

## Meals For Missionaries

Following an evening meeting during camp meeting, Pastor Carlos Ancheta sat down next to me and my husband, Mitch. He asked if the Fond du Lac Seventh-day Adventist Church would be able to provide a lunch for 200+ missionaries and families at the Mission Aviation Support Association (MASA) tent during the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) event on Sunday, July 28, 2024, in Oshkosh, WI. MASA supports mission aviation organizations attending the EAA AirVenture every year.

I told him that shouldn't be a problem, as we had previously served lunch to the Fond du Lac Police and Fire Departments. We would just need to bring it up at the Church Business meeting when we returned home after camp meeting.

One of the obstacles that we had to consider was that we were already committed to the Fond du Lac County Fair. Each year our church has a booth in which we provide literature and balloon art for the kids. The Fair would end just one week prior to the MASA event.

Another need would be to find a supplier that could provide the produce needed, because Pastor Ancheta asked if we could do a Baked Potato Bar. We also wanted to provide a tossed salad. This would be our first time doing this event and we did not know what to expect. We wondered how it was going to work out but felt that, just as when Jesus fed the 5,000 and the 4,000, all would go well.

We found just the right supplier in



Members who served at the MASA tent on Sunday, July 28 2024:  
(L to R) Matthew Williams, Estie Muranyi, Linda Schmitz, Mitch Mally, Vickie Mally

Milwaukee: V. Marchese helped with all the items we needed and then some! We ended up over ordering most items and had left over produce that we donated after the event. Many of the missionaries we served compliment us for our first time serving and about the Baked Potato Bar.

Church members that helped serve included Mitchell Mally, Vickie Mally, Estie Muranyi, Linda Schmitz, and Matthew Williams. Linda Schmitz shared, quoting from Mark 10:45 which says, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.' Jesus is our example. We are to do as He has done. Jesus shows us that true living is caring for others. Serving others changes hearts, you forget self and when you see the smiles on faces being served, it is a blessing."

Next year, we will have a better idea what we need and how much preparation time will be required. We also will have more time to prepare. The items from V. Marchese were already pre-cut and ready to go, so we only had to bake the potatoes and wash some of the salad items. Other needed items we learned we can buy in other places in larger quantities. God was with us through this year, and no one went away hungry. As I said earlier, He helped us just like when He fed the multitude!

I do not know who it was that requested that the Fond du Lac Church serve in this way, but I found a blessing in serving the missionaries their last meal before they packed up to leave for home.

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## From the President's Desk

# The Lord Was With Joseph

**T**he story of Joseph is well known. It depicts how God guided his life to become a blessing for his family and the entire civilization in the Middle East. I would like to highlight some leadership principles from this remarkable story.

First and foremost, God meticulously prepared Joseph for a leadership role many years before he was given this responsibility. He had to learn the valuable lessons of obedience, humility, and resilience, often enduring emotional and physical abuse. Joseph faced deep hatred, contempt, and betrayal from his own brothers. He was falsely accused of crimes he did not commit and unjustly suffered for years in prison without any legal support.

Joseph consistently strove to embody the ideal qualities of a devoted disciple of God, regardless of the situation. He remained steadfast in answering God's call and pursued excellence in all his endeavors. His commitment and perseverance were unwavering, regardless of the outcome.

As Egypt's administrator, Joseph embraced his new responsibilities without letting them change his character. He maintained his focus on his mission, remained humble, and consistently demonstrated a special wisdom from a higher source. This wisdom, rooted in his faith, is a source of inspiration and enlightenment for all who hear his story.

The Bible attributes Joseph's success to more than just his personal character or personality traits. Genesis 39:2 says, "The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man." This suggests that Joseph's success was a result of his relationship with the divine and the guidance he received from a higher power than himself.

The phrase, "The Lord was with Joseph," represents a truth that we aspire to embody

as leaders in God's ministry. Rather than relying solely on our own experiences, expertise, or past successes, we seek to be known for our connection to divine providence.

I encourage all leaders in our conference to study and reflect on the model of leadership exemplified by Joseph. His example provides valuable insights for effective ministry both within and beyond the boundaries of the church. Key values such as integrity, competence, wisdom, and a deep connection with God are essential for us to fulfill our responsibilities as stewards in God's vineyard.

