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Wilson SDA Junior Academy

The WJA halls were alive with the sounds of history in Mrs. Hakes' class during the month of April. Her class researched, wrote, and practiced presentations about Seventh-day Adventist pioneers. They even recreated recipes from one of the first original published SDA Recipe Books. The culminating event was a Dinner Theater where students sat with their families at tables they decorated in period decor. It was delicious and memorable for all involved.

Grades 5-7 also concluded a quarter long Bible study with Pastor Hakes by making communion bread and then shared a special communion service together. April has been special, for sure.

For our monthly Bible Labs, grades 9 & 10 cleaned up 551, grades 5-7 did yard work for the church property at the Lanaville home, and grades 1-4 visited one of our shut-ins. Both students and Pat Olsen appreciated time together. Students also enjoyed her pet Shorkie, Zoey.

As our year winds down, we are excited to announce the yearbook has officially been put to bed. We're proud of our 9th & 10th graders for meeting their deadline and anxiously await our copies. If you would like your own copy, please order online at the following link. <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016939306191779> . The price is \$30 per copy. You can also use this scan code:



WJA wishes to give a huge shout out to Aileen King for the countless hours she has spent in Mrs. Berger's class. Her help has been invaluable! Thank you so much! Anyone who wishes to volunteer time at school will not only benefit students, but will enrich your own life. We have special students at WJA!

April also brought final standardized MAP Growth Testing. This year, we invited our homeschooling community to join us so that they can track the growth of their own students. We enjoyed interacting with everyone together! May 18 is our final program of the year and we would love for you to join us along with invited friends and family! All our students will be participating in "God is in My Story" during the church service, including our amazing bell choir and other music groups. Drama will weave the story together with a powerful message. Don't miss out on your opportunity for a special blessing as you support our young people!

--Blessings,

Ginnie Hakes
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HIGHER CALLING: Why We Do Adventist Education

In the heart of every parent and educator lies a deep-seated desire to see the children entrusted to their care grow into individuals of character, purpose, and service -- a desire that finds its fulfillment in the mission and vision of Adventist education.

Though at times parents and educators perceive that they are at odds in their goals, the gap in outcomes is rarely as wide as sometimes felt. Seventh-day Adventist education is rooted in preparing students for service in this world and the world to come. From its inception, Adventist education has been guided by the mission and vision that seeks to nurture the whole person -- mind, body, and spirit-- in a Christ-centered environment.

However, it is possible that we have lost sight of the foundational reason for Adventist education, which is: "It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." (*Education, p. 131*). As parents, we want our children to have a better life than we had. We can feel uncomfortable focusing on the service aspect of education. It's okay if my child rakes a few lawns and writes some beautiful note to be delivered to the nursing home, but deep inside my soul, I want them to be the top engineer, doctor, nurse, attorney, or mechanic -- not to serve, but to have a good income and live a comfortable life." Yes, I want them to use their income wisely and make regular donations to the local Adventist church, but I really want them to be successful here on earth and live the "American dream."

As teachers, we have accepted this parental pressure because our schools need a level of enrollment to remain viable. Unlike a church, our schools are an exchange of tuition dollars for an education. The pressure to graduate students that compete with the rest of the world is very high. With this subtle and sometimes not-so-subtle pressure, we have collectively lost sight of the original purpose of Adventist education, which is the joy of service in this world and the world to come.

This is the reason that self-supporting schools have started. They begin with a local community desiring to really focus on the original purpose of Adventist education. They, too, struggle financially because of limited resources and limited enrollment. The Adventist education system is divided and we know from Scripture that "*a house divided against itself, that house cannot stand.*" (*Mark 3:25*).

The call to all who read this article is that we stop conforming to the desire for our children to have successful careers with good pay, and fully engage our children in the idea of serving mankind. When we enroll our students in the local Adventist school, we will know that the teacher is fully engaged in the same purpose. The parent and the teacher are then united in a common goal. When we are united, then the Holy Spirit is poured out in a latter rain that will provide the power to "*such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the world.*" (*Education, p.271*)

I invite you to recommit to the original purpose of Adventist education. Let us prioritize the joy of service in this world and the world to come, preparing our children not just for successful careers but for lives dedicated to serving humanity and sharing the message of Christ's love. Enroll your children in local Adventist schools and support them as they embark on this journey of faith and service. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our children, the world around us and the world to come.

