

Young Artist's Prayer

Like many other small towns looking to add interest and attract customers, Watertown, Wisconsin hangs colorful and artistic banners on lampposts throughout their Main Street business district. Haiven Evans, a member of the Watertown Sentinels Pathfinder Club, really enjoys creating her own art and has always loved seeing the banners on Main Street. She and her mother, Chelsea, both became interested in knowing more about the banners and how they might become involved, but had no idea how to go about it. They wondered “Who is in charge? Where do we go?”

Not long ago, the Watertown Pathfinder Club began working on the Artificial Intelligence (AI) honor. One of the requirements is to spend time with an official of an office or company that uses AI and explain how they use AI in their business. Pathfinder leader, Steve Mertins, attended an AI seminar and connected with an artist that used AI in his business. Steve said the artist “volunteered to give a presentation only after I assured him our Pathfinders were well behaved, interested young people.” Although somewhat skeptical, he agreed to set up a time for the presentation at the public library.

Once the presentation ended, Haiven and her mom started talking about various art projects that they had heard about, one of which was being hosted by the library. They went to



Haiven Evans holding the banner she and her mother painted

the reception desk to ask about being a part of the project. Curious about the Art on Main project, they also asked the receptionist if she knew anything about the banners that hung on Main Street or who to talk to about it. Unfortunately the woman did not know and was apologetic about not being able to give any information. Just then the man that had presented the AI course came up behind them and said that he was actually connected with the Art on Main project. He told them all they

had to do was apply! He had been so impressed with the Pathfinders that he was very willing to help Haiven with whatever she needed. Haiven's mother, Chelsea, recalls “It was amazing! He requested my phone number and promised that he would get us a banner the following day.”

Haiven set about designing and laying out the banner that they had learned was to be displayed in a prominent place, the busiest intersection in town! With the help of her mother, who is also an artist, Haiven painted the banner with a Pathfinder uniform on one side and Jesus with Pathfinders and an Adventurer on the other. They worked on the banner every day until the day before the banner was



Haiven Evans standing under her banner that is displayed on Main Street

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From the President's Desk

Radical Focus on Wisconsin

Since moving to Wisconsin in 2007, my family and I have fallen in love with the state and the amazing church family. Up until 2021, I had the privilege of pastoring multiple churches across the state and enjoyed being part of each one. With each new pastoral responsibility, I have always relied on God's guidance and focused my energy on creating a positive environment for others to use their talents for God's glory and the edification of His church.

Now, along with my team, I want to remain faithful to God's call and witness His ministry prosper in our assigned territory and beyond. Our church structure is organized in a way that we are not isolated but support the global church with our resources. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is international, including people from every "nation, tribe, people, and language" (Rev. 7:9).

The Three Angels' Message was first proclaimed when the church was only in North America. Now missionaries are sent globally, even from the Wisconsin Conference, with great results. Our church members support many international projects, sharing God's blessings with others. The impact of our humble support will be revealed in eternity.

However, at this time in history, I strongly encourage you to focus on our state while still helping others. We need to be involved in ministry here at home to fulfill God's command for our generation. Acts 1:8 emphasizes the responsibility to preach the Gospel in our immediate surroundings.

Right now, the Seventh-day Adventist presence in North America is only six percent of the global church membership. Once, it was one hundred percent. Even

if we are glad that the rest of the world embraced the Gospel, we are sad to see that we are falling behind after such a great start.

No one will come from afar to preach the Gospel in Wisconsin for our generation. While we will continue to be part of the global church and its needs, we must be faithful to our call for our own state. The church operates on the previous generation's support, which is declining because of an aging trend. The time to act is now! Ask yourself what your local church will look like in the next ten years.

That is why priority must be given to praying, planning, and supporting our churches, schools, and ministries. Numerous cities and towns have no Adventist presence! Different people groups are moving to our territory and we need to be ready to share the Gospel with them.

Please reflect on the passage of Mark 5:18-20. Jesus' command was radical. He discouraged the newly healed individual from traveling from place to place to witness more miracles. Instead, he was told to go home where people knew him, and share his testimony with them.

