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THIS WEEK

AROUND THE UNION



Commentary: Response to former pastor advocating marital rape

Where do we go from here? I cringed when I read the words, "I would say to you gentlemen, the best person to rape is your wife," from a pastor's sermon a few weeks ago. My stomach dropped, my heart ached, and my head started spinning. What an aberration of God's love had he just spoken? Having these words come from the pulpit, how many more wives would suffer, and how many husbands might lose their salvation, if they followed this errant advice?

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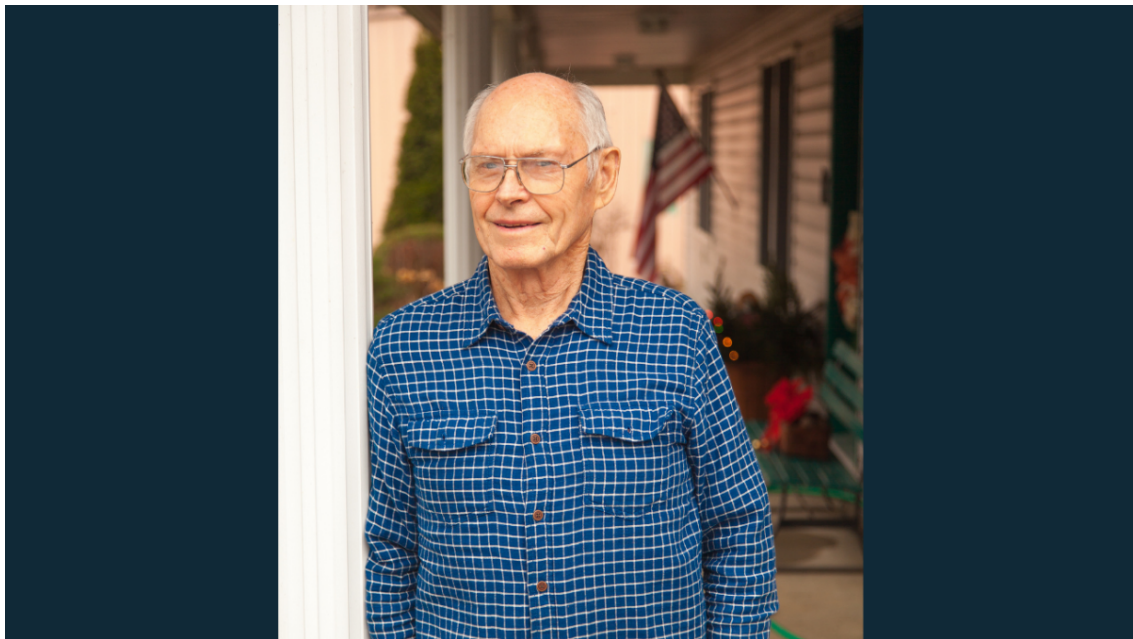


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Wisconsin pastor reflects on the Christmas parade tragedy

As soon as I sensed the odd movement, the red SUV zoomed right by my girls and plowed through the parade, killing six innocent souls, badly injuring over 40 precious people, and marking a forever scar to our hearts. A joyous parade had turned into a traumatic nightmare, right in front of our eyes.

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Longtime educator, Herb Wrate, dies at 83

For 10 years as a teacher and 30 years as an educational superintendent, Herb Wrate dutifully served in the Northern New England, Indiana, Iowa-Missouri, and Wisconsin Conferences.

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Commentary: United in love

November 9 of last year was an unforgettable day for me and the members of the Berrien Springs Hispanic Church. On that day a consolation and memorial service was held for those who knew and loved Brother Arnaldo Contreras. His friends knew him as "The Brother." Arnaldo had died unexpectedly two weeks after being discharged from the hospital, having reportedly recovered from COVID-19.

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Indiana ABC has fresh look

New managers and new name.

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Our United Cry early bird ending

Are you seeking revival in your prayer experience? The Lake Union Conference would like to invite you to our annual **"Our United Cry: One with God, One with Each Other"** this coming **March 11-12, 2022** with speakers Mark Finley, G. Alexander Bryant, Deeann Bradgraw, Jerry Saraun, and Chanda Nunes.

Reflection and emphasis will be given throughout this weekend to fulfill the prayer of our Lord expressed in John 17 that His people be one with Him and with each other.

The Early Bird fee of \$55 ends December 15!

[Register today](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

When you can't pray the depression away: new General Conference initiative to reduce stigma around mental health

In response to the mental health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the global Seventh-day Adventist Church has [created a mental health initiative and developed resources](#) as part of their "Youth Alive" program, to help young people around the world.

How To Be A Great Leader

The grandeur of working for the kingdom, the external and internal pressures of being a religious leader, and [the need to pass it on to the next generation can be overwhelming.](#)

Churches and ADRA Assist Following Solomon Islands Civil Unrest

civil unrest in Solomon Islands, as ADRA has also moved to assist.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

NAD Summit on Abuse Offers Hope and Healing for Victims

[North American Division conference targets abuse in the church](#)

"We're Here to Help People"

Lone Star Camp manager shares his story, and [what it means to run a camp](#) that helps fill more than one need.

