

## Helping Communities and Exploring Unique Places

One of the things that sets Adventist schools apart is being active in the community and following in Jesus' footsteps by helping the less fortunate. It is important to get our young people out making a difference in the community. Students at Green Bay Adventist Junior Academy are doing just that! For our Bible lab this month, students in grades 3-6 volunteered at a local food pantry.

Upon arriving, we were given a tour of the facility and learned a bit about Leo Frigo, the man who founded the pantry. Paul's Pantry runs on donations from grocery stores. Volunteers sort and repackage the donated food so it can be given to hungry families. Our job was to repackage cereal boxes so that they could be distributed to families, and then to recycle the boxes.

The kids got right to work and soon an assembly line developed. Some students opened the cereal boxes, while others took out the cereal bag, and handed the boxes to other students who flattened them and took them to the recycling bin. Pastor Titus Naftanaila, who was kind enough to help drive and chaperone, commented on how well the students worked together and got along. In no time, all the cereal was sorted! The lady in charge mentioned how quickly we got it done and how neatly the cereal was stacked. The kids loved this experience and asked if they could come back every week! Students experienced first-hand the pleasure that comes from



**Top: Green Bay students grades 3-6 at Paul's Pantry. Right: Hillside Christian School students visit a unique geographical spot in Wisconsin.**



helping others. One thankful parent commented online, "I'm so glad my kids are at AJA; this is one of the reasons why."

Students of Hillside Christian School have been studying geography, discussing hemispheres and the latitude and longitude lines on the globe. As our class discussions developed, it reminded me that Wausau is near 45°N - 90°W, which is halfway between the geographical poles (90° latitude), the equator (0° latitude), the prime meridian (0° longitude), and the 180th meridian (180° longitude). There are only four such places in the entire world! Two of those places are in the ocean, one is in the mountains of China, so the point in

Marathon County is the most accessible to us. Because this spot is in Wisconsin, of course it is in a cornfield! After visiting the spot, we signed the 45-90 book – making us official members of the 45-90 Club, and each received a commemorative keepsake coin. Our trip helped the students connect what we are studying in our textbook with a real-life experience!

Teachers Adele English of Green Bay Adventist Junior Academy, with Charlyn Marsh of Hillside Christian School



## From the President's Desk

# A Life-Changing Endeavor

**T**he study of Scriptures should be a life-changing endeavor. While a study of Scripture to gain knowledge alone has its benefit, the intent of Scripture is to lead a person to experience Christ and to reflect His character in the daily life.

Too many use their knowledge of Scripture to proclaim their righteousness, and to condemn those who do not conform to their own definition of purity and perfection. It is revealing that while Jesus had a vast knowledge of Scripture, and Himself was perfect, He did not tout Himself to make others appear lacking or inferior.

The true student of the Word will first allow the teachings of Scripture to work on their own hearts, leading them to a dependency upon Jesus, and a humility of character that will shine like a light in the darkness. Ellen White tells us that "To learn of Christ means to receive His grace, which is His character." COL 271

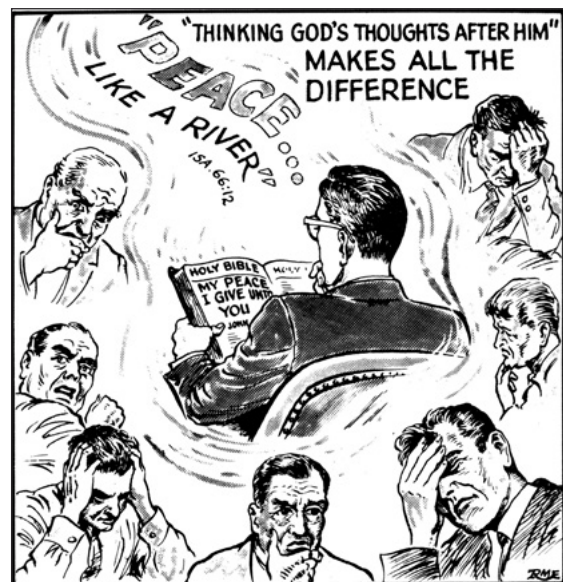
If we will daily spend time in the Word of God, our Savior will mold our characters, as a potter molds the clay. It is the one who considers himself already righteous that resists the refining that Christ seeks to provide.

"The less we see to esteem in ourselves, the more we shall see to esteem in the infinite purity and loveliness of our Savior... The more our sense of need drives us to Him and to the word of God, the more exalted views we shall have of His character, and the more fully we shall reflect His image." SC 65

May we open God's Word with humble hearts today, seeking His presence to lead, guide, refine, and use us for His glory.

