



Lamp Letter

News for our Wisconsin church family

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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THE GRACE OF GRATITUDE is one of the hallmarks of the true Christian. "Religion is full of gratitude." (4T 223) Ingratitude is a mark of paganism. (Romans 1:21)

CALVIN COOLIDGE in a Thanksgiving Proclamation said:

"We have been a most favored people. We ought to be a most grateful people. We have been a most blessed people. We ought to be a most thankful people."

LOOKING BACK we think of God's blessings bestowed on the Wisconsin Conference on the year recently ended and the words of holy Scripture come quickly to mind, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." --Psalm 103

AS WE MOVE INTO THIS NEW YEAR we are all saddened by the reality of war. I am reminded of Martin Rinkhart, a godly Lutheran pastor, who lived through the religious Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) in the town of Eilenberg. Since Eilenberg was a walled town, it attracted refugees from far and near, and it soon became terribly over-crowded and unsanitary. The people suffered from famine and disease. When a devastating epidemic hit in 1637 town officials and ministers either died or ran away leaving Rinkhart alone to care for the dead. He read the burial service for up to 40 persons a day--in all about 4,480. At last the burials were in trenches without services. The 8,000 persons who died included his own dear wife.

Amidst all of this responsibility and tension Rinkhart wrote 66 hymns, one of which has found its way into our church hymnal. In view of all the problems and sorrows which he encountered, this hymn of praise is indeed a remarkable statement of faith:

"Now thank we all our God; With heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done; In whom His world rejoices."

IN THE WAR-TORN, SINFUL, ACHING WORLD OF OUR DAY, we too can praise the Lord and give thanks, for He is good, and ours is the "Blessed Hope." In the spirit of gratitude, we say,

THANK YOU, dear Wisconsin Conference family members, for --

- ^ Your prayers
- ^ Your help in winning 175 new members in 1990
- ^ Your returning of the tithe which totaled \$3,342,027.53
- ^ Your support of your local church and school
- ^ Your contributions to the Wisconsin Conference Budget offering which totaled \$142,282.63 in 1990
- ^ Your special love offerings at Thanksgiving and Christmas and through mid-January for the Wisconsin Academy debt which totaled approximately \$120,000.00 (Our goal by March 31 is \$335,531)
- ^ Your desire to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour -- something that cannot be measured.

God bless you.

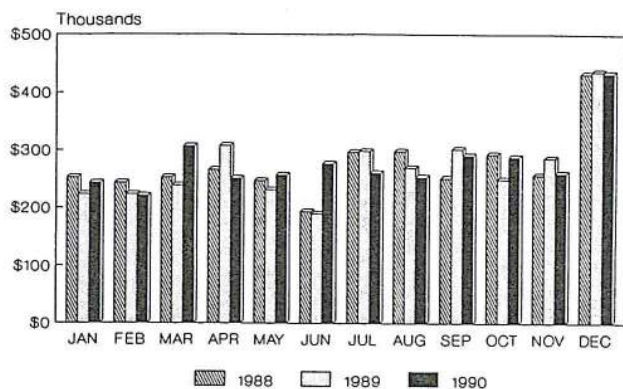
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1990 Year-end Stewardship Report

Our Wisconsin family has accepted the challenge of providing adequate funds for **Christian education** and **evangelistic outreach**. During the past year, sacrifices have been made and the Lord has blessed the efforts of His people.

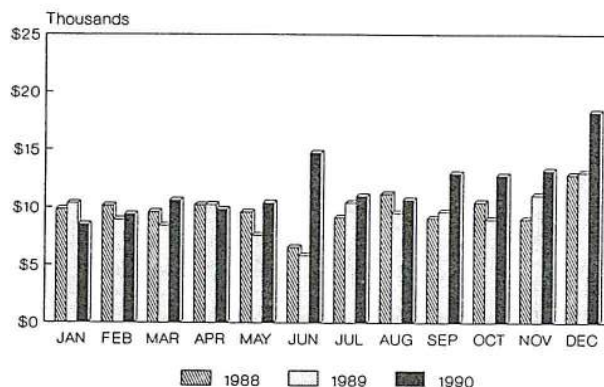
As the President reported, both tithe and Wisconsin Budget offerings showed an increase over 1989 and the 1990 budget. Tithes increased by 2.68% and Wisconsin budget offerings increased by 25%.

