increased devotion to God remain exemplary; but the new pavilion has provided an upgrade to the camp meeting experience. Comments were overwhelmingly positive:

- ◆ "I can hear every word in the main tent for the first time in years."
- ◆ "It is cooler and cleaner."
- ◆ "The chairs are so much nicer than those benches."

There was a concern that departing from the old tent would negatively impact the experience of an old time camp meeting. That concern turned out to be unfounded. From Jose Rojas to Jan Paulsen to Walter Wright, speakers clearly expressed praise and



*Elder Jose Rojas*

affirmation for this improvement. Elder Wright went so far as to say that God has big plans for souls to be won at Wisconsin Camp Meeting and this new building was a key element in God's plan. Many in the pavilion said a hearty amen!

On the closing Sabbath of camp meeting, 20 precious people followed their Lord in baptism. Many made their

decision for Jesus at camp meeting this year!

*James Fox*



*Pioneer Pavilion*



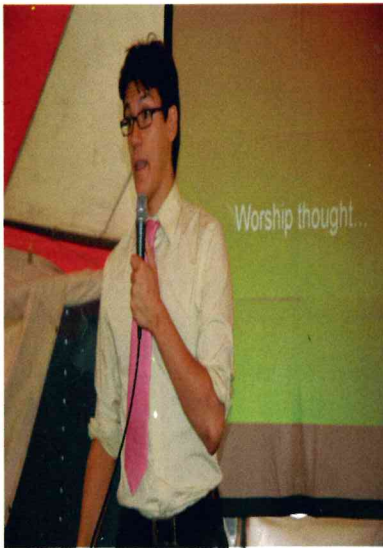
*Pastor Larry Mahlum  
and Susan Markiewicz*

## ***ABC Sunday Hours Have Changed!***

Beginning in September, the ABC is **ONLY** open on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 10 am - 4 pm.

## ***Just Claim It Youth Rally***

The Green Bay Seventh-day Adventist church hosted the "Just Claim It" youth rally for the Wisconsin Conference the weekend of August 10. The theme was chosen to help young people realize that all we have to do is claim Jesus' promises. A beautiful backdrop was painted by Josh Cho and a few other youth members from Green Bay to help reinforce the weekend's theme.



*Jean-Marcel Clouzet preaching at Just Claim It Youth Rally.*

About 70 people attended which was held outside of the church in a tent, camp meeting style.

The Cause Ministry led out in music for the weekend and Pastor Jean-Marcel Clouzet was the main speaker. For Sabbath School, the focus was on prayer. There was a prayer board where the attendees could write any prayer requests or praises that were on their hearts. In an effort to pray for one another, each person wrote his or her initials on clothes pins and clipped them to the people that he or she prayed for. It was a visible way for everyone to realize the impact it can have when we all pray for each

other. After the church service and a potluck lunch, the young people headed out to Bay Beach Amusement Park to hand out water bottles and snacks as an outreach opportunity. After the outreach, everyone met back at the tent for a final meeting.

The next day, local youth from Green Bay headed to Six Flags Great America for a fun-filled day of riding roller coasters. "Six Flags was fun, enjoyable, and it helped me end the summer right," said Brad Austin.

The youth rally was a success and hopefully it will expand next year as more churches across the state get involved. Lance Mishleau summed up the weekend this way: "God is amazing and it is great to be in a place where youth can learn to lean on our awesome God and at anytime 'Just Claim' the promises of God."

*Michelle Paulsen*

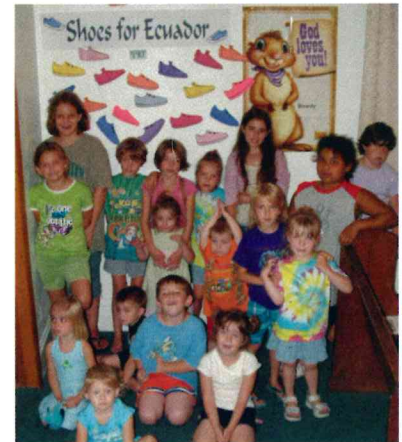
## ***Vacation Bible School***

Every year, summer time is a good opportunity for the church to gather together the children of the church and their friends from the community for Vacation Bible School.