During times of abundance, it is important to plan thoughtfully for the future. While I eagerly anticipate the return of Jesus, it is prudent to consider the possibility of facing challenges and scarcity in order to sustain our ministry on this earth. It is unwise to exhaust all resources for the current generation alone. The church we have inherited today is the result of the hard work, sacrifices, and foresight of previous generations. The Adventist pioneers in Wisconsin believed in the imminent return of Jesus, yet their dedication and labor have paved the way for our existence today.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work in advancing God's ministry. Success requires all of us to come together in faith and purpose. Pentecost 2025, and the Endowment Fund for Wisconsin Academy are the primary focus of our current campaign, while continuing to support other vital projects and activities.

May we all strive to be as successful as Joseph and have the heavenly records report that "The Lord was with Wisconsin Conference."

*Titus Naftanaila*  
Wisconsin Conference President

## President's Sabbath Schedule

### November

- 2 NAD Year-end Meetings
- 9 Madison East
- 16 Green Bay Hispanic
- 23 Fox Valley
- 30 Stevens Point

### December

- 7 Rice Lake
- 14 Clear Lake
- 21
- 28 Living Faith

### January

- 4
- 11
- 18
- 25

### February

- 1 Portage
- 8
- 15
- 22

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## Special Recognition of 3 Milw. Teachers



On Sabbath, September 7, three teachers at the Milwaukee Seventh-day Adventist School received the Commissioned Ministry of Teaching Credential during a special service held at the Milwaukee Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This credential is the highest recognition given to an Adventist school teacher by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For a teacher to be chosen for this honor, they must demonstrate proficiency in assigned responsibilities and also exhibit Christian responsibility for nurturing and leading souls to Christ.

During the sermon entitled, A Noble Calling, Debbie Darnall and Sue Nelson shared about the Biblical characters, Moses and Daniel, that had a noble calling given to them by God. Jacie Reagan (Principal), Alberto Torres (Grades 7-10), and Gene Kittredge (Kindergarten) share may notable qualities with these great men which have equipped them for the calling God has placed on their lives.

Elder Titus Naftanaïla, Wisconsin Conference President, gave a charge for these dedicated teachers to be disciples for Jesus as they lead the youth. He invited family and coworkers to surround Jacie, Alberto and Gene for a special prayer.

We appreciate the dedication of these three teachers to Adventist Education in the Wisconsin Conference.

Debbie Darnall, Associate Superintendent for Education and Sue Nelson, Superintendent for Education

## Egger Accepts Call to Women's Ministry



During the August Executive Committee meeting for the Wisconsin Conference, Deborah Egger was selected to serve as the next Women's Ministries Coordinator. She is pictured above with her daughter.

Upon accepting the call, Deborah said "I would be honored to accept the position and continue to work with these amazing women on the Women's Ministry Committee as we serve the greater Wisconsin Conference." Feeling a mix of emotions, she says she is overwhelmed with joy and excitement, and a little bit scared too. "I consider myself blessed to have been mentored by Patricia Antoine-Norton, our previous Women's Ministries Coordinator. This is God's ministry and I am humbled to accept His call to serve."

We welcome Deborah to this new role and are grateful for her dedication to serve the women of Wisconsin!

Laurella Case  
Communication Coordinator

## Leopoldino New Pastor for Milw. NW



On Sabbath, September 7, 2024, Pastor Alcidiel Leopoldino was officially welcomed as the new pastor for the Milwaukee Northwest Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Leopoldino is not new to Wisconsin having served in several ministry roles since 2017.

Pastor Leopoldino recently graduated from Andrews University Theological Seminary with his Master's of Divinity degree and is returning to full time ministry here in Wisconsin. In addition to his role as pastor for the Milwaukee Northwest Church, he will be working to develop an Urban Center of Influence in Milwaukee.

We are happy to welcome Pastor Leopoldino and his family back to full time ministry here in Wisconsin!

Laurella Case  
Communication Coordinator

### WA Endowment Fund: Ways to Give

1. [AdventistGiving.org](https://www.adventistgiving.org) (Under conference/union section)
2. Direct to Wisconsin Academy
3. Through your local church

### New Date: Public Campus Ministries Retreat

**November 8-9  
Stevens Point**

**For info and to register visit: <https://www.jotform.com/242894004716054>**

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Mitch Mally shared the following about his experience: “It had been a number of years since I had been to the EAA convention in Oshkosh.” Due to moving away from the area he said, “I never really was sure if I would go again, especially after COVID. Well, that all changed this year at camp meeting (2024) when Pastor Carlos Ancheta approached my wife and asked if she would be willing to lead out in catering the luncheon for the MASA Missionaries on the last Sunday afternoon of the convention.”

