

Grace Notes

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S T E V E N S P O I N T A N D W I S C O N S I N R A P I D S**

Exciting Times and Challenges

All around this district are church members working on their individual walks with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Throughout the district are individuals working for the salvation of souls. In our churches are individuals performing all the tasks necessary to make our churches function and operate from week to week and month to month. I would like to thank you all and encourage you all in this great work.

As a pastor and professional I am very proud and honored to serve you in this district. I believe God has given us a tremendous amount of talent and all the gifts needed to be a blessing to each other and to the communities He has planted us in.

I am also very proud of the leadership the Lord provides our churches through our leadership team. We are working together to make some changes to draw our district even closer together. I am pleased to announce a change in my preaching rotation which reflects the needs of the district as well as individual churches. Please look for these changes beginning in the next quarter starting in October. In addition to changes in the pastor's preaching schedule, there is exciting news with the advent of a district wide rotation of local church Elders. The Elders of the district have decided to share the preaching duties with in our great district. Starting in October Elders of the district will begin preaching not only in their respective churches, but will become guest speakers in the other churches of our district. This means some fresh faces will be coming to a pulpit the pulpit of your home church. Fresh sermons, illustration, and preaching styles will help to add to your church experience. I would ask that you spend some time with these speakers and get to know them better, so they in turn may better serve you. Some of these faces should be familiar to you and some may be new, but they are all brothers and sister in Christ Jesus. After all we will be spending eternity together, we might as will get to know each other sooner, rather than later. Our diversity and differences is one of our greatest strengths.

God has great and exciting plans for our district. It is time to start discovering and experiencing this new and exciting future God has in store. I am looking forward to this journey together. What a wonderful and challenging time we live in, to God be the Glory.

Yours in Christ service

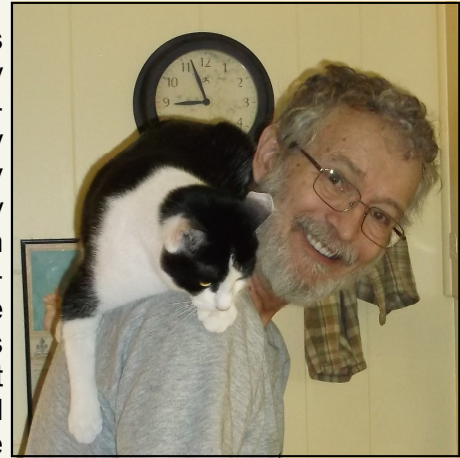
Pastor Joseph Perricellia

Central Wisconsin District of Seventh-day Adventist churches

My Testimony

When I first met Koreen a year before we married in 1979, I soon learned of her background as a Seventh-day Adventist, met two of her brothers who were Adventist and attended church whenever we visited the family, which was “mandatory”. Other than that, neither she nor I had much interest in spiritual things. She had left the church about twelve years before and, although she continued to firmly believe in the seventh-day Sabbath and other doctrines of the Adventist church, our lives certainly didn’t reflect it. She seemed to have no real interest in returning and that was ok with me.

My father had been a Methodist but my mother had no religious background. Dad would take my brother and me to Sunday school and drop us off. That was the extent of my religious education which ended about the age of twelve. After spending many years since high school smoking and drinking heavily, I knew by early 1992 that I was a hard-core alcoholic close to reaching my bottom. It finally happened one afternoon on my way home from a job interview gone bad. I knew I was in trouble with my constant drinking although, even then, God was watching over me because I never missed a day’s work from drinking, never was pulled over by the police, and never was in an accident. But that day as I drove down the road, I was in the depths of despair, and cried out to the Lord for His help. I believe to this day that he spoke to me at that time. It was like a physical blow to the side of my head and the words rang in my ears “I will help you if you’re ready to listen to Me”!! He sounded pretty tough and I’m not sure He speaks like that to everyone but He knew I was a desperate case.



Barry and Louie

When I arrived home, Koreen was still at work. I frantically called my brother who lived in Milwaukee at the time. He and a friend made it to St. Charles, IL, where we lived, in record time and they immediately searched the Yellow Pages, found a facility where I could go to “dry out”, and took me there. I will always be grateful to him for that. This was my first experience going to someone for help (or having any desire to) and it was another miracle orchestrated by God. I spent three days in that detox center and the people there begged me to stay. They said there was no hope of me staying sober without at least a 30-day commitment. The miracle was that when I left that facility after three days, I had no desire for a drink and have not craved one to this day. Praise God; as of next May, I will have been sober for 25 years!!