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## The President's Sabbath Schedule

### November

- 2 Year-end Meetings
- 9 Tomahawk
- 16 Wisconsin Rapids
- 30 Vacation

### December

- 7 Madison Community
- 14 Rice Lake
- 28 Vacation

### January

- 11 LUC President Meeting
- 18 LUC President Meeting
- 25 Men's Conference

### February

- 1 Office Retreat
- 22 Oxford

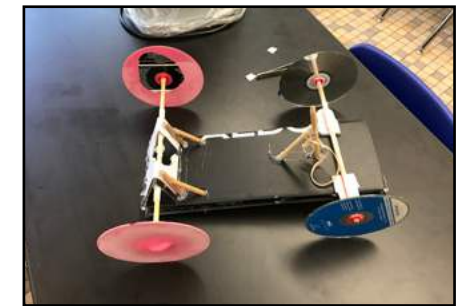
To request speaking appointments contact Mike Edge at: [mgedge@wi.adventist.org](mailto:mgedge@wi.adventist.org).



**N**ikki Facundo teaches sixteen 3rd & 4th grade students at the Milwaukee South Campus. She has a love for music and would like to teach her students how to play the ukulele for music class. Her goal is to raise at least \$1,000 for the project. If you can help in some way, contact the Education Department at the Wisconsin Conference Office, 920-484-6555. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



**B**ulletin board created by Three Angels Christian School teachers in Madison.



**T**eacher Alberto Torres had his Milwaukee North Campus 7th -10th grade science students design and build rubber band cars from CD's, straws, tacks, & shoeboxes. They enjoyed discovering the practicality and usefulness of understanding speed, velocity, and momentum in the process.



**W**hen a student at Green Bay AJA has a birthday, teachers purchase a book for the school library with the student's interests in mind and write the child's name in it.



**P**etersen Elementary School held a community craft fair. The gymnasium was full of various vendors while outside there were games and a hayride.



**T**hree Angels School values volunteers! Two Madison East church members volunteer every Wednesday to teach Scratch, a block based visual programming language.



**T**eacher Gene Kittredge of Milwaukee South Campus provides his students with live animal experiences. This year they are taking care of a praying mantis.



**S**tudents sing several memory verses songs every day in Prima Glass's kindergarten class at Milwaukee North. The goal is to know them all well by the end of the school year.



**V**icki Martin with her Waukesha students are enjoying the new Encounter Bible Curriculum. They created thank you boxes to share with volunteers at church and school.

## Meulemans New Petersen Teacher



**T**iffany Meulemans, who has been teacher's aid at Petersen Elementary School for the past two years, is now the upper grades teacher. Born and raised in Berrien Springs, MI, Tiffany began her college experience studying Elementary Education at Andrews University. After spending a year as task force at Highland View Academy, she returned to Andrews and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) and a Master's degree from the University of Houston in Social Work (MSW). She has worked in hospice, mental health, and group therapy. While doing social work in a public middle school, her passion for education was renewed.

"I am so excited about this opportunity," said Tiffany. "The pull to teaching that I first felt in my last social work position has remained very strong. I guessed that eventually having a classroom was in God's plans for me someday down the road. He does love surprises! I was joyfully amazed to hear that I would have the honor of serving the Petersen families in teaching the upper grades this fall. I've been blessed to work with several skilled teachers these last two years, and have learned invaluable lessons watching these educators."

Tiffany and her husband, Ken, have a daughter, Felicity, who is a second grader. They enjoy living in the country with two cats, two black labs, and nine chickens. In her free time, Tiffany enjoys baking, reading, crocheting, and sewing, working with Pathfinders, and Sabbath School. As a family they love road trips, and watching the sunsets across the corn fields around their home.

Juanita Edge  
Communication Director

## Jeff Veldman New Lay Pastor in Oxford



**J**eff Veldman has agreed to serve as Lay Pastor for the Oxford Adventist Church. Pastor Jeff, commissioned in 2018 as a Lay Pastor, graduated from the Wisconsin Conference Lay Pastor Training Program, and is currently working on a degree in Associate Bible Instruction from Hartland College.

