

# Lamp Letter

News for our Wisconsin church family

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## Volunteers ready for service

Adventists in Wisconsin have been ready to help wherever needed this summer. When a tornado struck the town of Oakfield on July 18, Community Service (CS) volunteers got busy.

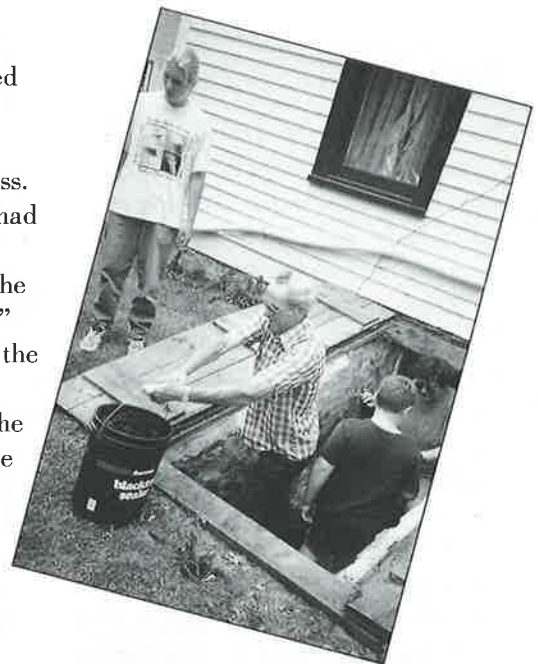
CS Federation Leader Dierdre Johnson (Antigo Church) visited Oakfield July 20. At least 175 homes were damaged. "Some houses were just gone," she reports.

Despite the damage, no one was badly hurt. Dierdre spoke with one family whose children were home alone when the storm hit. The house was destroyed, but the children made it safely to the basement.

Dierdre says residents seemed surprisingly optimistic. In fact, many turned down assistance offered by ACS and the Red Cross. Dierdre recalls one woman who had all 14 windows blown out of her house. "I cried all day Friday," she said. "Today I'm ready to face it."

Other members helped out in the town of Westfield during campmeeting. Thanks to them, the city park was cleaned up, and the Historical Museum now boasts fresh paint and a clean cellar.

**Right: Fred Buchholz (Eau Claire Church) and other volunteers haul coal from the cellar of the Westfield Historical Museum.**



## Retreats planned to meet members' needs

Young adults and women of all ages are invited to attend retreats planned just for them this fall.

The **Alive Retreat** for young adults (post-high school age and up) happens Aug. 30- Sept. 1 at Camp Go Seek. The weekend begins Friday at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 a.m. Sunday with a country brunch. Pastor Clint Meharry (Durand district) will lead devotional times.

Space is limited to the first 80 paid applicants, so register with your payment of \$52 by Aug. 15. Registration fee after Aug. 15: \$60.

The eighth annual **Christian Women's Retreat** will be held Oct. 18- 20 at the Chula Vista

Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Hear Wisconsin's own Dr. Becky Cheng—physician, teacher, mother, and television co-host—share thoughts on "Living a Life of Grace Amid Chaos." Breakaway speakers include Cynthia Prime, Women's Ministries Coordinator for the Lake Union Conference; the LUC's first lady, Marti Schneider; psychologist Susan Boon, and many others.

A crafters' bazaar will be held Saturday night.

Rates are the same as or less than last year, says co-planner Aileen Patton. Register by Sept. 25 for the best rates.

For details on either retreat, please call 608/241- 5235.

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**Remember to pray  
for Net '96!**



### President's Message

Don Corkum

## Priorities

We often live by the tyranny of the urgent. So many things demand our time and resources that we have a hard time keeping up. The urgent can keep us from the important.

Christ foresaw life in the 1990's. His penetrating counsel in Matthew 6 is vital for our day: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (vs 33).

It takes a lot of faith to believe that if we place God first, He will take care of our needs. Yet, this is when we see miracles take place and the power of God in evidence. This is how others can recognize us as His people. People who are governed by His principles.

Here are five important priorities for us to consider:

1. "Spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ" *Desire of Ages* 83.
2. "Everyone who has received the divine illumination, is to brighten the pathway of those who know not the Light of life" *DA* 152.
3. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" *Prov. 3: 9, 10*.
4. "The first work to be done in a Christian home is to see that the Spirit of Christ abides there..."

