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Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lake Union mourns death of two members; churches reporting larger viewership; Lake Union schools receive STEM funding; Pastor accepts challenge to 'do something different.'

NEWS AROUND THE UNION



Melrose Park Spanish Church member Milt Coronado painted this "Covid-19 Stay Home" mural in Chicago. The inspiration for the illustration is his wife, a nurse, who is on the front lines.

Lake Union mourns death of two members

Reports are beginning to come in that the fast spreading novel coronavirus has now claimed the lives of two of our members.

- Michigan's Kalamazoo Church posted in a Facebook message on April 9th that Ken Stevenson passed to his rest.
- Lake Region's Detroit Center church reported April 7th on the death of Linda Thomas.

We pray for the families, that God may give them strength through this difficult time of trial. We look forward to a city whose builder and maker is God, a land where "He will wipe every tear from [our] eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

Online viewership outpaces usual church attendance numbers

We're are hearing more and more stories of churches experiencing phenomenal online viewing numbers. For instance, Michigan pastor Roy Castelbuono started using Zoom and Facebook-Live. He said more people are joining Sabbath School discussions than ever before, and viewers have grown by almost 40% each week. "The most exciting thing is that there are no walls to reaching out to anyone who desires to come to church and participate," he said. He added a Saturday night vespers seminar hosted by his members, and these have been successful with guests joining in from out-of-state. "I've been using Zoom for my committees and board meetings, and they are more well-attended than when they were previously in the church building," says Castelbuono. [READ MORE](#)

Love, liberty and worship in the time of the coronavirus

How should the Church carry out its mission during a worldwide pandemic? How can it preach the gospel and protect its religious freedoms at a time when most churches around the country are closed for worship? This is not the first time that the Adventist Church has faced these difficult questions. It confronted them in 1918 during the worldwide influenza pandemic that infected a quarter of the world's population — almost 500 million people. The pandemic killed anywhere from 20 to 100 million people.

During this period, Adventist schools experienced closures, camp meetings and evangelistic meetings were cancelled, and churches were organized to help both their members and neighbors deal with the pandemic. Articles from the *Lake Union Herald* from 1918 reveal that churches and schools were closed at the time for periods of up to two months. [READ MORE](#)

Lake Union schools receive \$90,000 for STEM Education

This is Versacare Foundation's fifth successive year funding STEM grants and marks the third consecutive year it funded every school that applied for a STEM grant. The STEM grant program generally has provided funding in three categories:

- \$5,000 for smaller schools of 3 classrooms or less;

The many uses of STEM funds include the purchase of classroom smart boards, tablets or Chromebooks for student use, equipping or updating student computer labs, installation of 3D printers and related software, initiating or funding robotics programs, instruction in software coding, and the equipping of chemistry, physics and biology labs, and more. [CLICK HERE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF LAKE UNION SCHOOLS](#)

Andreasen Center for Wellness offers virtual membership

The Andreasen Center for Wellness at Andrews University recently released a virtual group fitness membership plan in response to closures caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. [READ MORE](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

A Special Message From Pastor Ted Wilson on the Coronavirus Crisis posted to YouTube on April 2, from the president of the Adventist Church, Ted N.C. Wilson. Elder Wilson will release a new video each week, during the Coronavirus pandemic, which you can view [here](#).

ADRA finds innovative ways to help the most vulnerable.

In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia programs are continuing to find innovative ways to serve their communities.

Community meals have now become takeaway, counseling services have moved online and care packages, including toiletries, are being delivered to the most vulnerable.

In amongst the chaos, people are finding refuge in the service of ADRA volunteers. [READ MORE](#)

Coronavirus victims fight back in the latest #dearcoronavirus video

Most of us know somebody with coronavirus or, perhaps, have it ourselves. Sadly, some of us know friends or family who has lost the battle.

Pedro Torres is a survivor. Along with six others, he chooses to speak out about his battle, his faith, and his hope as a 'virus victim'. You will be encouraged and moved by this video. [READ MORE](#)

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS

I Do Not Fear for God's Church

Randy Robinson, treasurer for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD), recently spoke with Kimberly Luste Maran, an associate director of communication for the NAD, about his role, and how the division is functioning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The interview was conducted entirely online. [READ MORE](#)

Life Worth Living

no longer exist. As a small child, I used to spend more time than a youngster probably should trying to imagine a universe without me: how is it possible that prior to 1969 I did not exist at all? [READ MORE](#)

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



We want to hear from you! Take the *Lake Union Herald* Reader Survey.

By answering [these questions](#), you're helping us gain a clearer understanding of what you expect to see in these pages, which will help us produce a magazine that is a true reflection of interests and concerns to our Lake Union members.

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*.



Breath of Life Easter Special on network TV!

Breath of Life has yet another opportunity to spread the Advent message on network television, through a special broadcast set to premiere, on **Easter Sunday, April 12th on ABC**. With stay-at-home orders in effect all over the country, this as a tremendous opportunity to impact millions of people with a message of hope. Tune in and invite your family and friends.



It Is Written will conduct a virtual, online evangelistic event starting April 17 that will reach all of North America. Livestreamed from Collegedale, Tennessee, in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language, this event will share hope especially needed in a time like this.

Register [here](#).

