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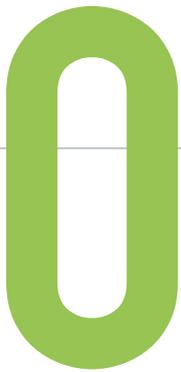
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# How Nature Creates Peace

When God created this world, He also gave us humans the task of being stewards of nature.

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is president of the  
Mid-America Union.



I still remember an outdoor school experience the Carolina Conference organized for all seventh and eighth grade students in its territory. They held an event at the Tremont Institute in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It was a beautiful place!

I only wish we, as students, could have been more in tune with what our schools' leaders were trying to do for us. Of course, I joined in the "group grumbling" and made fun of all the activities they had planned. The "hugging of the trees," the hour of silence and solitude each day and the hikes deep into the mountains just did not seem as important as playing basketball or other sports.

I never admitted it to my fellow students, but I did enjoy the hour of solitude in nature. I found a stream running through the Institute at Tremont and climbed out onto a rock in the middle

and watched the birds, fish and other wildlife with the beautiful sounds of rippling water all around me. That was something new for me—a city dweller. It calmed my spirit and gave me time to think about life and my Savior and His creative power.

## Find a rock and fill your tank

When God created this world, He also gave us humans the task of being stewards of nature. We should count it a privilege to be able to protect our world and enjoy the unmatched benefits of God's second book.

Luther Standing Bear, an educator, writer, philosopher and chief of the Lakota people, once penned this about nature:

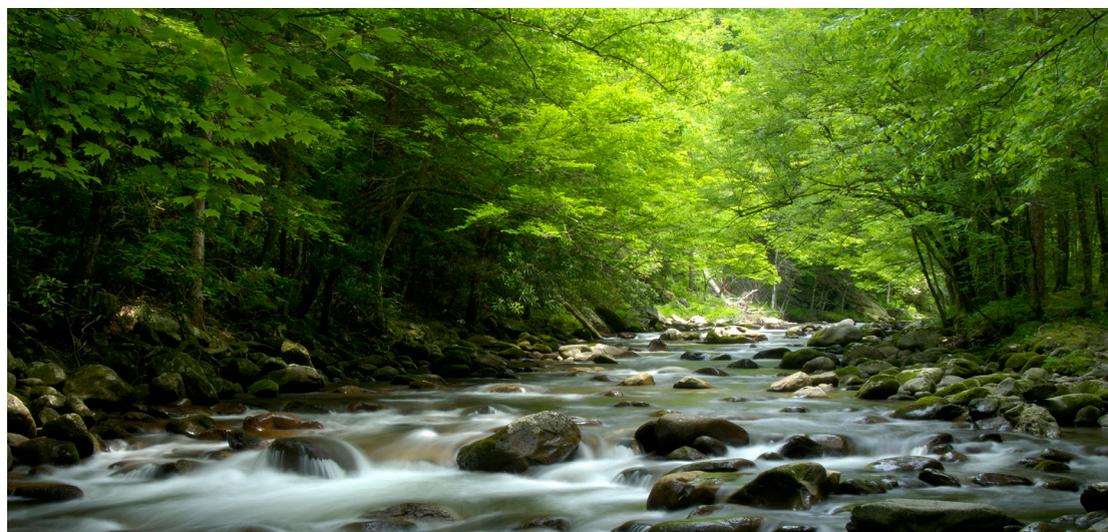
*The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart, away from nature, becomes hard. He knew that the lack*

*of respect for growing, living things soon led to lack of respect for humans, too. So he kept his children close to nature's softening influence.*

Have you found that people in general simply don't have the respect for one another they used to? Have you sensed a growing cynicism and disrespect for others in our society? Have you caught yourself being less tolerant and kind toward others with a different point of view than yours?

If so, maybe you need to find a rock in the middle of a brook somewhere and sit quietly, in solitude, and fill your tank full of the beauty and majesty of God's creative works. I believe you will be greatly blessed, and it will give you a more tender heart for all whom God puts in your path. **0**

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# Honoring the Miracle

For a Christian, the material world is not an illusion.

The earth was created by God with great joy. Indeed, He declared it “very good.” Although we do not worship the creation, we honor and cherish it with a goal of becoming sensitive to nature’s incessant praise of the Creator.

Christians also value living simply, modestly and without excess. The well-known adage to *reduce, reuse, recycle* is more important now than ever. We strive to take care of what we have and purchase only what we need—reused or recycled when possible.

Caring for creation not only preserves our irreplaceable natural resources, it also helps protect our physical health from the toxic pollution of soil, water and air. In addition, creation care acknowledges the miracle of sustenance for life that is provided daily from the earth.

## Choosing to heal

Jason and Branwen Hunolt are on a mission to steward nature through organic farming. An herbalist, Jason is deeply committed to organic, non-GMO food and products. When he and his wife Branwen had the opportunity to purchase a historical home with a few acres, they began living out ideals shared by many but pursued by few.