My brother and sister in Christ, you are more effective in your hometown than anywhere else. Nobody will tell your story there—just you. That is why I invite you to focus on Wisconsin radically.

Titus Naftanaila
Wisconsin Conference President

President's Sabbath Schedule

August

- 3 Hayward
- 17 Lakeland
- 24 Watertown

September

- 7 Living Faith
- 14 Sturgeon Bay
- 21 Rhinelander

October

- 5 Northern District
- 12 Clearwater Lake

November

- 2 North American Division
- 9 Madison East
- 16 Green Bay Hispanic

To request speaking appointments contact Titus Naftanaila at: titusn@wi.adventist.org

Moreno New Senior Pastor for Green Bay



We are pleased to share that Pastor Kevin Moreno has accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor for the Green Bay district!

Pastor Moreno began serving in the Wisconsin Conference in 2015 as the Senior Pastor of the Rhinelander district. After finishing his training at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, he served as the Associate Pastor of the Green Bay district beginning in 2020.

Pastor Moreno and his family are excited to embark on this new journey and ask for prayer for God's leading in the Green Bay district.

Laurella Case, Communication Coordinator

MSDAS Welcomes New Business Mgr.



We are pleased to share that the Milwaukee Seventh-day Adventist School (MSDAS) recently welcomed a new Business Manager, Bonn Banquirigo. Bonn was born and raised in the Philippines where

Laurella Case, Communication Coordinator

St. Clair New Pastor for Portage District



We are happy to share the news that Pastor Barry St. Clair, and his wife Barbara, have accepted the call to pastor the Portage district here in Wisconsin!

Barry is no stranger to Wisconsin as his family settled in Arpin in 1979. He graduated from 10th grade at Bethel Jr. Academy and then Wisconsin Academy – class of 1985. After feeling the call to ministry, he and Barbara served the Neillsville Company in the early 2000s.

Since that time, God has led them on a journey serving in many places and ways. To read the full story, visit our News & Events page at wi.adventist.org.

Barry and Barbara are coming to us from the Prairie District of North and South Dakota. They look forward to the ministry God will perform in the Portage District.

Barry St. Clair, Portage District Pastor
and Laurella Case, Communication Coordinator

he received his degree in accounting from Andres Bonifacio College.

Bonn comes to Milwaukee from Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) where he served as an accountant. Bonn says, "I love to work for the Lord and always want to go where he wants me to go. When there was an opportunity for me to work here at Milwaukee Adventist School, I felt that the Lord was calling me to do it." He goes on to say, "I look forward to serving the Lord and being an effective worker for Him in improving the school and fulfilling its mission."

Zeismer New INspire Academy Teacher



The Wisconsin Conference Education Department has partnered with the Illinois and Indiana conferences to offer online education through INspire Academy. They are pleased to welcome Rosanna Zeismer to the role of teacher for the online school.

With twenty-four years of teaching in Adventist education, much of that here in Wisconsin, Rosanna has experience working with children from grades K-9. A graduate of Union College, with a BS in Education, Rosanna has taught in both one-room and multi-teacher schools and has enjoyed working with many children and families through the years.

To learn more about INspire Academy visit: <https://vimeo.com/911011749>. For questions, please contact Sue Nelson at: snelson@wi.adventist.org 608-669-2827

Sue Nelson, Superintendent for Education
with Rosanna Zeismer, INspire Academy Teacher

Pentecost 2025: NAD Initiative

Want to know how you can be involved?

- Develop an evangelism plan in your local church
- Get Church Board approval
- Register for Pentecost 2025 at <https://pentecost2025.com>
- Request Conference Approval
- Receive your Welcome Kit
- Put your plan into action!

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due. They both found it to be a great experience to share together. When the banner was finished, it was hung where all could see it, right in the middle of town!