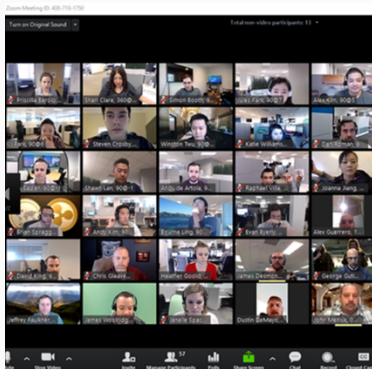
With many church buildings closed because of COVID-19, children aren't able to pick up copies of their favorite Sabbath magazines. **Pacific Press Publishing Association has decided to make its weekly children's publications — *Our Little Friend*, *Primary Treasure*, and *Guide* — available in PDF format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



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, [click here](#).
- Material for translators now available [here](#).
- Sign up for Daily Prayer Focus [here](#).



ZOOM licenses are now available to pastors! For more information visit the NAD Education [store link](#).

Must not be under current contract with Zoom (for obvious reasons, Zoom requires those under contract to first fulfill their existing contract before switching to our NAD contract).

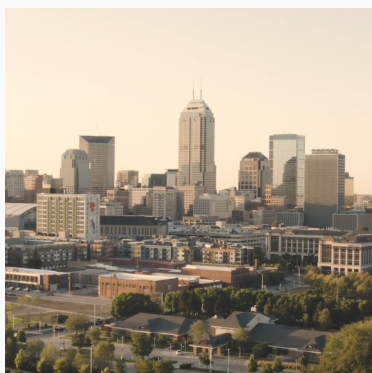
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Marye McKenny — Christian Record member

Consider now how you will impact people who are blind for ministry when you donate to Christian Record on Sabbath, April 11.

Access materials for you or your church family at www.CRSBday.org. Online giving is always available at www.ChristianRecord.org/Give.



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



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 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

The Hyatt Lodge - Oak Brook, Illinois

Registration coming soon!

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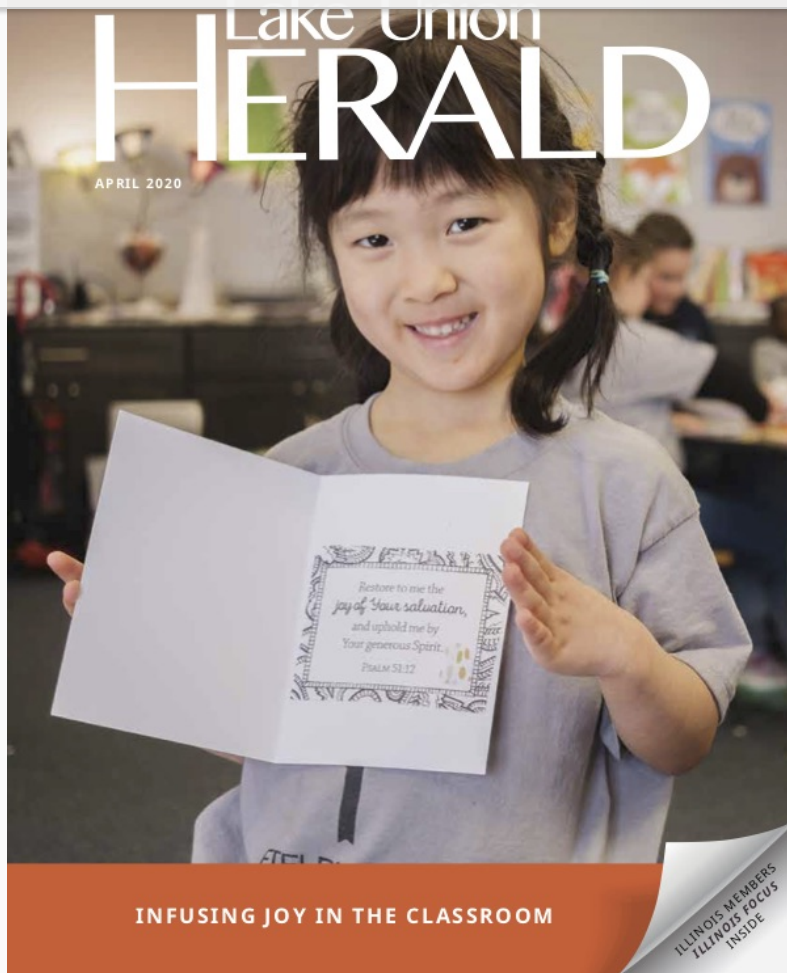
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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.

www.adventistcommunicators.org

What's inside this month's *Herald*



Featured Video



While most pastors are busy mastering the art of online preaching, one Wisconsin pastor decided to take his sermon to another level.

Zack Payne said the idea came to him when one of his members, a jaded millennial,

So, Zack who pastors the Raymond, Racine and Kenosha churches, started brainstorming ways to keep younger folks like him engaged. He came to the conclusion that there are a lot of people involved in their online community and a lot of folks tuning into their services who they'd like to keep after the quarantine is over. I thought, "What if I did a video as an emoji..."

He was next on the Sabbath morning roster. "I wanted to preach a message that spoke empowerment into people's lives during a time of perceived and real helplessness. Tying it into the theme of emoji: I thought, we need to be animated by God right now. Ezekiel 37 seemed to be a perfect story, and it also came along with the idea that we need animation but God also calls us to animate others." By the time Zack had written the sermon, he pitched the idea to his wife, Allison, about using her skills as a video editor to illustrate with various other emojis.

He recorded the sermon in 30 second clips (as that's as long as you can record an Animoji message on iPhone X) and Allison strung them together. "She had a blast putting my animated face on various bodies and using just about every emoji under the sun to illustrate what I was talking about.

"She spent probably five to six hours transforming my various 30 second texts into a 15 minute final product, but she definitely giggled a lot during the process.

"Lots of fun and I think the message rang true for folks who watched it, which makes me feel like the mission was accomplished." [CLICK TO WATCH](#)

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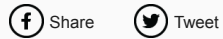
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