One of their goals is to create as much of a self-sustaining and self-maintaining system as possible on their land. “We choose to heal, to honor the earth, to leave our mark—not only for ourselves and our daughter Estelle, but for generations who follow,” says Jason.\*

While we await the future kingdom of peace and joy when all creation will be restored, we must remember

that God’s plan for our redemption is ultimately Earth-affirming. In honor of His plan, we should take the available steps to show respect and appreciation for the priceless gift of life in all its forms.

Each person *can* make a difference. As Jason likes to say, “May all your endeavors be green!” **U**

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Tips for everything from canceling phone book delivery to recycling batteries and wire clothes hangers.



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## 7 WAYS TO LIVE CLOSE TO NATURE

- 1. Grow something—anything.** Savor the magic of green shoots pushing through the soil. If you don’t have room for a garden, try a couple of pots on your porch or in your window sill.
- 2. Visit your local flower gardens or arboretum.** Kick off your shoes and walk barefoot in the grass.
- 3. Vacation in national parks.** Not only is this a budget friendly option, you will be refreshed by the beauty and peace that surrounds you.
- 4. Exercise outside.** Host walk n’ talk gatherings. Go swimming at a lake. Look for biking trails nearby.
- 5. Eat outside often.** Go beyond the occasional picnic and entertain guests on your deck or patio frequently.
- 6. Study the sky.** Find cloud pictures. Watch a sunset all the way through. If you see a rainbow, drop everything to absorb the miracle.
- 7. If you can’t get outside, bring nature in.** Open your curtains and windows. Listen to the birds singing or play nature sounds in your room. Plug in a table top water fountain. Fill your space with house plants.

# Look Outside Your Door



**T**he debate about how humans should treat nature is not new. In the Biblical story of Job, he laments how something so horrible as the loss of his property, family and health could happen to someone so righteous. Job's theology throughout much of the book supports the idea that he—and other humans like him—are at the center of God's work. But the writer of the book of Job points out that humans are simply a piece of a much larger system in nature. God tells Job if he would consider the animal and plant life surrounding him he would gain a better understanding of who God is (Job 38-41).

Like Job, people today often have a difficult time understanding what their relationship with nature should be. Is nature here simply for humans to use as they wish, or as a revelation of God to be respected and honored? The answer lies in whether or not the environment is looked at as a finite, exhaustible

ecosystem or as an infinite, replenishing resource.

## Look at the forest

“There is a huge impact of humans on the environment based on the way we use our resources,” says David Hollie. Hollie, a research assistant at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, studies the impact of forest management on birds in the Ozark forest ecosystem. This project, which includes researching forest management practices' effects on birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, insects, plants, soil, fungi and more, is a 100-year-long study currently in its 27th year. “It's important to look at long-term effects when you look at something as big as an ecosystem,” he explains.

When looking at the long-term impacts of human behavior, it is obvious humans have caused irreparable damage

to the environment. In the past, forest management has had devastating effects. “There are many species that have gone extinct because of humans, for example the ivory billed woodpecker,” explains Hollie. Millions of acres of forest were clear cut in the southeastern part of the United States without any thought for sustainability, causing disastrous effects to the ecosystem and the extinction of the ivory billed woodpecker.

Along with his colleagues, Hollie wants to provide research showing sustainable methods of forest management that do not have such negative consequences on the ecosystem. Resources like forests can be exhausted if steps are not taken to protect them from misuse. Even though trees do grow back, the animals and plant life that exist within the forest can suffer irreversible damage from unsustainable forest management methods.

## Look at the water

The environment doesn't only include forests or animals. It also includes a resource you use every single day: water. Jennifer Wemhoff, program manager for The Groundwater Foundation, works to educate others about the need to protect groundwater and ensure the sustainable use of groundwater. “People turn the tap on, but may not think about where it is coming from,” says Wemhoff. “Getting people to understand what their source of water is, and if it is from underground the need to protect what is above it, is important.”

As with forests and wildlife, negative impacts of humans can also be seen in groundwater. “Anything you pour in the ground can eventually end up in groundwater,” says Wemhoff. “A lot of the contamination in groundwater is a result of

human action.”

Groundwater, like any ecosystem, is highly interconnected. Underground water moves at a very slow pace, meaning how you affect groundwater—what chemicals you put on your lawn, what you flush down your toilet or what you dump on the ground—may not have an immediate impact. “Groundwater moves at inches to feet per year rather than feet per second for surface water,” says Wemhoff. If you introduce a contaminant to the groundwater, that contaminant may end up in someone else’s drinking water.

Water is also not unlimited. “Water is a finite resource,” says Wemhoff. “The water we have now is all the water that has ever been and ever will be. We can’t make more of it.”

The good news is every person can make a difference in caring for the environment. Individually it is hard to see any changes, but collectively impacts can be made. “Every one person can be part of the solution,” says Wemhoff. “Collectively we do make a difference. It is not immediate gratification, though. This is a marathon, not a sprint.”