*Adventist Home*, 20. (continued on page 3)



## Academy news Student jobs up, enrollment steady

Friends and staff of Wisconsin Academy are hard at work recruiting, and students already enrolled are hard at work earning tuition.

At press time, 110 students had registered, about the same as this time last year.

With 40 students, the junior class is the largest. Two sections of history, English, and Bible will be offered to accommodate them.

That's the kind of problem WA doesn't mind having. As opening day approaches (Aug. 19), recruiting efforts are ongoing. "All prospective students on our list have been contacted by phone or by visit," says principal Steve Brown. "We are now ... recontacting those who are still undecided."

Aileen Patton, chair of the WA Support Team, has contacted alumni and visited churches, at times using a Spanish interpreter, to boost support for the school.

For students already enrolled at WA, summer meant time to earn tuition. Thirty students got a head start on next year's school bills by working at Rhodes International, academy maintenance, or in the student literature evangelism program. "The demand for summer

work was great this year," says industry coordinator LeRoy Rappette. "Our goal is to supply even more work opportunities for next year."

## Keeping in touch

**Net '96 almost here.** Only two months left until the largest evangelistic series ever launched in North America starts on Oct. 5. Forty-two sites in Wisconsin will participate in the series beamed via satellite from Orlando. The last training sessions will be held Sep. 7 (Madison Church) and 21 (Green Bay).

Over 1,500 Discover Bible School cards have been returned so far, says Ministerial Director Steve Gallimore.

## Hispanic churches make headlines—literally!

Pastor Orlando Vasquez and local Hispanic members in Sheboygan were featured July 12 on the front page of the religion section of the Sheboygan Press. The story was part of a series on religion in diverse cultures. Full color photos showed Vasquez and members Alberto Mendoza, Elisabet Contreras, and Juan Mendez at vespers, along with a description of Adventist beliefs.

**Rhodes International sold.** Papers were signed July 1 to sell the Rhodes baking plant in Columbus

## Financial Report Jan-June

	1996	1995	Increase
<b>Tithe</b>	\$1,895,139	\$1,838,566	3.08%
<b>Missions</b>	\$109,634	\$112,065	-2.17%
<b>WI Budget</b>	\$92,867	\$90,340	2.80%

to Rhodes International, says Wisconsin Corporation Secretary Richard Habenicht. Rhodes paid Wisconsin Conference \$600,000 for the plant. They also offered to contribute \$42,000 a year for five years to the Academy Endowment Fund. The first of these contributions was received in May.

**Trust Department upgraded.** After four years of hard work, the Wisconsin Trust Services Department has just received its Level A certification from the General Conference. Only Wisconsin and Illinois have the A ranking in the Lake Union, reports Trust Services Director Richard Habenicht.

**ABC no longer able to accept food stamps.** Due to new regulations by the USDA Food Stamp Program, the Adventist Book Center can no longer accept food stamps. "We would have to sell meat, dairy products, and fresh produce in order to comply with the new rules," says manager Roy Hunt. (Note: See back for the ABC's new phone number.)

## New faces, new places

■ **Transferred teachers.** Lester Carney III will teach at Rhinelander Elementary this fall; Denise Remon at the Maranatha School in Lena; Rebecca Sumner at Milwaukee Jr. Academy; and Ron Wood at Richland Center Elementary School.

■ **New deans.** Jane (Graves) Foll is the new girls' dean at Wisconsin Academy. Joe Steffen, from Southern College, is the assistant boys' dean and Taskforce worker.

■ **Ordained.** Pastors Rafael Fernandez (Lancaster district) and Bill Ochs (Rhinelander district) were ordained to the gospel ministry June 29 at campmeeting.

■ **New publishing director and teacher.** Cris Roy is the new publishing director for Wisconsin. His wife Holly will teach at Petersen Elementary in Columbus. The Roys are from Cedar Lake, MI.

■ **Mission Appointment.** Conference Treasurer Kenneth Wright and his wife Ruth, office secretary, are awaiting confirmation on their mission appointment to Pakistan. Because their visas and medical clearance are not yet final, the Executive Committee has not met to discuss their replacements.