This year, VBS in Ashland was initiated and coordinated by RayAnn Ramsey, Dorothy Hedican and Jean Jaeger. Nightly attendance was more than twenty children with the majority of them from the community. It was a good time for children to study and fellowship with other children. For five days (July 23-28), the church vibrated with the children's presence - their energy and vigor was a real test of patience and ability for teachers. First of all, VBS time is a very fun setting for children to learn about God.

Every day a lot of fun kept the children busy: songs, inside or

outside games and craft activities. Vacation Bible School also provided a wonderful opportunity to teach children about the importance of mission. This year, they decided to collect money for children in Ecuador. Sabbath, July 28 was a special one - our Graduation Program. All children from VBS with their friends, parents and relatives filled the church. The program was organized to celebrate Jesus and His love for us; this touched the hearts of many in



*Children who attended VBS in Ashland*

the church. The children sang, recited verses from the Bible, and presented a report of their activities to the church. We can say for God's glory that VBS in Ashland was a real success.

*Pastor Mihail Baci*

## ***Evangelism Prayer Watch***

New London with Samuel Garbi  
Waukesha with Ric Swaningson  
Superior with Mihail Baci  
Milwaukee North with Rodeny Mills  
Monroe with Lisa Isensee  
Marshfield with Armando Camacho  
Steven's Point with Dave Guerrero  
Net Meetings with Shawn  
Boonstra, Doug Batchelor or Mike Tucker

## Personnel Changes around the Conference



*David Smith, Principal/  
Teacher (9th and 10th  
grades) at Green Bay  
Junior Academy*



*Marie Benson, Principal/  
Teacher at Meadow  
Creek Adventist School  
in Rice Lake*



*Pastor Nestor Soriano,  
Youth Pastor at Madison  
East Church*



*Keith Hatcher, Principal/  
Teacher (1st and 2nd grades)  
at Three Angels Christian in  
Madison*



*Rosanna Zeisner,  
Principal/Teacher at  
Maranatha SDA El-  
ementary in Lena.*



*Holly Roy, Principal/  
Teacher at Bethel Junior  
Academy in Arpin*

### **IRA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Are you wondering if you have more money in your IRA than you need? Maybe you have wanted to do something special for God's work. The current IRS ruling that is set to expire December 31, 2007, allows a person to contribute any amount up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to charity. You cannot take a charitable deduction for this contribution but it can substitute for your required distribution and you will not have to pay tax on the amount transferred to charity. Call the Conference Trust Department if you would like more information.

*Dick Habenicht*

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## Mark Your Calendar

### September

14-16 Pathfinder Camporee at Camp Wakonda

16 Community Service Federation meeting will be held in Fireside Lodge at Camp Wakonda. Come and enjoy fellowship, sharing and our delicious potluck dinner.

### October

5-7 Lay Pastor's Training -- Wisconsin Rapids Church. For more information call James Fox or Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235.

6 Northern District Rally at Rice Lake SDA Church, guest speaker is Skip MacCarty. For more information call Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235

11-13 Prison Ministry Series offered at Andrews University. For more information call Kris Ganske at 608-358-9351

12-14 Pathfinder and Adventurer Leadershop at Camp Wakonda. For more information call Alieen King at 608-241-5235

26-28 Women's Ministry Weekend at Chula Vista Resort. Guest speaker Jo Ann Davidson. For more information call Alieen King at 608-241-5235 or Susan Boon at 262-835-4914

### November

2-3 Senior Recognition at Wisconsin Academy

9-11 Marriage, Heart to Heart Seminar with Tom and Alane Waters at the Marshfield Church. For more information contact Leo and Ruth Campbell at 715-421-1415 or e-mail: lrcampbell@hotmail.com or Pastor Armando Camacho at 715-384-8086.

9-11 Elder's Retreat for more information call Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235

11 Fox Valley Women's Ministries Formal Dinner at Casa Di Ligi Italian Restaurant from 3-6 pm. Tickets are \$29.00 each. Deadline for ticket sales is November 1. For more information contact, Melynda at 920-751-0849, Betsy at 920-290-2595 or Nikki at 920-203-1152.

### December

7-8 Wisconsin Academy Christmas Concert

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