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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Andrews moves toward campus reopening; Michigan church holds drive-in service; Preparing for the second wave.

NEWS AROUND THE UNION



On May 12, Andrews University President, Andrea Luxton and Provost, Christon Arthur, along with 20 of their friends helped light 500 luminaries to help honor front line workers and caregivers in Spectrum Health Lakeland, and throughout the world, who sacrifice to serve and care for those threatened and affected by COVID-19 pandemic. Thousands of prayers and inadequate thanks accompany these 500 candles. (*Photo credit: Joshua Nowicki*)

Andrews moves toward campus reopening

President Luxton details planning for fall semester

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In order to answer that, we, like other universities, have been carefully watching trends of COVID-19 and are considering our options for both keeping the campus community safe and fulfilling our mission of delivering strong Seventh-day Adventist education. We have also been continuing to consult with experts and are paying attention to the MI Safe Start Plan, put out recently by the Michigan Governor's Office, that articulates the steps for opening the state, including colleges and universities.

So here is the answer to the critical question: Yes!

Yes, we do plan on opening Andrews University this fall and starting the fall semester of classes on August 24, 2020. We believe we have a strong plan in place to mitigate risk as we focus on safety for all of our community, including our students and employees. However, we will be flexible, creative and responsive to any changing situation and, if needed, will make additional changes to help assure the safety of our students, employees and community. READ MORE

Michigan church holds drive-in service

Members of the Big Rapids, Reed City, and Bristol churches came together on the first Sabbath in May to worship safely, while social-distancing in their vehicles. With the go-ahead from local and state law enforcement, the Michigan Conference, and neighbors surrounding the church, the anticipated worship services were underway. Sabbath experience was one that none had ever experienced. They utilized a portable speaker system, a guitar and accordion for special music, and a makeshift truck platform to bring the service together.

They had even prepped for a forecasted rainstorm, but the skies miraculously cleared to blue, minutes before the sermon. After the service, members waved to each other and shouted words of blessing and encouragement as rows of cars were dismissed. READ MORE

Preparing for the second wave

Join the Lake Union Conference for the seventh installment of "The Church and the Coronavirus." As we look back at the history of global pandemics and at the current health problems, we now turn our attention to what we can do to keep ourselves healthy, not only from this virus but other diseases. Join us this Sabbath for an important discussion with Dr. David DeRose, Dr. Greg Steinke and Pastor Malcolm Douglas on precautions that you can take to prepare for a possible second wave. Moderated by Randy Griffin, Lake Union Health director and Debbie Michel, *Lake Union Herald* managing editor.

WHEN: Sabbath, May 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE: The Lake Union Herald Facebook page and YouTube channel.

You can watch last week's episode on "Death, Grief and Recovery," featuring Toson Knight and Lowell Hamel's testimony on <u>YouTube</u>.

In the News

ILLINOIS

<u>WGN-TV story</u> "Chicago street artists, inspired by pandemic, express themes of isolation and gratitude" carried a report featuring **Milton Coronado** who painted a mural on a building under the L tracks near California and Fullerton

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of it and just create work and grow. And, hopefully when this is all over, we can come out stronger and wiser — with much more work that we have produced while in quarantine."

<u>Illinois news station, KWWL</u>, rebroadcasts 2017 interview with Little Richard. "Decades after leaving the public eye, **Richard Penniman (aka Little Richard)** turned to the religious life and found a home in the Seventh-day Adventists. Penniman made a special trip to the broadcast facility of <u>Three Angels Broadcast Network</u>, a television and radio network affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist church, in Thompsonville, Illinois."

<u>Bolingbrook's Patch</u>, reports <u>AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center</u> is one of the locations offering free groceries through a micro-pantry. "With the motto 'Take what you Need, Leave what you Can', MicroPantries has been helping Bolingbrook residents with food and hygiene items during the coronavirus pandemic."

INDIANA

WISH-TV filed this news report: "Eastside Seventh-day Adventist church to hold Mother's Day service outside"

From the report: "Pastor Kenneth Elliott and church leaders of East Side Seventh-day Adventist church say this is the ideal time.

They were inspired to do this by the idea of an old fashioned drive-in so people will stay in their cars.

"We're just excited! We haven't seen many of our members, you know, since the beginning of March so we thought this plus for Mother's Day weekend".

MICHIGAN

 $\underline{\sf MLIVE}$ published news of Jackson Church's drive-through food distribution last Tuesday.

"We are prepared for 150 families to go through," said **Janet Allen**, a volunteer.

Nineteen families were fed in the first food pantry drive-through, Allen said.

"The need in the community is still there," she said. "I've talked with many people who are so in need of food and it's just a blessing to be able to give it to them."

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

A <u>Bridge</u> magazine story, headlined "Coronavirus guts Michigan college budgets. And it's going to get worse" reports:

"At <u>Andrews University</u>, 22 percent of students (762 of 3,412) on the Berrien Springs campus in fall 2019 came from outside the U.S.

While the school anticipates many of its current international students (many of whom are still in the U.S.) will be back in the fall, "our budgetary assumption is that we will have far fewer and possibly no new international students."

That would be a loss of about 50 students, Stephen Payne, special assistant to the president, estimated."