Brian Kittleson, Associate Superintendent of Schools, Michigan Conference

Prayer Requests

Recently news has come about two of our church's friends who have been on our prayer list for varying lengths of time:

- 1) Georgia Champion died on Feb. 10, a day before her 95th birthday. There will be a grave side service at the Bark River cemetery at noon on May 24. Our church has received a bequest from her and Ray's will.
- 2) Joyce Wery Meekma, one of Roy and Dorothy Wery's daughters has been recovering at a rehab hospital from a massive stroke. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

Please continue to pray for, and contribute to the "improvement and maintenance" fund supporting multiple projects at the church, school, and other church properties. To date, the exterior windows of the church have been cleaned, and the walls of the classroom wing have been repainted. Progress is being made on the enlarged and improved sound booth. Elsewhere in this edition is some detail of the help received from the school students in their Bible Lab afternoon outing at the Gloria house.

Updates from The Tech Desk

Building Projects

On the technology front, a lot has changed since our church was built. With additions of changing out and adding pieces to our sound systems, installing the screens for presentation, and kicking off the process of live streaming our services, we have outgrown 'the desk in the back.' Progress is underway on creating a new Audio/Video (AV) Booth/area to replace what we currently have in the back of the church. We're targeting the two weeks surrounding Spring Retreat (May 3-5) to get everything installed and in place. The new area is being created to allow the AV techs to have a more usable and optimized space. We'll be putting in a raised platform (to be elevated enough to see over everyone when they're standing) with built in desks enough to support our current tech infrastructure that has sprawled out of our current space.

Live Streaming

We're live!

Currently streaming Sabbath School (9:30am) and Church Services (10:30am) on our church's YouTube channel.

The streams can be found at youtube.com/@wilsonsdachurch or by going to YouTube and searching @wilsonsdachurch (need the @ or you'll get Ted Wilson videos)

Our goal is to also get these streams integrated into our church's website so they might be easier for people to eventually find (wilsonsdachurch.org).

As Pastor said a couple weeks back, we'd all like to be at church each week, but if unforeseen circumstances arise we want to make sure this option is available. There are still a handful of issues we're working through with this ministry so please bear with us and provide feedback as we progress!

Recordings of Past Sermons

Another benefit from us live streaming is that each stream is being recorded. Each week the sermon will be available a couple hours after the church service on the same YouTube channel.

We've created a playlist specifically for our sermons to organize the list of past presentations so go check it out if there's something you want to hear again.

Our streaming started around the end of January so at this point we have just over 2 months' worth of sermons available (we apologize for any technical hurdles we've run into along the way 😊).

Media Cart

There's now a media cart available for use in the church! It will mainly be used weekly in the youth Sabbath School classroom for visual aid assistance, but can also be rolled into the Library or Lobby if needed for any other presentations or meetings that may require visual aid.

As always, please don't hesitate to throw the tech team your questions and feedback! We'll continue to do our best to 'make things work' from the back corner 😊.

Thanks!
Paul



Coopxration . . .

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitz wzll xxxcpt for onx of thx kxys. I havx many timxs wishxd that it workxd pxrfectly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-onx kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx. Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our church is somxthing likx my typxwritxr – not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working proprly. As onx of thxm, you may say to yoursxlf, “Wxll, I am only onx pxrson, I don’t makx or brxak thx church.” But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx, bxcausx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxxy pxrson. So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arx not nxxdxd vxry much, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, “I am a kxy pxrson in thx contrxgation and I am nxxdxd vxry much.” This is what happxns to thx wholx church, and multiply this by many timxs – thx wholx thing just doxs not makx sxnsx! So, don’t be a broken key – be a useful one.

~Author Unknown



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Miscellaneous Announcements & Classified Ads



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Making bread to order
call 906-639-3632
Ask for Zebulun



You may have gotten the Country Life mailing this week and been prompted to think "Wow, I can get stuff from Country Life on my own!" If you still have questions or wonder who you could pair with to get the shipping discounts, call Nancy Messersmith. She knows all the tricks!



NO FARMERS, NO FOOD

WORLD FARMERS DAY (14TH MAY)



Chicken \$3 doz

Eggs for Sale



Duck \$3 for ½ doz

Call 906-639-3632
Ask for Ezra

Don't forget about our ongoing Rada fundraiser. They have a great selection of knives and kitchen utensils that are a great gift or just a great new addition to your own supply!

If you shop online please use the link above, or you may search for **Wilson SDA Jr. Academy** at <https://radafundraising.com/pages/select-your-fundraising-group> . If you prefer a catalog, please contact Brandee Groleau! She is also willing to help you with your orders.

The funds raised will go directly towards finishing our school gym project so that our school can function at its greatest potential for our students and teachers. Please help us meet this goal!

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser for the WJA School Expansion

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