Haiven's prayer is that the people driving and walking past the banner would not only be interested in finding out about Pathfinders, but also about Jesus and His love for children. The long term plan for the banner is that it will hang up throughout the summer and in the fall the city will auction it off to the highest bidder. The proceeds will go back into the city fund called "Main Street Project Watertown." This project strives to bring beautiful art created by local artists to the building walls, lampposts, transformers, and other areas on Main Street.

Haiven is grateful God has allowed her to use the talent He gave her to participate in this project.

Steve Mertins, Watertown Pathfinder Leader
Chelsea Murphy, Haiven's Mother
Laurella Case, Communication Coordinator



Haiven working on the banner at home

Madison Hispanic Church Celebrates Official Organization



On Sabbath, May 4, 2024, a strong spiritual light was lit in Wisconsin with the organization of the Madison Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The faces of each of the members of the newly organized church shone with joy which was expressed through their beautiful singing and praises that rose to heaven during the worship service and throughout the entire ceremony.

Present at this spiritual celebration were: The president of the Wisconsin Conference, Elder

Titus Naftanaila, who presented the sermon and challenge to the church; the executive secretary/treasurer, Dr. Amir Gulzar, who carried out the process of organization of the new church; Pastor Evelio Miranda, Coordinator of the Hispanic Ministry; and Pastor Asael Sánchez, current pastor of the district.

Since May 2006, when the Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist presence began in the Madison area, God has maintained a group of active members who have proclaimed His love for 18 years. This was made possible with the leadership of the pastors who have provided pastoral care. With Pastor Sánchez as the current district pastor, many souls will join the family of God in Madison.

Glory be to the Lord Jesus our King and Savior!

Noemi Miranda
Assistant for Hispanic Ministries

Building Our Future: Almost There!

As many of you saw during camp meeting, the medical building is nearing completion!

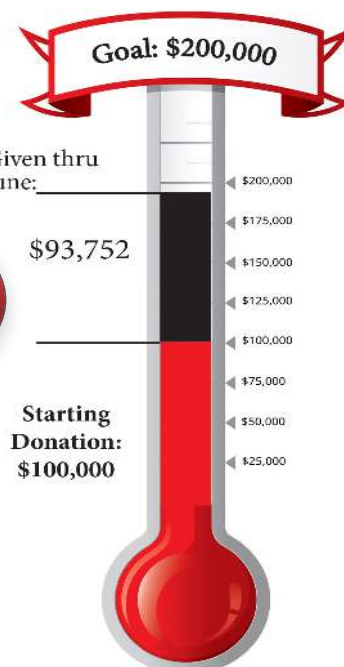
Thank you to the many volunteers that helped during camp meeting with this project and many others!

Through your generous giving we are just over \$6,000 away from reaching our goal for the new Medical Building at Camp Wakonda!

Thank you for your continued faithfulness as we have sought to maintain the beautiful facility God has blessed us with in Camp Wakonda!

Together, with God's blessing, we can Build Our Future!

Thank You!



Mouzon Ordained at Camp Meeting



Sabbath, June 15, 2024, was a high Sabbath during the Wisconsin Conference Camp Meeting as Pastor Carlton Mouzon was ordained to the Gospel ministry. The service was held in Pioneer Pavilion with family, church members and friends of the Mouzon family in attendance.

Guest speaker, Elder Elden Ramirez, Executive Secretary for the Lake Union, spoke about the call that God places on our lives. He shared that His call comes not because we are worthy, but because He loves us.

We are excited to be able to celebrate the call that God has placed on Pastor Mouzon and pray for God’s continued guidance in his life, his family and his ministry.

Laurella Case, Communication Coordinator

Did You Know?

The Lake Union Conference revolving fund allows our members to take their personal finances and deposit them into this investment fund, receiving quarterly interest? Your local church can participate, as well. By depositing into the revolving

Chippewa Valley 15 Hours of Prayer



Members of the Chippewa Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church recently participated in a special prayer event that lasted for 15 hours! Members signed up for 30 minute time slots beginning at 5:00am with specific people and events for which to pray. Individuals could pray either at the church or from their own homes.

Although unsure at the beginning that they could pray for 30 minutes straight, participants were surprised how quickly the time passed and found they needed even more time!