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Thinking 'Adventistly' about politics

I first came across the unusual but useful adverb "Christianly" in an article published last year about the role of faith in politics. In an <u>interview</u>, Michael Wear, a former director of President Obama's White House faith-based initiative, said Christians have a special responsibility to speak up about issues of public policy. <u>READ MORE</u>

Coping with cancer during COVID-19

49-year-old Barbara Rader finally found hope that her terminal Stage 4 breast cancer diagnosis may not be the final chapter of her life. And then COVID-19 happened.

When she first received her cancer diagnosis in 2019, she was afraid she wouldn't be around for special moments, like seeing her nephews and god-daughter grow up. When her diagnosis improved in the beginning of 2020, she was hopeful her life would be extended. Then she was hit with another fear: contracting COVID-19 as an immunocompromised patient. READ MORE

Members hold contest to motivate the making of children's masks

Members of Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Santa Efigênia district in Curitiba, Brazil, were surprised at the end of April with a unique contest. Each of them could submit a child-sized homemade mask to be given to a young member of the community. Each design would be judged as a creative art piece, and winners would be chosen at the church level to compete with others at the district level. READ MORE

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS

School of Journalism and Communication Invites High School Students to Virtual Summer Camp

The School of Journalism and Communication (SJC) at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, will host a three-day virtual photo/journalism summer boot camp for high school students from June 15 to 17. The workshop, to be held via Zoom, is designed for students interested in photography, writing, videography, social media, or overall storytelling. READ MORE

Escrito Está Holds Virtual Meetings with Nearly 250,000 Views

Between April 18-25, 2020, Robert Costa, speaker/director for the It Is Written Spanish language ministry Escrito Está, shared hope with people in Mexico. Under quarantine orders himself, Pastor Costa conducted an online evangelistic series for the North Mexican Union entitled "El poder de la Esperanza" ("The Power of Hope") from his home. The event was live-streamed through Facebook and YouTube. Due to the online platform, other conferences and churches throughout North America, Central America, and South America, and Western Europe, joined the event. The attendance peaked with 247,000 views opening weekend. READ MORE

efforts. "We are grateful for ADRA's commitment to serve and to partner with ACS for this great endeavor," said Sung Kwon, ACS director. <u>READ MORE</u>

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



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Submit your answers by June 30 for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Watch for survey results in the a future issue of the *Herald*.



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Mail them a sharing book with a personal note! And if you can't do it, GLOW can do it for you!

www.glowonline.org/GIFT

With many church buildings closed because of COVID-19, children aren't able to pick up copies of their favorite Sabbath magazines. Pacific Press Publishing Association has decided to make its weekly children's publications — Our Little Friend, Primary Treasure, and Guide — available in PDF format on each magazine's own website for free.



threat keeps church buildings closed.



100 DAYS OF PRAYER

From March 27 – July 4, 2020 join Seventh-day Adventists all around the world in calling on Jesus in our urgent need!

- To submit a prayer request regarding the needs of your local church or conference, <u>click here</u>.
- Material for translators now available <u>here.</u>
- Sign up for Daily Prayer Focus here.



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Los Angeles | September 24- 27 Featured speakers include:

Michael Pfleger, 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 Under Hitler*

More info at cjcouncil.org





Adventist Medical Professionals

Clinician Well-being Conference and Family Retreat

"Restoring Faith in Medicine"

October 2 and 3

Registration coming soon! www.amp.lakeunion.org

For additional information, email: heather.hoffman2@amitahealth.org

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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.

www.adventistcommunicators.org





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The Cruise With a Mission Alaska trip this September is canceled.

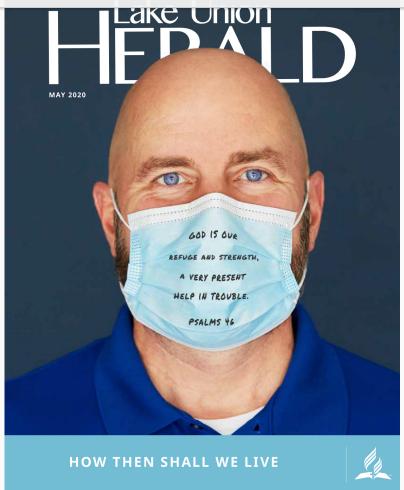
Nonetheless, there is a better alternative! Cruise with a Mission is going back to the Caribbean for December 13-20, 2020. Find more information at cye.org/cwm.

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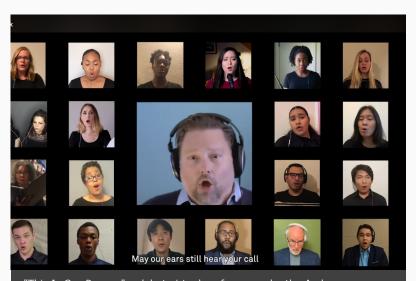
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Featured Video



"This Is Our Prayer," a debut virtual performance by the Andrews University Department of Music community of musicians, created in response to 'virtual reality' brought on by COVID-19. The song is composed by the Department of Music Chair, Adriana Perera, to lyrics by Andrews alum, Nicholas Zork. This was offered in loving memory of student violinist, Colin Fenwick, who died suddenly in March. WATCH VIDEO

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