Born and raised in Appleton, Jeff graduated from Wisconsin Academy in 1987, moved to Oxford, and has been a member of the Oxford church ever since. "My great, great grandmother was a founding member of the Oxford church, joining in the late 1800's," said Jeff. "Because of that stand she took so many years ago I am very fortunate to have been born into the Adventist faith. But just because you are born into the faith does not mean that you appreciate it. I wandered away from the Lord for a decade or more. I felt something was missing in my life and realized I needed Jesus in my heart as my personal Saviour. I was re-baptized in 1999 and fully committed my life to Him. I want to tell all the parents and grandparents out there to never give up, and never stop praying for your children and grandchildren. I had a family that was praying for me and a mother that would not let me go."

Jeff currently works for Integrity Feeds, driving delivery truck. Prior to this he worked as a dairy herdsman for thirty years. He is married to Carrie, an RN and Massage Therapist. Jeff enjoys woodworking, Bible study, and outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, and kayaking. He also likes visiting National Parks, and has traveled in 48 states, the Bahamas, and Canada.

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## Eric Anderson New Lay Pastor in Wautoma



**E**ric Anderson has agreed to serve as lay pastor of the Wautoma Seventh-day Adventist Church Company. Pastor Eric was instrumental in initiating the Wautoma church plant which began in April of 2016, and has served as their head elder since that time. "I was raised in an Adventist home," said Eric. "There's never been a time when I left the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but I have had my ups and downs with worldly things at times. Still, the Lord just keeps pulling me in a little closer and I keep growing a little stronger as time goes by."

At camp meeting several years back, Eric wandered into a mid-week church planting seminar by Pastor Lisa Isensee. "This is amazing!" thought Eric. "Why doesn't everyone do this!" From then on Eric learned everything he could about evangelism and church planting. He contacted families in the Wautoma area about the idea of a church plant in Wautoma, and most everyone said, "Let's do it." Today they have about 25 English speaking and 25 Spanish speaking members in Wautoma.

Eric is Assistant Manager for the produce department at Pick 'N Save. He, his wife Carrie, and their two young children, William and Ember, live in a 150 year old homestead house his family has owned ever since the family came here from Norway.

Eric and Carrie enjoy taking the children to the park, camping, and love going to camp meeting. When alone, Eric enjoys reading and doing some writing.

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## Johnson New Pastor/Chaplain in Durand



**P**astor Neal (Skip) Johnson is the new pastor for the Durand Seventh-day Adventist Church and chaplain for the local Adventist hospital, AdventHealth Durand. Pastor Skip Johnson was born at St. Helena Sanitarium in Deer Park, California, on May 3, 1957. His home town is Centralia, Washington. He attended Auburn Adventist Academy where he first met Judi Ammon, the girl who would one day become his wife. They were married at the Calistoga SDA church in Calistoga, California, in 1980. They have two adult sons, Mathew and Nathan. Pastor Skip encountered God at age 17 during a student led afterglow service at Monterey Bay Academy where he had been invited to play his guitar. He joined a ministry group that traveled and preached his first sermon the next Sabbath.

His passion in ministry is training members and students in four essential skills:

1. How to lead someone to Jesus
2. How to prepare someone for baptism
3. How to share an evangelistic sermon
4. How to effectively reach groups people

Pastor Skip's background includes serving a total of 30 congregations in six conferences across America, serving as Chaplain/Bible Teacher on three campuses, five years as a self-supporting missionary to the 12 tribes of the Colville reservation in Washington state, and most recently as a teacher at Maxwell Adventist Academy in Kenya, Africa. Pastor Skip has hand-copied the Bible cover to cover, memorized several books from Scripture, teaches guitar, and enjoys song and hymn writing.

Juanita Edge  
Communication Director

## Moreno New Assoc. Green Bay Pastor



**K**evin Moreno has accepted to serve the Green Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church as Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults. He grew up in central California, and completed his B.A. in Theology from Andrews University. Kevin then pastored in the Rhinelander District before returning to Andrews to complete his Masters of Divinity degree. He will be finishing in December, 2019.

He is excited about his upcoming ministry in Green Bay. He has a passion for young people and families and it has shown through the ways God has led him while working at Flag Camp, working with transitional foster care, participating in camp meeting, and interacting with young people in the church.

Kevin is married to Amy Moreno and they have three children, Liezel (4), Viviana (2), and Tobiaz (6 months). You will hear him speaking to his children only in Spanish as he wants them to learn the language, his first language. He collects rocks and enjoys playing any sport (especially soccer).