The church has already seen answers to prayer and want to do the prayer event again! Read the full story at:

<https://wi.adventist.org/news-events-2/>

Marcia Harycki
Chippewa Valley Church

fund, your dollars are assisting local schools, churches, and even your local conference with ministry projects necessary to grow God’s mission. For more information visit: <https://www.lakeunion.org/lurf>

A Word From Our Treasurer

The practice of giving is deeply rooted in both the Old and New Testaments. Leviticus 27:30 establishes tithing as a divine mandate and in Matthew 23:23 Jesus emphasizes that giving should be accompanied by justice, mercy and faithfulness. These scriptures emphasize giving to honor God and ensure the sustenance of religious and communal activities.

Tithing is more than a financial obligation; it is a spiritual discipline. It reflects a deep-seated belief in God’s sovereignty and the acknowledgment of His providence. Tithing in the Adventist Church is organized through a structured financial system. Local congregations collect tithes from members and forward them to higher levels of church administration. From there the tithe is dispursed to support the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including evangelistic efforts, educational programs, and humanitarian projects around the world.

The impact of tithing in our church is multifaceted. In addition to suporting global mission, it sustains the church’s operational needs, supports the salaries of pastors and employees, and maintains church facilities.

On a personal level, tithing encourages spiritual growth and discipline. It fosters a sense of responsibility and connection to the larger church community and its mission. Additionally, tithing serves as a tangible expression of faith and gratitude.

The joy of giving is a rich and multifaceted experience that encompasses spiritual fulfillment, community building, and personal transformation. This joy is reflected in the transformed lives of individuals, the vibrant church community, and the positive impact of their collective generosity on the world.



Amir Gulzar
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
	2024 (26 wks)	2023 (26 wks)	% Change
June Tithe Income:	\$715,195	\$723,543	-1 %
YTD Tithe Income:	\$4,249,630	\$3,918,225	8 %
June WI Budget:	\$27,647	\$24,186	14 %
YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$153,275	\$133,061	15 %



WISCONSIN ACADEMY

Fall Heritage Tour

PAN DE VIDA
Travel
www.travel.ppvida.com

UNITED STATES
American & Adventist
Heritage Tour

September 15th - 22th, 2024
8 days (6 nights)

PLACES TO VISIT
Niagara Falls
William Miller Farm
Boston
New York
Philadelphia
Gettysburg
Washington DC

Gettysburg
William Miller Farm

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In His Spirit

In September, Wisconsin Academy Juniors and Seniors will have the awesome opportunity to go on a co-curricular Heritage Tour encompassing four core classes: American History, Literature, Bible, and Government. Prayerful planning has gone into the content areas this trip will cover. The Heritage tour is unique from other history trips because it weaves the story of American history with the story of Adventist history connecting these to the United States in Bible prophecy which makes it our current and future story.

Students will travel from Wisconsin to New York and make their way down to Washington D.C. experiencing places like the William Miller Farm, Plymouth Rock, Boston, Bull Run, and more. Students will engage in hands on learning experiences and even share their musical and leadership talents along the way.

Johnny Suarez, director of Pan De Vida Travel, has been working with Wisconsin Academy teachers to design and plan this unique trip. He is excited for the spiritual theme that will tie all parts of the journey together and shares "In the Bible, Joshua 4:21 says, 'And he said to the people of Israel, 'When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground'. Memorials of God's past goodness are constant reminders of His present and future presence to His faithful followers. We will be looking for those stones of remembrance."

Keep the students and the trip in your prayers as they have this opportunity to ground their identity in our amazing God. For more information about the Heritage trip or future study trips and how you can be involved go to <https://wisacad.org/home/future-study-trips/>

Danielle Lawrence, English Teacher, Wisconsin Academy



WA Welcomes New Principal and Staff!