I attended AA meetings for thirteen years. But other than always keeping that “divine intervention” I had with God that day in my mind, our lives pretty much stayed the same. If you read Koreen’s testimony earlier this year, you will recall how her brother had registered us for a series in the Elgin, IL church which we attended (thank God for brothers, eh?). That was when our lives changed. After several months of Bible study, we decided to be baptized, and I had no need to continue attending AA, as helpful as they had been. I was resting on God now and He’s been my Help ever since. It had been 13 years since my last drink but I finally accepted Him totally and completely. He is an awesome God. “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear....” Psalm 46: 1-2

Submitted by Barry Boettcher

THE WAY

As many of you know for the last nine years we have been traveling around the U.S. doing mission work as we were led. We were usually gone six or seven months which was a long time away from family and friends. We have been living in an RV which provides a way to help in different places. We have helped at tornado and hurricane areas and just places where people needed help.

For about the last six years, we have been looking for land to have a base where people could come, get away from the world for a short time, have Bible studies, maybe learn the health message and just get closer to the Lord. We haven't been having much success in finding just the right land or place and were about ready to give up, thinking this might be our wishes and not God's way.

In March, 2015, Rosemary was diagnosed with cancer while we were in Alabama. We came home early to see a doctor in Wisconsin. The Oncologist gave us several options, none of which we were comfortable with. The treatments would have been over a five year period at a cost of between \$250,000 and 1.4 million, with no guarantee of a cure of course. When we asked about a holistic treatment plan, the doctor became very angry and said that never works. Over the years we had been to Uchee Pines in Alabama to visit friends there. For about 70 years, Uchee Pines has offered a healthy lifestyle alternative for different health problems and a new way of life by living healthy. Genesis 1:29. We headed for Uchee Pines for 17 days where we received so much information on healthy living, healthy treatments and received an increase in faith in our God, with much peace. By the time we left there we had both lost excess weight, blood sugar was in normal range and the tumor had decreased in size. We believe this bout with cancer has been a blessing from God to learn about His healthy lifestyle and be able to share it with others, along with His message to the world. God has plans for us has made us healthy enough to do our part.

When we arrived back in Wisconsin, we were contacted by the realtor who had been helping us to find land. He asked if we had ever taken a look at the land told us about down by Westfield. We didn't think it would be what we were looking for so we dismissed and hadn't gone to look at it. He said to meet him there in the morning. We met him and immediately knew this was what we were looking for. The realtor had this land to sell for 2 months but had never listed it nor put a for sale sign on it. He said I have never done this before; land is always listed right away and a sale sign goes up. Don't know why I didn't do that but now I do. He knows what the land is to be used for.

God made the land available to us when we were willing to follow His total message. We envision the land to be a retreat with several small rustic cabins for people to come and get away from the world, learn about a healthy lifestyle and enjoy Bible studies to praise the Lord. We are in the building process: have a garden, one cabin up, another one started, a shop for storage and have begun a house to live in.

We need your prayers and support to complete this mission. We will keep you updated on the process. Stop by anytime!

Doug and Rosemary Bruder
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September 11, 2016



Come to the Tess farm near Almond for an evening of fun, good food and fellowship as the summer season comes to an end and we look towards fall. Arrive anytime after 4:30. The meal will begin at 5 pm. with yard games and hay rides after. At dusk enjoy a camp fire with smores and hot chocolate.

Sweet corn, baked beans and drinks will be provided. Bring additional picnic items to add – chips, potato salad, finger foods, desserts, etc. Warmer clothing, lawn chairs, musical instruments, favorite yard games, etc.

Call 715-570-2179 with any questions.

Prayer Corner

Pray for the following please:

Week of Sep. 3—Rick Felts

Week of Sep. 10—Ray and JoAnn Tess and family

Week of Sep. 17—Doug D.

Week of Sep. 24—Angie Metzger

Please pray all month for the following:

the sick, Pastor and family, Bible Workers and Wautoma Church Plant

God Bless,
Jody Lucas, Prayer Coordinator-Almond Church

Wautoma Church Plant

(pop. 2100)

In the Beginning...

It all started with a reading of the book by Russell Burrill, Rekindling a Lost Passion. I was moved to rethink what it meant to be a member of the SDA Church without ever being told how important it was to plant a church. I read the book twice and was content to leave it as is and wait to see what would happen within the denomination. I heard nothing for years and finally the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh Day Adventist's held numerous workshops on many different outreach ministries for the local churches. Low and behold there was a Church Planting workshop but I didn't attend. This went on for at least 3 or 4 years. Finally in 2015 I attended the workshop and never missed one session. It was led out by Lisa Isensee who is the Wisconsin Conference Church Planting Coordinator and the Indiana Church Planting Coordinator, Walter Allred. The meetings were held at the Pioneer Chapel of Camp Wakonda at 2 pm Monday through Friday. I was moved again to read the book Rekindling a Lost Passion a third time. I wanted to know more and take a serious look at church planting as part of the ministry the Holy Spirit was leading me into but with what team and with what Pastor coach? I didn't know for sure. I had a burden for Berlin, Wi., and Oshkosh, Wi. and Wautoma, Wi. Which one was I going to be a part of?

