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Lake Union HERALD

We are off next week. Please look for the next newsletter on Thurs., March 28.

AROUND THE UNION



Two Conferences Team Up to Provide Medical and Dental Care in Detroit

Through an interpreter the gentleman expressed joy that he was no longer experiencing excruciating tooth pain. Another patient accompanying his son for dental care decided to take advantage of the medical screening and discovered his blood pressure was dangerously high.

These are two of the hundreds of stories emerging from the joint Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN), Lake Region and Michigan conferences free medical and dental clinic held at the Johnson Recreation Center in Detroit on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

The wildly successful event offering whole-person health care showcased what happens when churches cross conference lines and work together.

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Andrews University Hosts Race and Religion Summit

The ninth Summit on Social Consciousness took place on Thursday, Feb. 29, and Saturday, March 2, 2024, with the theme “Race. Religion. Reflections. Andrews University: The Institutional Saga (1960–1980).” Each of the gatherings featured a recorded interview, followed by a panel reacting to the film.

The Summit explored the theme from three perspectives: Andrews University’s female employees, past and present student groups, and the voice of Andrews’ Seminary alumnus Alvin Kibble. At each session, attendees and participants discussed the lived experiences of individuals at Andrews University in the 1960s through the 1980s.

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Solar Eclipse Presents Opportunity for Evangelism in Indiana

The anticipation is building as the city of Evansville, along with many others cities are in “the path of totality.” The moon passes directly between the earth and the sun, casting a shadow that creates a brief period of darkness known as totality.

Many eyewitnesses of the solar eclipse have indicated that this is a “must- see” experience. Someone said: “It’s one of the most overwhelming sights you’ll ever experience.” Someone else added: “If the sight does not have you shaking in awe, you must be dead.” According to them it’s a big deal.

For Evansville Church members, it’s more than a big deal, it’s an opportunity.

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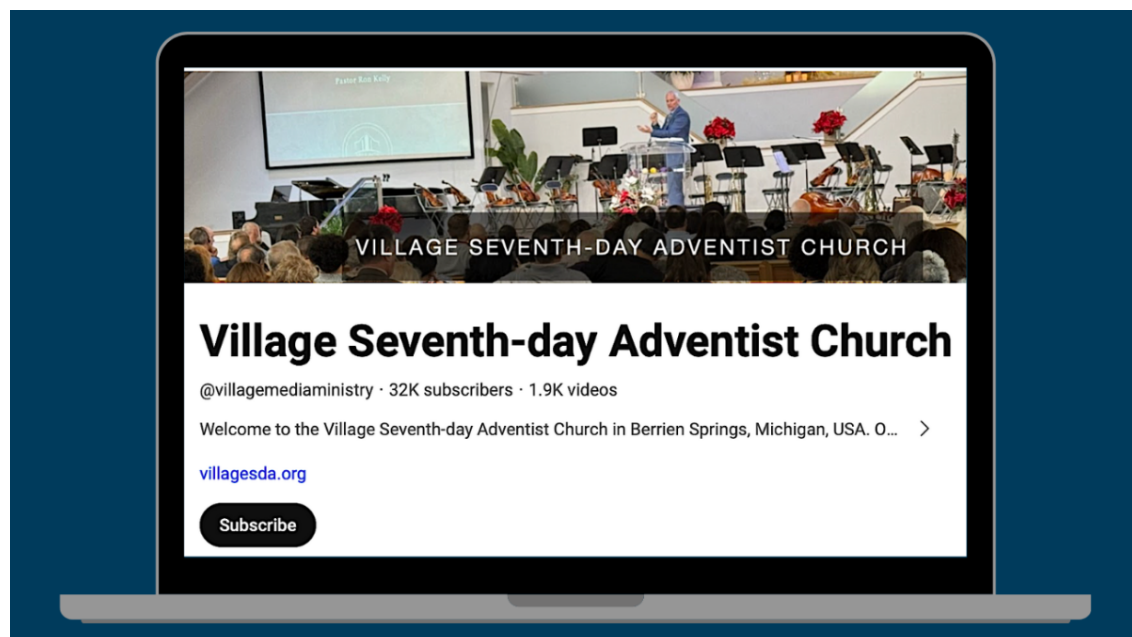


New Associate Joins Illinois Youth Department

Illinois Conference welcomes Roberto Gonzalez (MDiv) as the new associate youth director focusing on youth and young adult ministry and Public Campus Ministry, effective June 1, 2024.

Roberto was born in Geneva, Switzerland where he lived until age 12. He then moved with his family to Spain where they are originally from. He has worked with youth at academy and church level, as well as senior pastor and youth/associate pastor in both English-speaking and Spanish congregations, for the conferences of Michigan, Florida and Potomac and most recently as the associate youth pastor of the Manassas Church in Virginia.

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Keys to Growth on Social Media

Explosive growth in a Michigan church's online presence is allowing greater reach of the gospel of Christ and the Three Angel's Messages. Village Seventh-day Adventist Church YouTube subscribers rose from from around 5,000 to over 32,000 in less than a three-year span. Furthermore, channel analytics show that Village content reaches 1 or more persons in over 90 different countries.

For an individual church in the North American Division to reach this number of subscribers is extremely rare at this point in time. Even when a church is connected to a university or well-known evangelist, having 32,000 subscribers is a very limited attainment. What are some of the keys to this growth?