Mally went on to say, “I was not sure, at that time, if we were going to be capable of doing something like that never having done anything like that before, but I was willing to give it a try. With lots of prayer and the Lord’s leading, we were able to do a very nice job in serving almost 200 hungry men, women and children.

“It was a pleasure to serve all these people from denominations all over the country and hear about the work they do. God bless them all. We didn’t see many planes, but that was not what really mattered. It was knowing we were able to make sure these people who worked so hard for the Lord all year round got a good meal to eat and spent time together. I can’t wait for next year to do this work that God has for us to do.”

Vickie Mally, Community Services Leader  
Fond du Lac Church



The final push in finishing the new Medical Building! Thank you to all our donors, volunteers and prayer warriors!

## Building Our Future: Together We Did It! Thank You for Your Faithfulness!

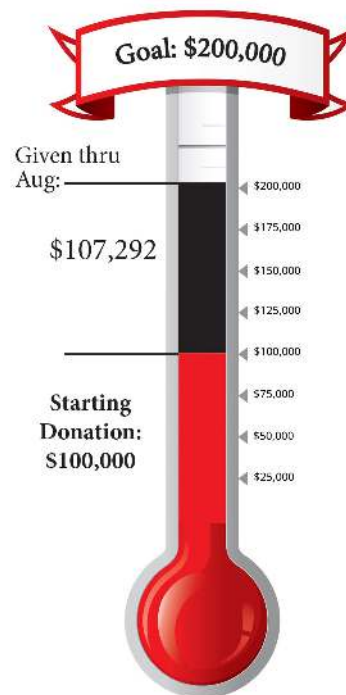
As we look back on the journey that led to the completion of the Division Pavilions, Medical Building and renovations across Camp Wakonda, our hearts are filled with immense gratitude and joy. This project, which began as a shared vision, has become a reality thanks to the faithfulness, dedication, and generosity of our entire church community in Wisconsin.

**Thank You!**

From the moment we announced this initiative, the response was overwhelming. Church members came forward with their time, talents and resources to ensure that this project would succeed. Whether it was through donations, volunteer hours, expertise or the power of prayer, each contribution played a vital role in the process.

We witnessed the true spirit of Christian fellowship and unity in every project phase. People worked tirelessly behind the scenes, offering their skills in construction, cleaning and supporting one another. It was incredible to see how God used each person’s unique gifts to further this cause. The way the church family came together to overcome challenges reflects the heart of our constituent members.

Now that the project is almost completed, we can clearly see its impact, not only on the members in Wisconsin, but also on anyone who visits the camp. The new facilities will serve as a space for worship, fellowship and outreach enabling us to welcome more



people into our fold, especially children and youth. We are excited to see how God will continue to use this space to fulfill His mission.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering faith, hard work and contributions of every Wisconsin Conference member. You have shown that, when we work together to serve the Lord, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

As we move forward, let us continue to carry the spirit of this project into other areas of our ministry. We have seen the power of unity and love firsthand and know God’s work is never finished. Together, we will continue to grow in faith, serve others and make a lasting difference.

Thank you for your incredible support and commitment. May God bless you abundantly for all you have given and continue to give to our Wisconsin Conference and His work.

Titus Naftanaila, president  
Amir Gulzar, executive secretary/treasurer

## Madison Community Celebrates Baptism



**S**abbath, August 24, the Madison Community Church celebrated the baptism of Brian Balanis. Of the day, Brian says that it “is a day I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life. I was so incredibly blessed to be able to share my baptism with many close friends and family as well as my Madison Community SDA Church family. I am forever grateful for Pastor Rowell and Eldinh making the service special and my pastor, Dwight Nelson, taking the time out of his busy schedule to travel to Madison to perform the baptism and bless us with his sermon.”

Brian knows that Jesus has been working in his life and that his whole life was leading up to this baptism. He chose the closing song, joining the Praise Team on his guitar in playing “Living Hope” by Phil Wickham.

We know there is joy in Heaven over Brian’s decision for baptism. We welcome Brian into our church family and pray he will be a mighty witness and disciple for Christ.