Then at the end of 2015 Camp meeting I browsed ahead and found out there was going to be a Church Planting Rally in Wausau, WI. On October 2 and 3 of 2015. I made up my mind and I was going to go to that church plant rally. How would that be possible when I had other responsibilities in my local SDA Church? How much is it going to cost? What do I have to do to register? Will I be able to find the Wausau SDA Church? These thoughts and barriers crossed my mind and I began to pray for God's guidance.

Easy Answers

I had nothing scheduled at the Neenah SDA Church on October 2, 2015. I found out where the church in Wausau was and visited sometime before October of 2015. I registered with the conference but was not required to pay any fees unless I was going to stay for the weekend at a Motel. I only lived about a 1 ½ hour away from Wausau so I had no need to stay the weekend. My wife, Judy and I went to Wausau on October 2, 2015 to attend the all-day church planting rally. We found Eric and Carrie Anderson there who was interested in church planting in Wautoma also. The next weekend, Oct 10, 2015, Eric said he was going to have a church plant meeting at the Almond SDA Church on October 10, and we were invited to attend, so we did.

The Almond SDA Church

On October 17, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. my wife and I attended the church planting meeting which was led out by Eric Anderson at the Almond SDA Church. The Almond SDA Church is located at 1340 Elm Street in Almond, Wisconsin. This was no new church to us, it is about 28 miles from where we live and have attended numerous times. My wife and I consider this church as our home away from home church. This is where the Wautoma church plant really began to take shape.

The Almond SDA Church was in full cooperation with Eric leading out in a church plant in Wautoma Wisconsin. He suggested that we go through the guide book entitled Steps to Church

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PERSONAL BLESSINGS

Christ Our High Priest

The (Our) Saviour gave His life a sacrifice for sin here upon the earth; and as he entered the heavenly sanctuary as High Priest, He is called the "Forerunner." Under no circumstances, except as He enters "within the veil" of the heavenly sanctuary, is that name applied to the Saviour.

In all monarchical forms of government the forerunner is a familiar character. In gorgeous uniform, with waving plumes, he rides before and announces the approach of the royal carriage. While he is always hailed with joy by the waiting crowds, yet he is not the center of attraction; their eyes do not follow him as he passes on, but are turned down the road whence he came to get the first glimpse of the royal personage of whom he is the forerunner.

Of the many condescensions on the part of our blessed Master, this is one of the grandest. When He entered heaven a mighty Conqueror over death and the grave, before the entire heavenly host and representatives of other worlds, He entered a forerunner for *us*. He presented the "wave sheaf," those brought forth from their graves at the time of His resurrection, as a sample of the race He had died to redeem, thus directing the attention of that wonderful assemblage down the road whence He came to watch-for royalty?-yes, for royalty made so by His precious blood. It is only a company of poor, frail mortals stumbling along and often falling by the way; but when they reach the heavenly gate, they will enter "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."

It meant much for us that Christ entered within the veil as our Forerunner, for all heaven is watching the church of God on earth. When tempted by the enemy to doubt God's love and care, remember that on account of the great sacrifice made, you are so dear to the Father that "he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye." Heaven and earth are closely united since Christ entered within the veil as our Forerunner. The attention of every angel in glory is centered upon those striving to follow in Christ's footsteps. "Are they (the angels) not *all* ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Why should we falter by the way, and disappoint the heavenly host who are watching for us to come over the same road that our Forerunner passed as a mighty Conqueror over death and the grave?

When Christ stands upon the sea of glass, and places the glittering crowns upon the heads of the company who have traveled the road made sacred by the foot prints of their Forerunner, albeit with faltering step and through falling tears, and who are clad in robes made white in the blood of the Lamb, He will see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. He will rejoice over them with singing, and all heaven will ring with melody as the angels who have served under their Commander in the work of saving souls, join in singing, "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."

Our High Priest

- Heb. 7:25."Is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him."
- Heb. 4:15."Is touched with the feeling of our infirmities." "Was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."
- Heb. 2:18."For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted."
- Heb. 2:17."He is a merciful and faithful High Priest."
- Heb. 7:25."He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

Excerpts taken from "The Cross and its Shadow" by Stephen N. Haskell

Submitted by: Cindy Barten, Wisconsin Rapids

Grace-Centered Technique

12:1 Therefore, brothers, I call on you through the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

12:2 And be not conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is good and pleasing and perfect will of God.

