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THIS WEEK

AROUND THE UNION



New ministry launched to reach missing members

Seventh-day Adventists are concerned for their children who are not walking with God. We discuss friends who move, but never transfer their membership. We talk about classmates who just never connected with the Seventh-day Adventist Church after graduating. Seventh-day Adventists care about people.

If a person who is not currently connected to the Seventh-day Adventist Church lives down the street, you can go visit them and pray with them. The difficulty comes when a friend or family member lives in a different part of the state or even the country.

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Andrews University Celebrates Black History Month: Rise!

From Thursday, Feb. 4, through Saturday, Feb. 27, Andrews University will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of activities, speakers and events. Black History Month honors—and raises awareness of—the accomplishments of people of African descent.

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Power of prayer helps nurse reach young overdose victim

Jill Jennings, R.N., joined the Heart & Vascular Clinic at AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook in October 2019. When COVID-19 struck, she was asked to work in other areas, including the Emergency Department, where she was able to draw on her long experience as an ED nurse. That experience –

and her faith in the power of prayer -- helped her when 15-year-old Emily was brought in with a drug overdose.

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Happy Retirement!

40 YEARS OF MINISTRY | 16 YEARS IN THE LAKE UNION
THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATION

Gary Burns has spent the last 40 years in ministry, dedicating 16 of those years to the Lake Union, serving as the communication director and the Lake Union Herald magazine editor. His commitment to God's work has impacted the lives of many.



COMMENTARY: What should be our focus at this time in earth's history?

I think we can agree that the year 2020 was unlike any we've ever experienced. COVID-19 disrupted normal life and ultimately the course of history. I remember thinking last year in March and April how surreal things had become. Adventist churches in Michigan were temporarily shuttered as churches scrambled to use online platforms and programming. ZOOM quickly

became a thing in addition to increasing unemployment, bankruptcies, and widespread protests.

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IN THE NEWS



Frozen Faithful: Church group braves cold to keep volleyball tradition alive

January in Michigan isn't when you'd expect beach volleyball to be happening. But for one lakeshore church group, it's a tradition even snow can't slow down.

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ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Power of Story: Why Did Jesus Use Parables?

The story changed my life—no exaggeration. [Telling stories is now my life work and passion.](#)

Church wants to expand spaces for studies and debates in favor of religious freedom

In 2021 Regional Forum on Religious Freedom [should reach more regions of Bahia and Sergipe.](#)

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

"Listen to Each Other"

NAD President's [Black History Month message](#) for 2021.

When God Moves Members to Give

In a challenging year, [Adventists in North America return record US\\$1.1 billion](#) in tithe in 2020.

Stones of Remembrance

Focusing on historical milestones or "[stones of remembrance](#)" during Black History Month

In Iowa, Adventist Education Helps Calms the Storm

Passion for [students shines through a derecho's devastation](#).

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



This year **Safety Sabbath will be March 27, 2021**, and will focus on helping churches protect against cybercrime, avoid liabilities from streaming services online, adapt child protection policies to an online environment. Sign up today to receive tips on how to prepare for Safety Sabbath and a valuable resource kit to help you protect your congregation. **Register today to learn more.**



Mark your calendars for **February 18-20, 2021!** The International Center for Worship & Music is celebrating their **18th Annual Music & Worship Conference** with this year's theme "God is No Respector of Persons: How Worshiping Together Cultivates Unity Across the Divide". **Click here for more information!**



In honor of those who dedicated their lives to full-time gospel or educational ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the church has released the Seventh-day Adventist Clergy and Educator Memorial Medallions.

For more information, please

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Cruise With A Mission :: Center for Youth Evangelism is planning a December cruise

Experience beautiful new places with amazing people, fun activities and a unique way to serve! The Mexico Riviera Cruise will depart San Diego, California, on December 12-19, 2021 with stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico before returning back to San Diego. [Learn more.](#)



Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take protective action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Check with the [Project Safe Church website](#) or your local conference office for more information about this program and getting involved.

What's inside this month's *Herald*

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Friday Night Vespers at Great Lakes Adventist Academy
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