MONTHLY TITHE COMPARISON 1988-1989-1990



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WISCONSIN BUDGET OFFERING MONTHLY COMPARISON



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Included with the Lampletter this month is a Wisconsin Budget offering report as of **January 31, 1991**. You will note that many churches are on target and some have already met and surpassed their goal!

As we continue to follow the biblical instruction given to us regarding **total stewardship in the commitment of our time, talents and treasure**, we have God's promise that He will "pour out ... such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10, NKJ

"In the future, our work is to be carried forward in self-denial and self-sacrifice even beyond that which we have seen in past years. God desires us to commit our souls to Him, that He may work through us in manifold ways. I feel intensely over these matters. Brethren, let us walk in meekness and lowliness of mind, and put before our associates an example of self-sacrifice. If we do our part in faith, God will open ways before us now undreamed of." Ellen G. White, MS 12, 1913.

J. Richard Terrell, Stewardship Director

HAPPENING AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Lakeland... Betty Ann Peters is conducting a New Start Seminar at the Lakeland Church. A number of the participants have requested a seminar on basic Bible study skills as soon as the New Start Seminars are completed, according to **Pastor Jess Nephew**.

Bethel... A Dimensions of Prophecy Seminar began February 4 with approximately 50 in attendance, including 5 non-Adventist guests reports **Pastor Wendell Springer**. Meetings will continue 3 nights per week through April 1.

Green Bay... During 1990 Green Bay members raised \$60,000 towards the \$100,000 needed to establish a down link station and bring **Three Angels Broadcasting (3ABN)** network to the 90,000 people in Green Bay. Early in February, 1991, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Kellogg of Atlanta, GA heard of the need for additional funds and felt impressed to donate towards the Green Bay project. Danny Shelton of 3ABN immediately called **Pastor Marvin Clark** with the good news! Pastor Clark says it is expected that the 24-hour Adventist TV signal from 3ABN will extend out from Green Bay to a 30-mile radius to reach 1000's with the gospel. Look for more news regarding the Green Bay project soon.

NEWS NOTES

Adventists in the Military... Please share with us the names of family members and friends in the military. We would like to include them in our prayers and mailing lists as part of the Conference National Service Organization. Send names and addresses to the attention of Elder Dale Ziegele.

A Conscience Project... designed to assist youth with relationship to the government and possible military service will be featured at **Wisconsin Academy, March 15 - 16**. High school seniors and recent graduates are welcome to attend. There is no charge for the seminar and only a minimal charge for meals and lodging. Contact Youth Ministries for further information.

Network '91 Young Adult Convention at Donaldson, IN, March 1 - 3, will provide an explosion of excitement. The life experience of James Richards will thrill you. Fifteen vital seminars will make this occasion of fellowship and inspiration a memory forever. Convention fee - \$30 single, \$50 couple. Food & Lodging - \$80 single, \$135 couple.

Marriage Commitment Retreat with Chuck and Millie Case and Dale and Judy Ziegele is planned for the Royale Inn, Stevens Point for April 19 - 20. Applications are available from your local Family Life Coordinator or the Family Ministries office in Madison.

Elder and Mrs. Herb Wrate will be presenting a **parenting series** for WI Academy Church families, March 1 - 2.

Why not rent a video to share in your small group on building relationships to strengthen your home and parenting skills? Many excellent materials are available from the Health-Family library.

There are still a few week-ends open at Wahdoon for your church family or group. Simply ask for **Wahdoon or Go-Seek Reservations**, Box 7310, Madison, 53707, (608) 241-5235.

Church Ministries Convention, Sept. 6 - 8, will feature Elder Leon Cornforth. Plan now to equip yourself for more effective leadership for Christ.

Sabbath School Teachers are needed for the **Children's Divisions for Camp Meeting '91**. Please contact the Church Ministries Department for information.