12:3 For I say through the grace which is given to me, to everyone being among you, not to have high thoughts beyond what is right to think. But set your mind to be right-minded, even as God divided a measure of faith to each. (Rom12:1-3)

What is the *grace-centered* technique and how does it work? It is my way of focusing on the Lord. The first time I noticed that God had chosen me the grace I received was very moving. We are all possessed by the calling from our master Who lives forever. Only recently I have begun to realize that it's the grace from a specific time that stills my soul and gives me the impetus to go on. All I need is to remember a day that blessed me and saved me from this world's concerns. It caused me to look into myself and to see a future that is bliss: quite a shocking development. In an instance of time I was transformed. This recalling, this recognition, lives with me certainly beyond this life I share with you. It teaches me to honor my recollections, which in turn leads me to honor God's. And He tells us in the fourth Commandment, to "Remember My Sabbath and keep it Holy." I remember the day of grace as a day of becoming whole with the Spirit, with Jesus, with the Father. Grace is available to us, if we remember to keep it Holy.

Grace is a gift from God; the most precious gift there is. Grace contains, in "seed" form, every blessed thing we attain in preparation for becoming holy: which is to state that we strive to be humble before the Lord in all of our actions and thoughts. Receiving the gift from God, and only from God, establishes us as being Righteous as the Christ was, as He to His Father. We can pull on the grace as much as possible and it never goes away. Like a sophisticated computer, a state of the art machine that never loses its newness but always gets better by living with us: this is grace. Grace is the one constant thing we base our hope upon. When we find God, it produces in us a wonderful change that can't be denied. The most important thing grace brings us is what we bring to God in the first place: repentance needed to change our lives. Grace is the source of faith in God, most certain in the name of Jesus Christ. Because He gave something intangible: His love.

So we have the first premise of the *grace-centered* technique: an understanding of grace as a gift from God. It is the blessing received from God.

We are more selfish than we even imagined we could be. So selfish we state that we do all for the love of Jesus Christ. But Jesus Himself tells us in *no* uncertainty:

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven.

7:22 Many will say to Me in *that* day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power?

7:23 And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, those working lawlessness!"

(Mat7:21-23)

This is the second principle to be considered as grace centered. Lawlessness is sinning against God's Ten Commandments. And this requires much love for Him that saved us from ourselves and Satan's rules. We must practice loving God. While it is true, we must love God if we are to get to Heaven and to enjoy Him in His rich promises, but we must study the Old Testament and firmly place the Christ as the mouth-piece of God. We find the impact of the Messiah in the Old Testament and learn the meaning of our Hebrew roots. This is pertinent to us: that we learn the Lord's ways.

We are God's people! We are living examples of loving-kindness, profound mercy and grace, righteousness and warning: we have to always carry this into our lives if we are the elect.

The topic of humility is tied with everything Christ says. But the assumptions that we as a people have and make up for the brief time we have is astounding. We make our final destination clear by our actions on the pivotal statements of Scripture. Mathew 7:21-23 produces the right response by giving us a lesson in the end times of Christ' return: it is designed for *our* humility. That is, it denies the men- pleasing works for salvation, if they have not settled with God. Repent and learn humility because the grace will soon come to you. Christ seems to be saying, your end time is far more important to me than what religion you happen to be involved with at the time. So humble your self, be alert to

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Planting: From Inception to Launch (written by Tom L. Evans and published by the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Print Shop in 2011). There were approximately 20 people in attendance for this first meeting. It was decided to meet every Sabbath (Saturday) at 3:30 p.m. each week to go through the book and to make plans in planting a church in Wautoma, Wisconsin. The larger group began to dwindle to about 12 people each Sabbath at the Almond (Mother Church 1). We also had members who were from other Mother Churches; they were Stevens Point SDA, Oxford SDA and Neenah SDA.

These members were as follows: Tim and Judy Schmidt and Elaine Gunderson (from Neenah SDA); Steve and Cindy Bergman (from Oxford SDA); Maria Frank (Bible Worker), Doug and Rosemary Bruder and Sam Lopez Jr. (all from Stevens Point SDA); The remainder members were from the Almond SDA which included Carrie and Eric Anderson, Alan and Cheryl Anderson, Ken Wilson, Rick Felts (Newsletter Editor), Kay and Sonny Williams and Dorothy Tess. Everything was going fine in discussion and understanding of the work and effort involved with a successful Church plant. Unfortunately meeting in Almond for a church plant in Wautoma needed to change and we began to make plans to start meeting in Wautoma in the new year of 2016.

Wautoma Plant 2016 (Early Beginnings)

In the beginning of this New Year we started meeting in Wautoma at the CAPSELL building which was located across from city hall at 205 E Main St. We immediately noticed that half of our group who was meeting in Almond was no longer with us. That left the Anderson Family, the Schmidt Family and Kay Williams. We prayed and grouped together and then began the early stage of developing a progressive church plant in Wautoma. This would include going through the guide booklet suggested earlier (**Steps to Church Planting: From Inception to Launch**) and setting up the church name, the church mission, the church values, the type of Sabbath School and Worship service we are to have on opening day. We also set up a volunteer schedule for the remainder of the 2nd quarter of 2016 up to Camp Meeting. We completed this process by the end of April and decided to officially open on May 14, 2016.

