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Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

🌐 **Good evening.** This is a special edition on the COVID-19 outbreak.

NEWS AROUND THE UNION


Update on Covid-19 impact on Lake Union institutions



On Wednesday, a day after Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency after an outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus in the state, Andrews University and other Lake Union area schools swung into action, cancelling in-person classes and transitioned to online classes for the rest of the semester.

Here is a list of how the COVID-19 outbreak is impacting schools and other institutions in our area:

Andrews University

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campus will be delivered as distance education, beginning Monday, March 23, at the end of the spring semester break. This distance delivery of courses will be in place through the remainder of spring semester. No face-to-face courses will be taught for the remainder of the semester. Currently we plan to resume in-person course instruction at Andrews University for the summer semester.

"As the University switches to distance delivery of its courses for the remainder of this semester, students are encouraged, where possible, to return to their place of permanent residence. Students in Lamson, Meier and University Towers will need to leave their residence by the end of spring break, March 22, unless they receive prior permission to remain longer. This permission to remain would likely be offered to international students and to those students who need to remain in the local area to fulfill clinical or lab requirements.

"Campus events are also canceled in connection with this change, including our International Food Fair, Passion Play and Gymnics Home Show originally scheduled for upcoming weeks.

"As Andrews University continues to respond to COVID-19 related restrictions on large group gatherings, and ongoing complications with travel in Michigan and around the world, the University will postpone its spring graduation programs, originally scheduled for May 1-3. We will announce that new date, and work to assure good lead time for individual plans and arrangements, to celebrate the Andrews University Class of 2020. We want to affirm that our goal is to ensure that the graduation services and ceremony fully reflect the pride we have in our graduates and, at the right time, properly recognizes and celebrates the high level of their achievements."

Andrews Academy

"Andrews Academy is asking that our students not return to school for the two weeks following Spring Break (and NO SCHOOL tomorrow, Friday, March 13) as an extra precaution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, as residents of Berrien County return to our area after Spring Break, we want to continue to monitor the situation before allowing our students back to class for in-person instruction.

Those AA online classes would begin the following week, March 30 – April 3. In the end, the earliest date students would return to our school would be on Monday, April 6, 2020."

Great Lakes Adventist Academy

"After considerable prayer and deliberation, Great Lakes Adventist Academy is asking that students not return to school the week following Spring Break as a precaution to the COVID-19 outbreak. The earliest students would return to school would be Sunday, March 29, 2020."

Pioneer Memorial Church

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"Effective immediately, our worship experience is moving to online-only—which means we will offer both a 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. livestream service. These services will be streamed at pmchurch.org and can also be viewed on our Pioneer Memorial Church Facebook [page](#). i.e., the sanctuary will be empty except for worship leaders and the preacher."

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Michigan Conference Events Cancelled

The Marriage Retreat scheduled for March 13-15 was cancelled, along with New in Ministry for pastors, and all mission trips that fall under the auspices of the Michigan Conference. At this time, there are no plans to cancel camp meeting.

No Decision on Evangelism Events in Indiana

Upcoming public evangelism events such as *It is Written* campaigns and the Your Best Pathway to Health mega clinic slated for Indianapolis April 8-10 are under evaluation and a decision on whether to move forward is expected next week.

Lake Union issues guidelines

Lake Union announced guidelines for worship and assembly. "As our churches engage in weekly gatherings of fellowship during our current health crisis, it is important to our gospel witness to provide solutions, rather than to create problems. Our churches have significant elderly populations that are especially at risk for Covid-19. Some states are issuing cautions about having any large social meetings or gatherings at all. You need to consider, in consultation with your Conference leadership, when and how it might be appropriate to either cancel church, or stream it remotely. But if you do intend to hold services, we advise that you consider the following [guidelines](#)."

AdventHealth produces sharing resources

AdventHealth has launched a coronavirus information site for the Adventist Church with videos covering topics like prevention, symptoms, spread and some special considerations for congregations. You can find the first few episodes of the video podcast series at AdventHealth.com/Coronavirus-Resource-Hub/Church-Resources, in addition to FAQs, blogs and CDC resources. Future episodes will be posted as we learn more about the virus and we have additional updates. We will also set up a coronavirus information site for schools in the near future.

2020 EVANGELISM SCHEDULE

MARCH 21: Impact Indiana Evangelism Rally, Impact Indiana Constituent churches

APRIL 3: Lake Union ASI, Eric Flickinger, *It Is Written*, Indiana Academy, 7 p.m.

APRIL 4: Sabbath Celebration, Eric Flickinger, *It Is Written*, Indiana Academy, 9:30 a.m.