Tapes for the Eau Claire Leadership Seminar held in October, 1990 by Elder Leon Cornforth are available as follows: 3 tapes on *Super Natural Soulwinning* and 1 tape on *Working with Mormons*. Send check payable to Wisconsin Conference, \$2 per tape to attention of Elder Ron Gladden.

Inquires regarding Camp Meeting '91 Housing Reservations should be directed to Alice Priser at the Conference Office.

Those who have made a partial deposit for Camp Meeting '91 must pay the balance by May 1. Send your check, payable to Wisconsin Conference, to the attention of Alice Priser.

All 1992 housing reservations are to be paid in full at the time the reservation is made during Camp Meeting '91. (This is a necessary change to curtail bookkeeping time and expense.) **Thank you for making plans now** to have your full rental fee in hand by Camp Meeting '91.

Camp Meeting '91 Speakers include:

David Smith, *It Is Written*
Pastor Hyveth Williams, Boston, "New Relationships"
Elder Calvin & Virginia Smith, GC, "Sabbath School Action Units & Children's Ministries"
Elder A. C. McClure, NAD President
Elder Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church, MI
Dr. William Shea, GC, Biblical Research Institute
Elder Harold Lee, NAD, Stewardship Coordinator
Elder Roger Coon, GC, Ellen G. White Publications

IN TRANSITION

THOSE WE WILL MISS . . .

Pastor George & Leah Shaver (Portage District) moving to Idaho Conference.

Pastor Miled & Patricia Modad (Milwaukee Spanish District) moving to Arizona Conference.

Pastor Corbin & Sally Pitman (Racine District) accepting a call to mission service in Korea.

THOSE WE WELCOME . . .

Pastor Norman & Evie Yoder, interning in the Appleton District.

Pastor Orlando & Raquel Vazquez to pastor the Milwaukee Spanish District.



At last the Adventist Book Center has an 800 order number.

After waiting over a year for the national ABC order number we have installed an 800 number locally for our store. The number is 1-800-236-1223.

This number is for ABC ordering only. The Wisconsin Conference Office cannot be reached by dialing this number nor will the secretary take messages for Conference office personnel at this number. The telephone number for the Wisconsin Conference Office is (608) 241-5235 and the ABC number for business other than orders is (608) 241-2145.

The range of the 800 number is: the state of WI; the eastern portion of MN; northern IL; and the upper peninsula of MI.

It is our desire to be of greater service to each of you in the year 1991.

The Bookmobile will be out during the months of February and April. In the ABC insert you will find the dates and times for each stop this Spring. Keep this handy for reference and **do plan to come to the Bookmobile when we are in your area.** With the increased cost of fuel, it is important for us to keep our sales up in order to continue this service to the members.

Did you receive the coupon catalog from Pacific Press? Be sure to look up the bargains listed there. We are receiving additional help from the presses with advertising in these catalogs which allows us to expand our advertising dollars. Make good use of these coupons.

Plan now for a used book sale at camp meeting. Any books you may wish to bring for the used book table will be purchased for a few cents each and sold for a few cents each. Any books left over will go to the Elmers for the mission field unless otherwise specified.

Esther Nelson

ABC Manager

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Coming Events

Feb	03	ABC Open
	08	WI Young Adults Retreat
	18	Conf Office Closed
	21	Conf Exec Comm
	27	WA Home Leave Begins
Mar	01	LUC Network '91 - IN
	03	ABC Open
	14	K-12 Board - WA
	14	Music Festival - WA
	15	Conscience Project - WA
	22	LUC Young Adults - IN
	26	Conf Exec Comm & K-12 Bd
	27	WA Home Leave Begins

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL - Specially called Constituency Meeting on April 14, Madison Church, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

1991 Wisconsin Women's Retreat

A new location has been selected for the 3rd annual Wisconsin Women's Retreat, according to co-director, Aileen Patton. Stevens Point (in the center of the State) will be the site for the meeting to be held **November 1-3, 1991.** Respected educator, **Dr. Ruth Murdoch,** will be the keynote speaker.

Applications & information regarding the breakaway sessions will be available by Camp Meeting. Begin now to make your plans, with the Lord's help, to be there!



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