July 2016 – September 2016 (3rd Quarter)

Sam Lopez Sr. and I have been going door to door conducting a Needs Assessment Survey. Eric and Alan Anderson have set up a regular schedule for Sabbath School and Worship Service. Some of the needs we have been trying to address are focused on health and well-being of the community. This year Paul Presley from the Neenah church has volunteered to set up fair booths with a free literature and blood pressure check. We have several volunteers helping out with the fair booths this year to include Dorothy Tess Natural Remedies Booth. (Thank you Dorothy for 20 years of service at the fairgrounds!)

We have also started a mid-week Prayer Meeting at the Capsell building. This is being led by Tim Schmidt and is growing each week. These prayer meetings are being held on Wednesday nights at 7 pm in Conference Room A at the Capsell building (205 E Main Street, Wautoma, WI). We take all prayer requests for those in attendance and take time to bring each one to the Lord that very night. "We are in a spiritual warfare for this community and intend to keep God's help first and foremost by the power of prayer!"

Remember the popular quote from the **Ministry of Healing, p. 143 by E.G. White**: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" This is our goal for the Wautoma SDA Church Plant this year.

Written and Submitted by Tim Schmidt, Fox Valley Church

OUR DISTRICT MISSIONS PROJECTS

Dr Conner, from the Fox Valley church, is planning 3 mission trips this coming year:

- 1) a Maranatha trip to Uruguay, Jan. 19-31, 2017 to start building a big school building near Montivideo, Uruguay. Need building help, food service help, and possible med/dental help
- 2) a Maranatha trip to Kenya in early July, 2017, to build one day church(s), and do med/dental clinics; food service workers also needed
- 3) a trip to Cuzco, Peru to build a church and do med/dental clinics in late Dec(2017)-early Jan.(2018) Not a Maranatha trip but similar work.

If anyone is interested in going on any of these trips, please contact Dr. Conner at [\(920\)986-3410](tel:9209863410) or [\(920\)540-7519](tel:9205407519). Please call as soon as possible so we can start planning on numbers for each group. Approximate costs vary: \$2000-2500./person for Uruguay, \$3000-3500. for Kenya, and \$1700.-2000. for Peru. Need not be skilled, just willing to work.

Every day Missions

I was looking at my greenhouse and raised garden beds the other day with great disappointment. It's late August already and no carrots, no cucumbers and no peas - only weeds. There's no one else to blame but myself. I just didn't have the time to sow my seeds this Spring. Maybe, it's that I didn't make the time. There is an enormous amount of responsibility in the Bergeon household recently and planting wasn't high on the priority list. Only now, I'm missing the smell of fresh tomatoes on the vine and their sweet flavor and goodness. This verse comes to mind: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" 2 Corinthians 9:6 KJV. Now I am sorry, for I am missing out on the bountiful harvest of produce this year.

The parable of the sower in Luke chapter 8 (vrs. 4-15) tells of a person, a sower, which sowed his seed. Without getting into details here, we know that not every seed that is sown will produce fruit. Does that give us an excuse to not sow? Would a farmer stop sowing seeds knowing that not all of them will germinate and produce fruit? I think not. The parable in Luke focuses on the seeds, but I would like to turn our focus on the sower. Who is this sower? Is this Sower you and I?

How many times have we had an opportunity to share Jesus? Perhaps when someone needs a door held open, or maybe it's while we are waiting in the longest line in grocery store checkout history. What about the stalled vehicle in the middle of a busy intersection? Some actions require words, while others do not. Regardless, we are called to action. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves", James 1:20 KJV. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus told His disciples (and us) to go **ye** into all the world. Are you a "ye"? Is this not the world we live in? So, if we are doers of the Word, then maybe we should do just that. Go and do. Let's plant some seeds!

There are many ways we can go and do. There are some opportunities coming up that involve mobile health screening. This is where we offer blood pressure screening, a computerized health age and health coaching. If you feel impressed by the Holy Spirit to learn how to offer these services to your community and would like to get involved, please contact me or your local health ministry leader. Don't let another opportunity be missed. Let's go and do!

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Calendar of Events

- Sep. 4 Sparta-Elroy Bike Trip
- Sep. 7 Bible study and prayer, 6:30 p.m.
- Sep. 10 Fellowship dinner after the service
- Sep. 11 Corn roast/hayride at the Tess farm in Almond
- Sep. 12 Board Meeting @ 6:30
- Sep. 14 Bible study and prayer, 6:30 p.m.
- Sep. 21 Bible study and prayer, 6:30 p.m.
- Sep. 28 Bible study and prayer, 6:30 p.m.