Sue Martin  
Madison Community SDA Church

## Over 55 Attend Fall Women’s Retreat



**M**ore than 55 ladies attended the Women’s Ministries Fall Retreat that was held October 4-6 at Wintergreen Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Attendees ranged from first-time attendees to the seasoned veteran of over 25 years! The diversity highlighted how each woman has their own story and how sharing with each other provides encouragement and support for our Sisters in Christ.

The weekend was filled with love, laughter and even a healthy tear or two as each attendee was able to relate, in some way, to testimonies shared. It was a beautiful weekend with like-minded sisters. We were blessed by the time we shared together as we recharged and renewed our spiritual health including moments of remembering to be, still and know that the “I AM” is God.

**Make plans to join us at the next Women’s Ministries event scheduled for March 7-9, 2025, at Camp Wakonda!**

Deb Egger  
Women’s Ministries Coordinator

## Outdoor Education Takes Flight



**S**EPTEMBER 11-13, 2024  
CAMP WAKONDA

Students from all over Wisconsin in grades 5-6 gathered together for 48 hours of fun learning in the outdoors. Teachers and pastors, as well volunteers from our conference, all worked together to provide hands-on learning opportunities, joyful worship and times for friendships to be made with students in Adventist Schools and homeschools across the state.

Our theme this year was flight. Students learned about space, the physics of an egg drop, rockets, tornadoes as well as air currents, birds, solar energy, painting nature, swimming and several other topics. Worships were held morning and evening with lots of team building activities offered throughout the day.

Pra Chai was our INspire representative at the Wisconsin outdoor school this year. His favorite activities were the rotations and projects he got to participate in. We hope that next year more Wisconsin kids can attend this exciting event!

For more on this year’s Outdoor Education visit: <https://wi.adventist.org/outdoor-education-focus-on-flight/>

Rosanna Zeisner  
Wisconsin Virtual Academy (INspire) Teacher

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
	2024 (39 wks)	2023 (39 wks)	% Change
Sept. Tithe Income:	\$629,390	\$633,005	-1 %
YTD Tithe Income:	\$6,398,392	\$6,086,308	5 %
Sept. WI Budget:	\$18,747	\$21,677	-14 %
YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$221,488	\$208,909	6 %



## Student Reflects on Heritage Tour

The Heritage trip was a fun and meaningful experience; both socially and spiritually. There was one place that was the most impacting to me, Ascension Rock. Ascension Rock is at the William Miller Farm, on top of a hill overlooking a valley. Some of the trees were blooming with bright orange, yellow, and red leaves. It was exceptionally beautiful. The view was like something you see on a computer screen background. In addition to the view, the rock, which was limestone, was unique. The rock looked like the bottom of the ocean floor. The limestone was smooth, wavy, and had deep gashes in it. It looked really cool. That sparked a thought in my head "The flood played a part in this". I also learned that this was one of the places where the Advent people gathered and waited for the second coming of Jesus. My favorite part was when we took part in a foot washing ceremony. Being a part of that experience gave me a better understanding of the whole process. I have participated in many other foot washings but nothing like this. I do not know if the location had something to do with it or something else. But I know that partaking in the foot washing impacted me on a higher spiritual level than usual. Another activity that we did was to recite Revelation chapter 21 and 22. Most everyone memorized the verse(s) they had, including me. It was neat to listen and be a part of that experience. Both the foot washing ceremony and reciting two chapters of Revelation are memories that I will never forget! I give thanks to God that my friends and family were able to help me be a part of this trip. I greatly appreciate the opportunity I had to go on The 2024 Heritage Trip with my classmates and teachers.

- Katy Ramos, class of 2026



## Remembering Ken Smith



As students and staff prepared for the new school year, we were deeply saddened by the passing of former principal Ken Smith on August 11, 2024. During his two years at Wisconsin Academy, Ken was instrumental in numerous campus improvement projects. He collaborated with donors to secure funding and worked alongside volunteers on various initiatives. His guiding principle was to leave a place better than he found it, a goal he undoubtedly achieved at Wisconsin Academy.

The staff will always remember Ken for his wisdom, leadership, and humility. He was a great listener, empowering both staff and students. We were fortunate to work with such a godly man and exceptional administrator. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.