Timms began his career at Dakota Adventist Academy before returning to Ozark Adventist Academy. He has won the Southwestern Union Teaching in Excellence award (2021) for his work at Ozark as well as the Spark Tank competition during the National Teacher's Convention (2023) for his evangelism program at Ozark. He and his wife, Courtney, have 3 children. Timms intends to make Wisconsin Academy a premier destination for students, staff, and their families as they continue their journey with Jesus. He is also spearheading a community service project at our Adventist churches here in Wisconsin and would love to connect with each congregation! Contact him at (920)623-3300 for more information.



We are excited to have Sherrie and Eddie Lofton as new staff additions at Wisconsin Academy. Sherrie will be working in the cafeteria and Eddie will be working with our maintenance crew. We are blessed to have them share their talents with us.

WA welcomes new principal Derek Timms. He is a graduate of Ozark Adventist Academy, received a certificate of completion from the European Bible School of Health and Agriculture in Skotselv, Norway. He received a Mathematics Education BS, Religious Education BS, and Pre-Law Minor from Union College and a Religious Education MA from Andrews University.

Have You Heard About the WA Endowment Fund?



By now many of you may already know about the collaborative effort between the Wisconsin Conference and Wisconsin Academy to establish an endowment fund for the school. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we were able to start this fund with \$1.7 million! Our goal is to reach \$5 million, and your assistance is crucial in achieving this target.

Through your participation in this initiative by setting up a monthly donation, or what we refer to as a "subscription", we can easily attain this goal. Akin to a subscription to a streaming service or magazine, this initiative allows individuals to contribute the amount they feel comfortable in giving. There is no wrong amount to give and when everyone pitches in with their donations, even small amounts can make a substantial impact. This endowment fund is important for a few reasons: it will support innovative educational programs, improve facilities, and will act as a safety net during uncertain economic times, ensuring the school's long-term viability and success. This endowment fund will have a lasting impact on our school, benefiting not only in the present but also for years to come. To establish your monthly contribution, you can scan the QR code provided or visit our website at www.wisacad.org. When setting up your monthly donation, kindly include a note specifying that it is for the Wisconsin Academy Endowment Fund. Subscribers will receive a complimentary shirt as a token of appreciation. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Zach Darnall at (920) 626-4018 or LeAnne Baptist at (920)626-4022.



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Return Service Requested

Calendar of Events

August

- 5-11 International Pathfinder
Camporee - Wyoming
- 20 Executive Committee Zoom

September

- 2 Office Closed
- 3 Board of Education
- 6-8 Adventurer Family Camp -
Wakonda
- 11-13 Outdoor Ed - Wakonda
- 16-17 Pastor's Meetings
- 20-22 Hispanic Marriage Retreat
- 27-29 Public Campus Ministries
Retreat - Wakonda

October

- 5 Northern District Sabbath
- 16-18 LIFT for Teens - Wakonda
- 18-20 Pathfinder Leadership -
Wakonda
- 18-20 Lay Pastor Training
- 25-27 JAHWI Retreat - Wakonda

November

- 7 Pastor's Meetings
- 12 Board of Education
- 13 Executive Committee
- 27-28 Office Closed - Thanksgiving



- **Elizabeth Channell** is now teaching grades 5-6 at Milwaukee SDA School, North Campus
- **Jayne Dennis** is moving to California to teach at Sacramento Adventist Academy
- **Vanessa Sloan** will now be Teaching Principal for grades 5-8 at Three Angels Christian School
- **Ken Smith** has retired as principal for Wisconsin Academy
- **Christina Steffen** is leaving Milwaukee SDA School, North campus to be a stay at home mom
- **Victor Villareal** is leaving Green Bay AJA to pursue other opportunities
- **Chad Zalabak** is leaving Three Angels Christian School to pursue other opportunities

Items to Note

- The Rice Lake Church regrets to announce they have had to cancel their Health Immersion program scheduled for October.

Women's Fall Retreat



Date: October 4-6, 2024

Guest Speaker: Janet Salazar

Theme: Growing Mustard Seed

Location: Wintergreen Hotel and
Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

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available!** Scan QR code or visit:

<https://wi.adventist.org/womens-ministries/>



Rates, registration information and weekend schedule also available online. We look forward to sharing this special time together!

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