Sabbath School begins at 9:30
Worship Service begins at 10:55

Central Wisconsin State Fair Outreach - August 31 - September 5:
Health screenings offered daily 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Joint effort between the Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield SDA churches. Stop by our booth in the expo building. Volunteer positions still open, but must pre-register. For information, contact Joseph Bergeon at [715.570.9307](tel:715.570.9307)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck Schedule: Weekly Potlucks will return Sep. 10th

The Neighborhood Table

On **Thursday, September 8, 2016**, the Wisconsin Rapids Seventh-day Adventist Church is the meal sponsor at The Neighborhood Table in Wisconsin Rapids. The Neighborhood Table provides a free meal to those in need every Tuesday and Thursday. The United Methodist Church opens its doors for this community mission. We have been a meal sponsor for a number of years now, and it is always fun to meet the community and it allows the community to get a glimpse of our church family. To be a meal sponsor, we plan the meal with the coordinator and work with them and the food supplier to have everything available prior to our meal day. Some food is supplied by local businesses and there is no charge; other food is purchased and we pay for the cost of the food being used that day. 300-400 people are served each day. We supply the desserts and the manpower. Please consider volunteering one or more of the following ways: Financial, Provide Desserts (cookies or bars) or Volunteer on September 8th for one or more open positions.

Contact Pam Thomas @ 715.644.8399 or pam.eccL4.12@gmail.com

Visit us on the web at "www.wrsdachurch.org"

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sin, and garner grace by repentance.

The third premise of God's working in terms of grace is the wonders of the Holy Spirit at work dramatically and eternally in our lives. It is the Truth of our Religion. It is that which was honored by our predecessors and hold us accountable for the truths at all. This can be summarized in one flat statement from the Book:

18:4 "And I heard another voice out of Heaven saying, My people, come out of her, that you may share in her sins, and you may not receive of her plagues;

18:5 because her sins joined together, even up to Heaven, and God remembered her unjust deeds."

(Rev18:4-5)

We must be accountable for the sins of others. "That you may not *share* in her sins, and you may not receive her plagues;" such as we are, we can not *share in her sins* if we are willing to go through the fires of the end time. Without this "blessing" from Jesus we are simply sinners leading ourselves and others to devastation and ridicule. Sin is methodical, and ends our lives.

We are a called people, leading to the "One hope" for each of us as individuals. We have born the brunt of the "great disappointment" from 1844 and still survive, (amazingly). We have learned the dangers of stating the absolute end

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WAUTOMA CHURCH PLANT

Hello from Wautoma,

We continue to feel God's blessings in Wautoma. As we meet Sabbath mornings at the Capsell Building at 205 East Main Street, we can feel God's presence on our worship and on our fellowship. We are thankful for the members from Almond and Neenah that come to worship with us. We praise God for every new face that comes to worship with us. Worship in both English and Spanish start at 10:00 am and continue to the start of our joint pot luck meal at 12:30

Our Wednesday evening prayer group starts at 7:00 pm and has been lead out by brother Tim Schimdt. Our focus is on prayer for the needs of our church family and friends and for growth of our Wautoma Church.

I am writing this while we are in the midst of the Waushara County Fair where there are two separate booths open. We have had many tracks and materials picked up and many bottles of water have been distributed that have the times and place of our worship services taped to. Thanks go out to Dorothy Tess, Paul Pressley and all who have spent time helping out with the fair booths. We ask you to join us in prayer for the new woman's group being formed here. Four women have accepted our invitations and two more are interested in joining us but are too busy with their schedules at this time. Please pray for these women and the Holy Spirit to lead out in their lives. We thank God that there is an Adventist presence in Wautoma again and we pray that God's Church will grow, that we will be able to establish a real and lasting place of worship there and that we all will help God shine a light again in Wautoma, winning souls to Gods Kingdom.

Alan Anderson

WAUTOMA CHURCH PLANT SCHEDULE

- Sep 3 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck after
- Sep 4 Annual bike ride at the Sparta-Elroy trail
- Sep 4 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Sep 7 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Sep 10 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck after
- Sep 11 CANCELLED Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Sep 11 Hayride/Sweet Corn Event at the Tess farm. See Pg. 4
- Sep 14 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Sep 17 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck after
- Sep 18 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Sep 21 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Sep 24 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck after
- Sep 25 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Sep 28 Prayer Mtg. 7:00

Women's Ministries

Coming soon to the Wautoma Church Plant congregation. Please look for more information in upcoming announcements. If you're interested, please contact Cheryl Anderson.