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**W**e have our financial reports in through the month of September and I am happy to report our tithe for the month is up 1.91% over last September. This brings our tithe loss down to just -0.41% year to date. We had been at over a 2% deficit prior to this. Our Wisconsin Budget also had a good result in September coming in at 11.57%, better than last September. Wisconsin budget is still showing a loss of -3.91% year to date, however, this is also an improvement, having experienced a -7.65% loss year-to-date just two months ago. Thank you for your continued support in the area of tithes and offerings.

Enrollment at Wisconsin Academy for this school currently stands at 86 students. There are 19 students with additional assistance needed of various amounts, totalling in additional assistance needed right at \$46,000.00. There are several ways to help these students. You or your church may contact our WA business manager, Darlie Gagatam at 920-623-3300. Another way to help is to support the monthly Wisconsin Budget offering taken up every 4th Sabbath of the month. A portion of that offering goes to the student assistance program.

Our conference evangelist, Elder Tom Michalski, just completed his second evangelistic campaign this year, with several guests preparing for baptism, and just began a new series at Milwaukee Central church. Please keep these efforts in your prayers that the results will be a bountiful harvest of souls.

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## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	2019	2018	% Change
September Tithe Income:	\$571,200	\$560,500	1.91%
YTD Tithe Income:	\$5,037,130 <small>(39 wks)</small>	\$5,057,899 <small>(39 wks)</small>	-0.41%
September Wisc. Budget:	\$25,621	\$22,964	11.57%
YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$200,254 <small>(39 wks)</small>	\$207,261 <small>(39 wks)</small>	-3.38%



from the principal's desk:

## Training for Mission

Greetings from Wisconsin Academy where our primary reason for existence is to train leaders to be missionaries wherever God may lead them. Jesus commanded, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ."

We continue to pray specifically that God sends us the students that He knows need to be here. He has blessed us with eighty-six precious students this school year.

Part of our mission in our community this fall, which involved our students, faculty, community members, and people across the state, was to have a "fun run/walk" to raise money for the Lake Union's adopted island, Kosrae. Thank you to the many of you who have supported and/or participated in our fundraiser. At this point we have raised over \$5,000 which will be matched and become over \$10,000 towards the building of their gym.

Our student leaders who attended the Lake Union Leadership Conference were encouraged to commit to one year of mission service before reaching the age of twenty-five. Many of our students stood in answer to the call of the Holy Spirit.

We are blessed each morning as our students lead out in chapel, bringing a spiritual message to their peers as well as staff members. It is also exciting to see them grow as they lead out in small groups during Sabbath School.

Our first Week of Prayer this school year was a study in Bible prophecy. Pastor Jonathan Fetrick presented these thought-provoking messages. At our Weekend of Spiritual Emphasis, Pastor Frank Bacchus encouraged us to have a walk with God as did Enoch in the Bible.

We hope and pray that experiences such as these which we share with the students will plant seeds of surrender and commitment to a life of missionary service in the cause of God.

Please join us in praying that our students have the desire to follow Jesus words, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20.

Rosalie Rasmussen, principal  
Wisconsin Academy

## Juniors Build Sanctuary Models



Juniors in Bible III are putting the finishing touches on their sanctuary models. For several weeks, we have been exploring the plan of salvation revealed in the sanctuary. The final project includes building a model of the sanctuary, including the furniture. Each group is responsible for finding their own materials. While some groups are carving pieces from wood, others are using modeling clay, candy, Styrofoam, pencils, wire, or cardboard to complete the project. The finished models will be on display in the church lobby beginning October 22. "God's people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where the final ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward,—where He is interceding for His people" Evangelism 223. "Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary" Psalm 77:13.

## APPLY TODAY!

1. Complete our online application [www.wisacad.org](http://www.wisacad.org)
2. Talk to our principal, Rosalie Rasmussen (920) 623-3300
3. Discuss finances with our business manager, Darlie Gagatam (920) 623-3300 ext. 302

## "Run for Kosrae" Supports Mission



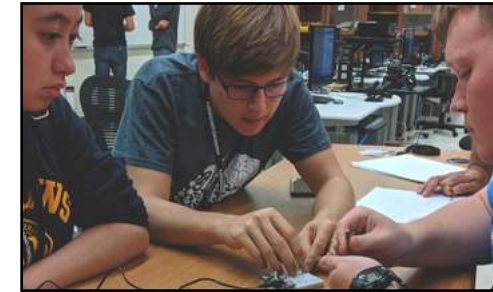
Nearly 150 students, church members, and friends from the community participated in the Wisconsin Academy's "Run for Kosrae" 5k Fun Run on Sunday, September 15, raising \$4,890.00 to help a school and church on the Micronesian island of Kosrae. The Lake Union Conference and its schools have "adopted" the island of Kosrae this year, pledging to keep it "prayed for and cared for." Together, the goal is to raise \$75,000 to help with much needed repairs and rebuilding for Kosrae's church and school. By the grace of God, funds raised during this fun run have put Wisconsin Academy well on the way to reaching our goal of \$20,000 this year. For more information, or to donate, contact us at (920) 623-3300.