## Iridescent Reflections: The Son Stands Still

I would pick you to be on my team. I know we don't really know each other, but I know Someone who knows you. That's enough for me. Jesus believes in you. And since His faith is not misplaced, I believe in you too. I believe in the memories you've made and the stories you share. Whatever it is that makes you special and unique, I believe in that. And today, Jesus stands for you. Jesus wins, and Satan loses.

Wisconsin Academy is your team too. The same Person that knows us knows the students and staff that live here. That's enough for me. Jesus believes in Wisconsin Academy. And since His faith is not misplaced, I believe in Wisconsin Academy. Whatever it is that makes our school special and unique, I believe in that. And today, Jesus stands for Wisconsin Academy. Jesus wins, and Satan loses.

These are the replays worth watching over and over again. Go ahead and rewind it. It's new every morning. Jesus wins, and Satan loses. And when you see the looks on our student's faces as Jesus wins and changes their lives, you're going to find yourself wanting to watch Him do it again too.

At Wisconsin Academy, the Son stands still, every day.

You should come and see.



Derek Timms, Principal



## Historic Bell Comes to Wisconsin Academy



Ring a ling a ling, ring a ling a ling Bethel's bell is ringing. Or at least it will be ringing soon at it's new home at Wisconsin Academy! We owe this blessing to Terry Howard, class of 1972, who is generously donating the bell in honor of the school's 75th anniversary. Terry acquired the bell when the conference sold the old Bethel church and has been its caretaker ever since.

We are thrilled to receive such a historic gift, and plans are underway to have it up and ringing by Alumni Weekend, April 18th-20th, 2025. A tower will be erected outside the administration building, making this bell a landmark at our school for years to come.

Our mission:

*Developing leaders today who will walk with Jesus into eternity.*

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## Calendar of Events

### November

- 2 Young Adult Sabbath: The Shepherd's House Church
- 6-7 Pastor's Meetings
- 8-9 NEW DATE: PCM Retreat in Stevens Point
- 9 Health & Prayer Ministries Sabbath @ Wakonda
- 10 WA Senior Dedication
- 12 Board of Education
- 13 Executive Committee
- 27-28 Office Closed - Thanksgiving

### December

- 14 JAHWI Youth Rally @ Milwaukee SDA School
- 24-31 Office Closed - Christmas

### January

- 1-2 Office Closed - New Year's
- 10-12 Public High School Retreat @ Wakonda
- 17-18 Youth Rally @ WA
- 19 WA Academy Day
- 24-26 Men's Retreat @ Wakonda

### February

- 2 Area Pathfinder Bible Exp.
- 7-9 Pathfinder Winter Retreat @ Wakonda
- 12 Executive Committee
- 17 Office Closed - President's Day
- 18 Pastor/Teacher Meetings
- 21-23 VLP Training @ Conference
- 25 Board of Education

## Pastor Bob Stauffer Passes Away



We are saddened to share the news that, long time Wisconsin pastor, Bob Stauffer passed away on Monday, August 19, following a short battle

with cancer. The family is making plans for a memorial service, the details are yet to be announced. We will share the information when available.

Please continue to keep Bob's wife and family in your prayers during this difficult time.

## Editor's Note



After five and a half years serving in the Communication Department, it is with mixed emotions that I

make the announcement that, at the end of December, I will be stepping down from my role as Communication Coordinator for the conference. It has been my privilege to serve the Wisconsin Conference in this role. I have learned many new skills and enjoyed working with many people across the conference. It is time though for me to put my focus in another area of my life. As I pursue this new season, I am grateful for what God has done and am looking forward to what He will do in the future.

## Heath & Prayer Min. Joint Sabbath

The pressure is on to divide us. The enemy knows 'to divide is to conquer.' We see it happening all around us in our world today. Divide and conquer. How do we avoid being caught in "the net"?

Jesus saw this trap from the beginning and has provided a way of escape: Prayer. Real prayer. Heartfelt prayer. United prayer.

Now as never before we must set our sights on Christ's eternal kingdom. We need to pray for each other; our churches; our leaders; our conference; our community; our families and ourselves.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "There is power in unity, and there is power in numbers." I would like to add, "There is therefore much power in united prayer."

Join us on Sabbath, November 9 at Camp Wakonda (@ 10 am), as we look to develop a united team between Health and Prayer Ministries in reaching others for Jesus!

Please RSVP to Lesa Budd: 920-210-5525 (Leave a message). May God bless each one of us as we go forward on our knees.

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