ALMOND SDA CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



September Events

(Visit our website)
www.almondsda.org

- Sep 3 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck after (Msg. by Doug D.)
- Sep 4 Sparta-Elroy Bike Ride
- Sep 4 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Sep 7 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Sep 9 Prayer Mtg. (Unity) 7:00
- Sep 10 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck after
- Sep 11 Bible Study (CANCELLED)
- Sep 11 Corn Roast/Hay Ride @ Tess farm
- Sep 14 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Sep 16 Prayer Mtg. (Unity) 7:00
- Sep 17 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck after (Msg. by Pastor Joseph)
- Sep 18 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Sep 21 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Sep 23 Prayer Mtg. (Unity) 7:00
- Sep 24 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck after (Msg. by Maria Frank)
- Sep 25 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Sep 28 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Sep 30 Prayer Mtg. (Unity) 7:00

Community Bible Study - Wednesday 7PM

We are currently studying The Great Controversy by Ellen G. White

Unity Prayer Meeting - Friday 7PM

"Christ is leading out a people, and bringing them into the unity of faith, that they may be one, as He is one with the Father." EGW, TC, v1, p324, p1

Bible Study - Anderson Home - Sunday 5:30PM

This study begins with fellowship and potluck before we dive into the book of Acts for an in depth study.

The Tree

Once I was a pretty tree,
white as snow my trunk you see!
My leaves were the shiny green,
a home for creatures all.
Oh I was beautiful in the fall;
now my bark gray and torn,
my leaves are gone, I'm weather worn.
You may think I'm through,
but much more I have to do.
Back to earth I go again.
My parts melt into soil and sand.
You think I'm not happy to be me
Oh how beautiful to be a tree.

*Written and submitted by Doug Bruder with
this comment:*

A Birch tree along the Little Plover River.
For years I passed by, then only to watch it die!

Go To Church William

On a sunny morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sabbath. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to church! Get up!"

From under the covers came mumbles, "I don't want to go!"

"What do you mean?" she said. "That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to church!"

"No!" he shot back. "I'll give you two reasons. I don't like them and they don't like me!"

"Nonsense," she told him. "I'll give YOU two reasons to go. First, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the PASTOR!"

STEVENS POINT CHURCH
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Stevens Point SDA Church, Upcoming Events in September, 2016

- Sabbath, September 3 – 9:20 a.m. – Sabbath day services. Sabbath school at 10:00 a.m., Worship service at 10:50 a.m. Beth Ruehl is facilitating the lesson, the Elder is Lem Lowry and Pastor Joseph will present the message.
- Sunday, September 4 – Almond is sponsoring the annual bike ride at the Sparta-Elroy trail.
- Tuesday, September 6 – 7:00 p.m. – Prayer meeting and lesson study at church.
- Thursday, September 8 – 6:45 p.m. – Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating the lesson.
- Sabbath, September 10 – 9:20 a.m. – Sabbath day services. Sabbath school at 10:00 a.m, Worship service at 10:50 a.m. Leroy Dissing is facilitating the lesson, the Church Leader is Doreen Lowry and Marc Cephas will present the message.
- Sunday, September 11 – 4:30 p.m. – Almond Hay Ride at the Tess farm. The meal starts at 5:00 p.m. Hay ride and yard games after. Usually there is a camp fire also. Maybe?? Call 715-570-2179 for info or questions.
- Monday, September 12 – 6:00 p.m. – Evangelism meeting at 6:00 p.m. Then Church Board at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 14 – 4:30 p.m. – First quilting of the fall season. Season tickets still available, contact Caren or Shirley.
- Thursday, September 15 – 6:45 p.m. – Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating the lesson.
- Sabbath, September 17 – 9:20 a.m. – Sabbath day services. Sabbath school at 10:00 a.m, Worship service at 10:50 a.m. Harvey Churkey is facilitating the lesson, the Elder is Darrell Brown and Maria Frank will present the message.
- Tuesday, September 20 – 7:00 p.m. – Prayer meeting and lesson study at church.
- Thursday, September 22 – 6:45 p.m. – Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating the lesson.
- Sabbath, September 24 – 9:20 a.m. – Sabbath day services. Sabbath school at 10:00 a.m, Worship service at 10:50 a.m. Darrell Brown is facilitating the lesson, the Elder is Harvey Churkey and Jasper St. Bernard will present the message.
- Tuesday, September 27 – 7:00 p.m. – Prayer meeting and lesson study at church.
- Thursday, September 29 – 6:45 p.m. – Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating the lesson.

Visit us on the web at "www.stevenspoint22.adventistchurchconnect.org"

MONTHLY HEALTH NUGGET

Gallbladder: Function and Problems

The gallbladder is a small pouch that sits just under the liver. The gallbladder is part of the human biliary system, which is involved with the production, storage and transportation of bile. Bile is a yellowish-brown fluid produced by the liver and used to break up and digest fatty foods in the small intestine.

After meals, the gallbladder is empty and flat, like a deflated balloon. Before a meal, the gallbladder may be full of bile and about the size of a small pear.

In response to signals, the gallbladder squeezes stored bile into the small intestine through a series of tubes called ducts. Bile helps digest fats, but the gallbladder itself is not essential. Removing the gallbladder in an otherwise healthy individual typically causes no observable problems with health or digestion yet there may be a small risk of fat malabsorption.