## Students Lead Sabbath Schools



If you come to Sabbath School with us some Sabbath morning, you are likely to see half a dozen or more students leading Sabbath school study groups in the church sanctuary. As they lead the discussions, it is clear that they have studied their topic well and are able to both ask questions, listen, and discuss the answers with their fellow students. These student Sabbath School teachers are not only upperclassmen. Often freshmen and sophomores are sharing the Bible messages with their peers. This quarter we are studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah using the adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide. Leading Sabbath School is yet another way Wisconsin Academy is preparing students for a life in God's service.

## Students Attend SciFEST at AU



In September, five students attended Andrews University's seventh annual SciFEST, a STEM weekend offering high school students a unique college experience on the university's main campus in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Students explored the seven STEM departments at Andrews University: Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Physics. Students also participate in hands-on laboratory projects organized by each of these departments. The weekend culminated with a Quiz Bowl game show, where students had opportunity to demonstrate their STEM knowledge. (STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

## First Quarter in Pictures



Students donate blood during our fall drive. Students and other donors gave a total of 36 units, exceeding our goal and potentially saving 108 lives.



A junior speaks about never giving up and relying on God's strength during a morning worship. Different students share worship each morning before classes begin.



We gather for Hallowed Moments after a Sabbath afternoon hike at Horicon marsh. During good weather, we like to spend Sabbath afternoons outdoors.



Pastor Fetrick speaks on Bible prophecy during the first of four weeks of prayer this year. In addition, four weekends of spiritual emphasis keep us focused on the Word of God.

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## Calendar of Events

### November

- 1-3 Lay Pastor Cohort
- 10 Hispanic SAL
- 8-9 WA Senior Dedication
- 10-13 LUC Department Meetings
- 11-15 WA Week of Prayer
- 17 Hispanic Womens Banquet
- 20 Executive Committee
- 27-28 Office Closed - Thanksgiving

### December

- 3-4 Pastor's Meetings
- 7 JAWHI Youth
- 21 WA Christmas Concert
- 23/1-1 Office Closed - Holidays

### January

- 17-19 JAWHI Leaders Retreat
- 17-19 WI Winter Youth Retreat
- 19 Education Fair
- 20 Office Closed - MLK Jr. Day
- 24-26 Men of Faith Conference
- 31-2/2 Conference Office Retreat

### February

- 1 Area PBE
- 3-8 WA Week of Prayer
- 5-6 Pastors Meetings
- 7-9 Public Campus Ministries Retr.
- 11 Board of Education
- 14-16 Pathfinder Winter Retreat
- 17 Office Closed - President's Day
- 24 Science Expo - WA

## Volunteer Your Help at WI Health Clinics

If you are interested in being notified when and where Free Adventist Community Health Clinics are being held in Wisconsin, please register on the conference Health Ministries web page, and join our volunteer list. Registering means you will be notified of upcoming free clinics in Wisconsin for which you may wish to volunteer.

## Financial Update Continued from p. 5

The evangelism committee recently met planning future series through 2021. It is our prayer we can continue to support funding for this position so that we can fulfil those series as planned. Through September we have received offerings of just over \$35,000 for this cause. Our goal is that we can raise \$60,000 in each of the next three years to be able to keep a full time evangelist on board. You may support this effort by marking your tithe envelope for Wisconsin Conference Evangelism.



Brian Stephan  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

## Camp Needs Trucks



If you have a road-worthy pickup truck that you are looking to part with, please contact Camp Director Pastor Eric Chavez at [echavez@wi.adventist.org](mailto:echavez@wi.adventist.org). Camp Wakonda is in real need of several vehicle updates.

## Wisconsin Men of Faith Retreat 2020

Fellowship & worship together with other Adventist men at Camp Wakonda January 24-26, 2020. The retreat theme is 20/20 Faith. Guest speaker is Jay Gallimore, retired president of the Michigan Conference. Register soon @ Wisconsin Conference website Men's Ministries page.