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APRIL 8-10: Your Best Pathway to Health Expo, Lucas Oil Stadium

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APRIL 11: Sabbath Services at Lucas Oil Stadium – Speaker, Mark Finley

APRIL 10 - MAY 9: North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) Evangelism Meetings and Field Schools, North and South Zone Ignition churches

APRIL 17- MAY 16: Evangelistic Meetings – John Bradshaw and *I/W* Speakers, Central Zone Ignition churches

APRIL 18-25: Hispanic Evangelistic Meetings, Robert Costa, *I/W*, Central Zone Hispanic churches

MAY 30 - JUNE 13: *Breath of Life* Evangelistic Meetings, Carlton Byrd

JUNE 7-20: General Conference Field School of Evangelism, Mark Finley

JUNE 12-20: General Conference Evangelistic Series, Ted Wilson

JUNE 13-20: Caravan of Evangelism Hispanic Ignition Churches, Alejandro Bullón

JUNE 24-26: Urban Mission Network Gathering – Vision Loft and Indy Arts Gathering, Indianapolis

JUNE 25 – JULY 4: 61st General Conference Session, Indianapolis

JUNE 26 – JULY 24: IMPACT Indianapolis, GC Youth Initiative

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



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RUN FOR KOSRAE, A 5K RUN & WALK

A fundraiser to build a gym for students on the Pacific Island of Kosrae.

Sunday, March 29 @ 9 a.m.
Starting location at the Wellness Center on the campus of Andrews University

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3,000 volunteers needed!

Dentists, dental hygienists & assistants, ophthalmologists, surgeons, anesthesiologists; plus many other medical specialists and non-medical volunteers needed

April 8-10, 2020
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

[Registration](#) is now open!

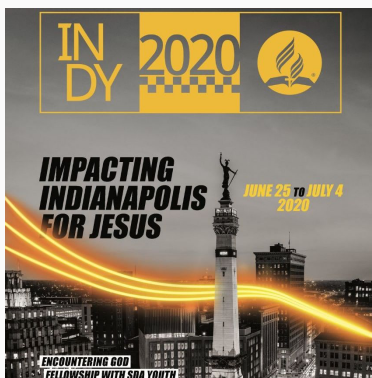


Historic Village Tours

Planning to visit the Battle Creek Adventist Historic Village around the time of the General Conference Session? Beware you'll need to [register](#).

Meals available from on-site mobile kitchen.

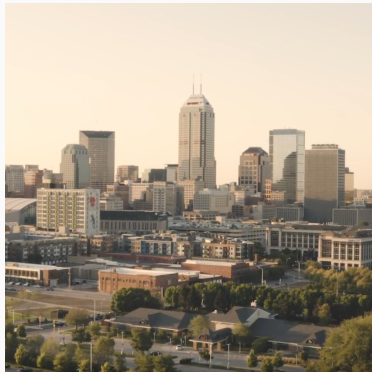
Hours from June 21st – July 12th
Sunday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sabbath: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.



IMPACT is a youth and young adult event that takes place during General Conference Session. It is designed to help Adventist Young people...

- Get connected with their global church and its functionality
- Build relationships with other youth from around the world
- Receive practical training in global youth initiatives

Register [here](#).



ONE YEAR IN MISSION PLUS is an initiative in the Lake Union and an expansion of the [C.A.M.P.U.S.](#) Missionary Training Program.

If you know of committed Seventh-day Adventist young people with a desire to take the 2020-2021 year off from school to make a difference in the lives others, please contact: www.campushope.com/oyim

Conscience & Justice Council Conference

Los Angeles | September 24- 27

Featured speakers include:

Michael Pflieger, The Faith Community of Saint Sabina

Carlton Byrd, Breath of Life

Barbara Williams-Skinner, Skinner Leadership Institute

Larry Johnson, Brotherhood Against Drugs

Andrea Trusty-King, 16th Street Church

Robert Ericksen, author, *Theologians*

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2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hilton Los Angeles North Hollywood & Executive Meeting Center

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Adventist Medical Professionals Clinician Well-being Conference and Family Retreat

"Restoring Faith in Medicine"

October 2 and 3
The Hyatt Lodge - Oak Brook, Illinois

Registration coming soon!
www.amp.lakeunion.org

For additional information, email:
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 31st annual convention of
the **Society of Adventist
Communicators** takes place
October 15-17, 2020, at the Hilton
Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort &
Conference Center in Oak Brook,
Illinois.

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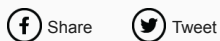
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