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[Community Gathers to Pray for Victims of Grand Crossing Shooting](#) (Source: Chicago Sun-Times)

[South Bend Fire Station Receives Hero Award for Service](#) (Source: ABC57 News)

[Church Group Honors South Bend Firefighters Who Responded to Tragic House Fire](#) (Source: WNDU News)

[West Michigan Church Tackles Hunger With Monthly Food Box Distribution](#) (Source: WWMT News)

JOB POSTINGS

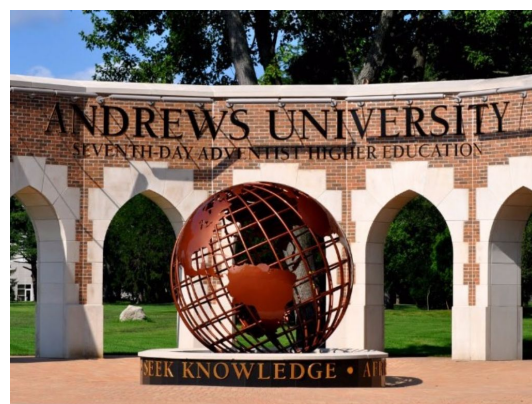
Administrative Assistant – For Lake Union Conference of SDA Education Department – Full Time Hourly Position

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Requirements and Responsibilities include the following:

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- Possesses a high level of organizational skills and the ability to work independently
- Responsibilities include preparing and submitting reports, maintaining appropriate filing systems and records
- Participating in executing preparations for meetings, workshops/trainings/conventions and more
- Maintaining records across multiple platforms including electronic/web-based

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Andrews University

Seeks Qualified Applicants:

Andrews University is seeking qualified Seventh-day Adventists who may fill open roles in fulfilling our mission to Seek Knowledge, Affirm Faith, and Change the World. If this is of interest to you, please check out their current openings at: andrews.edu/jobs

EVENTS AND OTHER LISTINGS

LAKE UNION PIONEERS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

APRIL 5-6 2024

SPEAKERS

Tricia Wynn Payne
Women's Ministries
Director for Lake
Region Conference

Kevin Burton
Director, Center for
Adventist Research,
Andrews University

Michael Campbell
NAD Director of
Archive, Statistics &
Research

Orlan Johnson
NAD Director of
Public Affairs and
Religious Liberty

Dwight Nelson
Retired pastor
Pioneer Memorial
Church

ADVENTIST HISTORIC VILLAGE BATTLE CREEK

PLEASE REGISTER:
lakeunionparl.org

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Engagement

This tunion-wide PARL event will look at how our church's founders viewed the work of civic engagement. How did they see this work as tied to our mission and ministry? And, more importantly it will look at how we can continue to be engaged in the issues of our day.

April 5-6, 2024
Adventist Historic Village, Battle Creek
Please Register at
lakeunionparl.org



On Sabbath, April 13, the Milwaukee Central Adventist Church will celebrate its 80th anniversary with speaker Dwight Nelson.

Come and celebrate what God has done and will continue to do through this community to the city of Milwaukee.



Attention all married couples!

Join Lake Region Conference at the Oakwood Resort in Syracuse, Indiana, on April 19-21, 2024, as the main presenters, Dr. David & Dr. Beverly Sedlacek, share strategies on strengthening your connection with your spouse, effective conflict resolution skills, and approaches to deepening intimacy.

[Register to attend.](#)

For more information, contact family@lrcsda.com.

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ASI LAKE UNION Spring Fellowship 2024

COMMUNITY
Encouraged Empowered Engaged

Pastor Ivor Myers

METROPOLITAN
Metropolitan SDA Church
15685 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
April 26 - 27 | 2024

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ASI Lake Union Spring Fellowship 2024

When: April 26-27, 2024

Where: Metropolitan Adventist Church in Plymouth, Michigan



Get ready for Valentine's Day with "Saving Marriage," a new program from It Is Written.

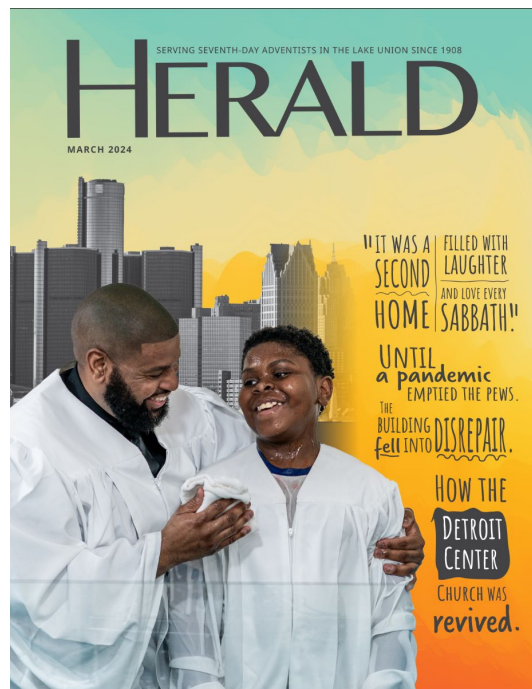
Join John Bradshaw and explore the significance of marriage, the challenges of current divorce rates, and how biblical advice can guide us toward healthier and more fulfilling relationships.

[Watch on It Is Written TV.](#)



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What's inside the *Herald*



March 2024

This month's issue features Detroit Center and its efforts to rebuild in the post-pandemic era.

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This Month in Adventist History



Did you know that Bethel Junior Academy is the oldest Seventh-day Adventist secondary school in Wisconsin? One of the original buildings is pictured here, as seen in 1900. Established in 1898 in Arpin, Wisconsin, the school was first called Woodland Academy in honor of the surrounding forest. The location was chosen for its remoteness. The March 19, 1901, [Advent Review and Sabbath Herald](#) reported that "the school is twelve miles from a city, [and] the surrounding country is thinly settled."

100 names in hand, they mailed copies of Christ's Object Lessons to rural Wisconsin Adventists "who have not the privilege of Sabbath meetings," helping to bridge the gap for their far-flung fellow believers.

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