■ **Pastoral interns.** Mike Hansen, a graduate of Southwestern Adventist College, will be interning as associate pastor for the Milwaukee Central and Northwest churches this fall. Mike and his wife Kim are moving from Texas. Former Milwaukee intern Jeff Coleman and his wife Melony return to Andrews this fall.

Congratulations to Green Bay pastoral intern Loren Nelson and his wife, Suzanne Kempfer. They were married July 28 in Kingsbury, NY.

## Priorities, cont'd

5. "To train the young to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most noble work ever given to man." *Counsels to Teachers*, 166.

Are we prepared to govern our lives after these and other of God's principles and priorities? God is calling us especially in this climactic time to principle-centered living.

If 120 Christians in the early Christian Church, empowered by the Spirit and dedicated to God's will, could shake their world for Christ; think of what 6,100 Adventist Christians in Wisconsin with that same power and dedication can do today!

## Calendar

### August

- 4-10 Teen Camp  
Wakonda
- 14-17 LUC Literature  
Evangelist Retreat,  
Camp Go Seek
- 18 Registration, WA
- 18-20 Minister-Teacher  
Retreat, Gó Seek
- 19 WA opens
- 22-24 Hispanic  
Campmeeting,  
Camp Go Seek
- 26 Grade schools open
- 30-Sep 2 Young Adult Retreat  
Camp Go Seek

### September

- 2 Labor Day  
ABC/Office closed
- 12-14 LUC Pathfinder  
Camporee

### October

- 5 Net '96 begins
- 18-20 Women's Retreat  
Wisconsin Dells

**Hispanic campmeeting!**  
Aug 22-24, Camp Go Seek  
Adult speaker: Armando  
Miranda, President, North  
Mexican Union  
Youth: Milton Marquez,  
MI Youth Federation Leader  
—Shop at the ABC's  
all-Spanish Bookmobile!

## ABC fall bookmobile schedule

Date	Day	Location	Time
Oct 4	Fri	Antigo	3:00-4:00 PM
Oct 5	Sat	Clearwater Lake	After vespers
Oct 6	Sun	Rhineland	10:00-11:00 AM
Oct 6	Sun	Tomahawk	12:00-12:45 PM
Oct 6	Sun	Wausau	2:00-3:30 PM
Oct 11	Fri	Menomonie	12:00-12:45 PM
Oct 11	Fri	Frederic	3:00-4:00 PM
Oct 12	Sat	Superior	After vespers
Oct 13	Sun	Rice Lake	10:00-11:00 AM
Oct 13	Sun	Clear Lake	2:00-3:00 PM
Oct 13	Sun	Eau Claire	5:00-6:00 PM
Oct 19	Sat	Women's Retreat	As posted
Oct 26	Sat	Fox Valley	6:30 PM
Oct 27	Sun	Green Bay	10:00-12:00 PM
Oct 27	Sun	Lena	3:00-4:00 PM
Nov 1	Fri	Sparta	2:00-3:00 PM
Nov 2	Sat	Hylandale	After vespers
Nov 3	Sun	Richland Center	10:00-10:45 AM
Nov 3	Sun	Prairie du Chien	12:00-12:45
Nov 3	Sun	Lancaster	3:00-4:00 PM
Nov 9	Sat	Bethel	After vespers
Nov 10	Sun	Wisconsin Rapids	10:00-10:45 AM
Nov 10	Sun	Stevens Point	11:30-12:30 PM
Nov 10	Sun	Almond	2:00-3:00 PM
Nov 16	Sat	Milwaukee Northwest	5:00-6:30 PM
Nov 17	Sun	Kenosha	10:00-11:00 AM
Nov 17	Sun	Racine	12:00-12:45 PM
Nov 17	Sun	Raymond School	2:00-3:00 PM
Nov 17	Sun	Delavan	5:00-6:00 PM
Nov 24	Sun	Racine Spanish	10:00-11:00 AM
Nov 24	Sun	Milw. Spanish Central	12:00-1:00 PM
Nov 24	Sun	Milw. Spanish Northwest	1:30-2:15 PM
Nov 24	Sun	Milw, Spanish Southeast	3:00-3:45 PM

*Know your ABCs  
and numbers?*

**Wisconsin Adventist  
Book Center's new  
phone number:**

**608/825-7712**

**Nationwide toll-free:**


**1-888-BOOKS-4-U**

**(1-888-266-5748)**

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