Appreciation Never Expires

[Gratitude is a gift that can be given at any time.](#)

Community Service Center Experiences Increase in Patrons and Donations, Seeks Storage Expansion

The Adventist Community Service Center of Fort Madison, Iowa, seeks to expand its storage after [experiencing an increase in both patrons and item donations.](#)

ADVENTHEALTH

When to Have an Imaging Test for Your Headaches

If you have unexplained, chronic headaches or migraines, we know how challenging life can be. [You want to find relief, but are unsure about how to find the answers you need.](#)

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Your Best Pathway to Health

Mega Clinic is coming to Indianapolis, April 14-21, 2022 and they need your help!

[Volunteer positions](#) for cardiologists, dentists, podiatrists, interpreters, patient assistants and registration, and more are all open. [Volunteer today.](#)

ReCharge your church's ministry

with the It Is Written public evangelism and church growth retreat. Evangelism doesn't have to stop with COVID. As the world becomes more confusing, our



December 12–14, 2021




John Bradshaw Alexander Bryant

Register at itiswritten.com/recharge

experienced soul-winners like Alexander Bryant, John Bradshaw, and more. Held Dec. 12-14 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. **Register by Dec. 6 at itiswritten.com/recharge.**



PRAYER CONFERENCE

OUR UNITED CRY

ONE WITH GOD. ONE WITH EACH OTHER

MARCH 11 & 12 2022

Seventh-day Adventist Church
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

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THE MUSIC OF ADVENT

Annual Advent Season Video Series

AdventHealth

Advent is a time to reflect on the appearing of Christ at a time when the world desperately needed Him. This Advent season, we invite you to allow the **Music of Advent** to care for you – body, mind and spirit – at a time when soothing sounds can meet our need for peace and comfort. Join AdventHealth President/CEO Terry Shaw as he leads us in a celebration of the Music of Advent. Watch the weekly messages in your email: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20. To sign up, click [here](#).



All authority in Heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go... MATTHEW 28:18-20

Unstoppable

Youth Evangelism Congress 2022

Registration is open!

Every two years, senior youth & young adults ages 16-35 in the Lake Union Conference gather to be empowered and receive resources for evangelism back in their local churches and communities. **The Youth Evangelism Congress will be hosted in Shipshewana, Ind., on Feb. 18-20, 2022. [Register today.](#)**

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



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.](#)



Save the Date: June 3-4, 2022

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of Battle Creek Academy! To celebrate this monumental achievement, BCA will combine Alumni Weekend with the celebration.



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. The Project involves training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as the ability to connect victims with trained practitioners.

Visit the [Project Safe Church website](#) for more information.



If you know of a student about to attend or is already on a public university campus in the Lake Union, you should reach out to the conference representative for help in providing an anchor in the young person's faith journey.

Visit our [website](#) for a list of conference representatives.

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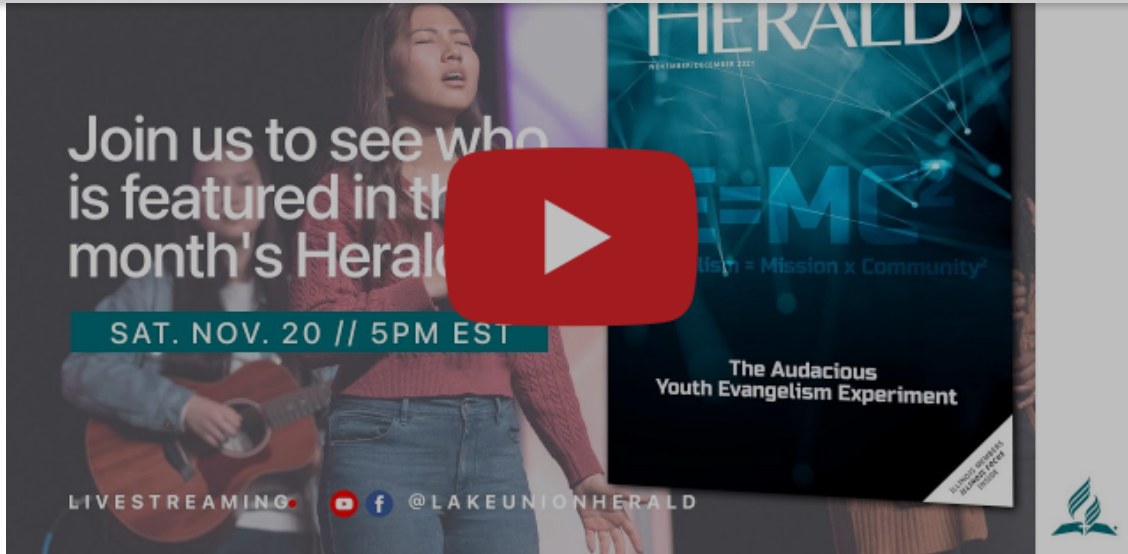
The Audacious Youth Evangelism Experiment

ILLINOIS MEMBERS
ILLINOIS FOCUS
INSIDE

As the pandemic continues to cause production and delivery delays, we continue to work diligently to bring you news and stories from across the Lake Union. If you haven't received this month's Herald, you can have access to all our digital content on our website.

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Video of the Week



This month's *Herald* places emphasis on youth and youth evangelism, the gospel shared by and for youth. One might think that these kinds of stories would almost write themselves. After all, they involve those in their most energetic years ministering to like-minded peers with camera-ready lives. One might even expect shallow and cosmetic tales of young people going through the motions of evangelism. Not so.

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