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Academy Students Serve in the Dominican Republic

In early January, a group of 41 students from Andrews Academy in Berrien Springs, Michigan, spent 10 days of their holiday break serving on a project with Maranatha Volunteers International, a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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New Ethnic Congregations Launched in Chicago and Green Bay

The Chicago Seventh-day Adventist International Church celebrated its formal inauguration on Sabbath, January 27, 2024. This very historical event was attended by Carmelo Mercado, general vice president of the Lake Union Conference and Eddie Allen, vice president for Multicultural ministry at Lake Region Conference.

On December 30, 2023, the Green Bay Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Company celebrated their organization as a church. Wisconsin Conference administrators were present for this special occasion. President Titus Naftanaila gave the organization message and Secretary/Treasurer Amir Gulzar, oversaw the organization process to change from company to church status.

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Comes to Detroit Area

On March 2, 2024 Detroit area churches will unite in prayer.

Since December 31, 2023, Lake Region and Michigan Conference churches have come together to pray.

It started at the Burns Church on December 31 with a joint prayer seeking God for His purpose for the New Year and for the upcoming medical dental clinic.

On January 20, 2024, there was another unified prayer convocation at Detroit Northwest church, uniting to pray for God's purpose and for the upcoming medical dental clinic.

On February 10th, they will unite again in prayer at the Troy church.

"We are excited to see what God will do," said Tricia Payne, coordinator for the Our United Cry prayer conference. "We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!"

IN THE NEWS

Former Gleaner Managing Editor Dower Passes Away

Nadine Dower, former *Lake Union Herald* and *North Pacific Union Gleaner* managing editor, passed away on Jan. 5, 2024 in Seattle, Washington, a day short of her 80th birthday. Born on Jan. 6, 1944 in Spokane, Washington, Nadine had a significant impact on Adventist communication outreach efforts throughout her career.

EVENTS AND OTHER LISTINGS



Volunteers Needed!

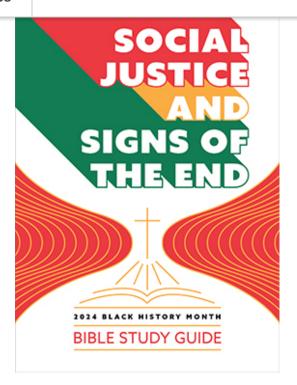
This coming March 10, the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) is hosting a free medical and dental clinic in Detroit, Michigan. If you are interested in volunteering and are a dentist, hygienist, optometrist, or a nonmedical, please visit amenfreeclinic.org for more information.



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

Marriage was established by God to be the place in which children can be raised safely and successfully, both husband and wife can flourish, and parents and children can experience love and security. 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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Study Guide: "Social Justice and Signs of the End" is now available! This special study is written by Black Seventh-day Adventist scholars and presents a specific topic for each week in February

The 2024 guide is available from either your church or directly from the printer, AdventSource.org.



Gut Health: The Second Brain

Join Dr. Janese Laster, Board-certified in internal medicine, gastroenterology, obesity medicine, and nutrition, as she discusses gut health and the connection to many of the diseases we see today.

When: February 3, 2024, at 3pm CST/ 4pm EST

Join live at

Streamyard.com/ZRJUY3S5AP

Sponsored by Lake Region Health Ministries



The 21-Day Daniel Fast

Join the Lake Region Health
Ministries for the 21-day Daniel Fast.
This is a biblically based, partial fast.
It is a method of fasting that men,
women, and young people worldwide
are using to enter into the spiritual
discipline of prayer and fasting.

When: January 21 - February 10, 2024

Daily updates

at facebook.com/lrchealthwellness



Early Pioneers and Civic Engagement

This 2-day Union-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.

When: April 5-6, 2024

Where: Adventist Historic Village,

Battle Creek

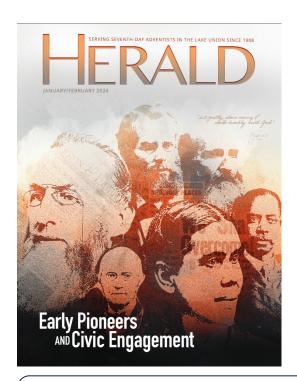
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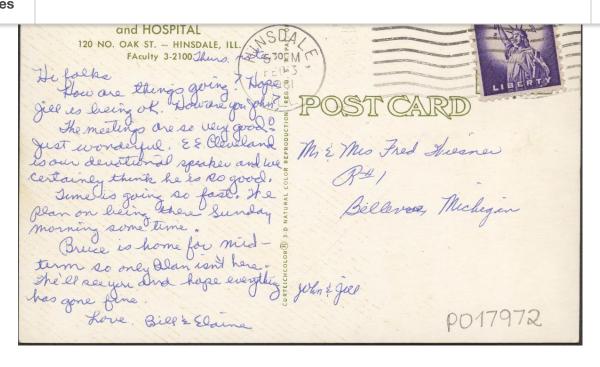
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This month's issue features our early pioneers and civic engagement.

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This Month in Adventist History





This postcard was mailed on February 3, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiesner of Bellevue, Michigan by their friends Bill and Elaine of Hinsdale, Illinois. Postage cost only three cents. The front of the postcard shows a cheerful summer view of the Hinsdale Hospital campus as it looked over 60 years ago.

Bill and Elaine (last name not recorded) reported to the Wiesners that a set of local meetings, possibly evangelistic, were going very well. 'Just wonderful,' they said. 'E.E. Cleveland is our devotional speaker and we certainly think he is so good.'

Hinsdale Hospital, pictured here, was founded in 1904. Now known as AdventHealth Hinsdale, the facility remains the only teaching hospital in DuPage County, Illinois.

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