Problems associated with the Gallbladder:

Gallstones are the most common problem associated with the gallbladder. Gallstones are solidified particles of substances in the bile. They are made of a “combination of bile salts, cholesterol and bilirubin. Gallstones can be as small as a grain of sand or as large as a golf ball. Most gallstones pass on their own, some require a minor procedure or even surgery.

Factors that contribute to the risk of gallstones include obesity, high-fat or high-cholesterol diets, diabetes and taking medicines with estrogen. Women, Native Americans and Mexican-Americans are also at a higher level of risk

Cholecystitis is the most common type of gallbladder disease. It is an inflammation of the gallbladder caused by gallstones obstructing the ducts to the small intestine. This can cause pain in upper right abdominal area, fever, nausea and vomiting., this is often be managed by rest and antibiotics, but for severe cases, surgery is the definitive treatment.”

Some in the medical profession have noted that those prone to gallbladder disease usually fall into the “5 F's”: fair, fat, forty, female, and flatulent!”

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Pancreatitis can be caused is a stone blocks a pancreatic duct it.

Gallbladder attack, or **Biliary colic**, are usually the result of gallstones blocking the bile ducts, causing pressure in the gallbladder. This usually occurs soon after eating, especially heavy meals. These attacks can last from one to several hours or, just a few minutes. Some of the symptoms of a gallbladder attack are: nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite and pain primarily in the upper right side of the abdomen. Pain may be acute or dull, and may be accompanied by jaundice. These attack symptoms can be similar to those of a heart attack and other conditions, so it is important to consult a doctor for a correct diagnosis.

Diet for a healthy gallbladder

Maintaining a healthy diet and weight goes a long way to prevent gallstones and any other gallbladder problems. Do your best to eat a well-balanced low fat, high fiber diet with plenty of fruits and vegies.

(Submitted by Freddie Ramirez RN, WR Church)

Gospel Ways and Days

*Make ready the way of the Lord, make ready!
Make His paths straight and in His Will, be
steady.
Teach me Your way, O Lord;
Using Your WORD is my sword.
Jesus, You fill me with strength and protect me
Wherever I go; Jesus, You are my Majesty.
You instruct me day by day...
You guide me and keep me on my earthly stay.
Jesus, You are my life, my light and my way;
With You alone, I cannot go astray.
Your WORD is your way, the Sabbath is Your
day!
As my feet walk this sod,
Your WORD shows me where to trod.
You have a field for me to plow,
Jesus, You must show me how.
Jesus, our time is in Your Hand,
With You alone, we will ever stand.*

*Time is running out...
Let us proclaim Jesus with our shout!
Jesus is coming soon, sooner than you think.
We will keep on the narrow way,
Any Your Living Water drink.
The bread of life is your WORD,
To us the Holy WORD will always be heard!*

*(Contributed by Delores Shudarek)
Stevens Point Church*

*From her book titled,
An Escape to His Arms*

"Kind hearts are the gardens, Kind thoughts are the roots, Kind words are the flowers, Kind deeds are the fruits, Take care of your garden And keep out the weeds, Fill it with sunshine Kind words and kind deeds."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*In school you're taught lessons, and then given a test.
In life, you're given a test that teaches you lessons!*

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**God answers
knee mail...**

**Get on your knees and talk to him
every day!**

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times. However, we are sure that when God says His judgment will be placed we know it will be placed: soon. Some of us even buy into the end times as being a relevant facet to our own lives and our present times as we go about trying to figure our lives. (Though this type of Adventist is a dying breed.) One thing we can state with any form of certainty: the end is near. We are able to state with certainty that the warning is based upon the papal authority of the Roman Catholic Church. This is the “antichrist” of Revelation. It resides in one man, the pope. “My people, come out of her”, should be answered with a resounding YES! among the Adventist followers.

The third premise is the giving away of the blessing you have gotten from the Father in an announcement of the Truth to the Christians throughout the world. This is doing the will of Christ.

Why do I choose this as a *grace-centered* technique?

Because I am frightened by the very thought of ending someone’s life because they do not acknowledge being saved by the grace freely given by Jesus Christ. That I could not prepare them in loving ways as Christ wants us to bring to those who are persecuting us. This is part of my fears, that I am too small and unworthy of bringing the good news to my enemies. Thank God, I have grace!

God in His loving ways shows His character most telling by including them, (Roman Catholics), in His people. He has a great need for His people; He wants to save as many as He can. Like us, He offers them a piece of Heaven, and if we can convince one of them as being worthy of His divine grace, His endearing mercies endures. And this is the grace centering prayer: you must give back to the poor and starving people spiritually, every possible quantity of grace you have received: in truth. And this makes us worthy to be servants of God’s elect people.

Ken Wilson July 14, 2016