Wemhoff explains that the focus of her team is looking at education and how that can be an impetus for action. “People don’t care about something they do not understand,” she says. “Youth education is a big part of what we do. We also have a network

**Volunteers for The Groundwater Foundation install a rain garden, helping filter pollutants out of stormwater runoff from surfaces like roofs and parking lots (top).**

**Student volunteers clean up trash, preventing toxins from leeching into groundwater and ending up in drinking water (bottom).**

of communities all across the nation that do things locally to help protect and conserve groundwater and educate their community about it.”

### Look at your backyard

Like Job, people often become confused about who the focus is, and as a result believe nature was put here for their use and misuse. They don’t think about the consequences of their actions because they may never see them.

The truth is, whether that resource is a forest, water or your backyard, it is a finite, exhaustible ecosystem that you are responsible to care for. As Job 38-41 tells, humans are a piece in something much larger, and if you want to gain a better understanding of God, there is a good place to start—right outside your door. **0**

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# A Million and One



This month's OUTLOOK is focusing on our relationship with nature and our environment. Recently, we have probably heard the message of humanity's negative footprint more often than how to make a positive impact.

While the list of negatives could fill the pages of this magazine, a single word, a single idea, can produce the greatest effect: change.

Popular action routes toward having a more positive impact on the world around us include reducing our waste, reusing more, recycling, supporting local business and agriculture, eating and using ethically sourced food and resources, and encouraging others to do the same. In these action steps we can see how opportunities for community building, jobs, innovation and education can strengthen our resolve and our place in our environment.

## Win-win-win

In our March issue, we spotlighted Maplewood Academy's farm program and its impact in the

# Innovations

community of Hutchinson, Minnesota. Laura Cummings, Maplewood's registrar, reported that in June 2016 MWA opened a you-pick strawberry patch and a farm stand near one of the main roads through town.

"The community responded with lines of cars full of people wanting a taste of the ruby-red strawberries," said Cummings. "Thanks to word of mouth, the staff couldn't keep up with the demand at the farmers' market. A full truckload of strawberries would be cleared out in 20 minutes. Maplewood was suddenly the talk of the town."

In just a few short weeks, Maplewood's strawberry farm brought in almost \$40,000 and 100 percent of the proceeds from farm produce went toward student scholarships.

In Maplewood's example, the farm provided an easily traceable source of food. Since it is grown locally, the cost of transporting and stocking the food in a store is cut out entirely. This reduces the amount of resources used to eat that strawberry.

By supporting local

agriculture, more of the money that would have gone to a corporation can stay within the community. With this extra money, more projects can be undertaken and presented to local governments to push for more environmentally friendly policies.

Also, students involved will be equipped with the knowledge to become more sustainable members of society. Not only that, but the farm created jobs for students!

In your community, opening a farm may not be a viable course of action. Alternatively, you can join a local co-op, plant your own garden or grow simple window plants such as basil. When you shop, do your best to buy food with traceable origins, and purchase local items any time they are available and within your budget.

## Creative repurposing

Reducing waste is probably the easiest way to manage your impact. On average, an individual contributes 1.5 tons of waste every year.\*

As a child, I had an elderly babysitter who used

to wash even disposable plates. That picture might seem odd and her intent was probably not toward preserving the environment. Still, her small effort enabled her to reduce the amount of trash she produced.

Repairing old clothes or repurposing them for other uses can also reduce waste and save you money that would otherwise be spent on new clothing.

The best part of taking action is you don't have to go at it alone. In fact, involving your community can create fun memories. Know anyone good with a sewing machine? Hold a worn wear party and trade stories while your clothes are mended.

The key to action is innovation. There are a million and one ways to save the environment, but in the end the best one is the one that works for *your* community. 

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\* [archive.epa.gov/epawaste/nonhaz/municipal/web/html/](http://archive.epa.gov/epawaste/nonhaz/municipal/web/html/)

## THINK GREEN



### REDUCE



### REUSE



### RECYCLE

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## Independent, Affordable Senior Housing Sponsored by Central States Conference

God has blessed us with approximately 40 acres of land on the Central States Conference headquarters, and we intend to be good stewards of what God has

entrusted to us. The Central States Conference Executive Committee has voted to move forward with the independent, affordable senior housing sponsored by CSC.

The construction will consist of a community clubhouse and 12 duplexes (24 units) with one-car garages. The apartments will be 1,040 square feet, two bedrooms,

one bathroom, energy efficient, senior accessible and maintenance free.

The Central States Conference bears no initial costs with the help of federal tax credits. Our intent is to bless our community while we finish the work of the gospel in the Central States Conference territory.

More details will come.

Photos: Courtesy Central States Conference



Articles on these pages were written by Brittany Winkfield, communication director for the Central States Conference.

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# Marcus Roybal Turns 100!

**Marcus Roybal** was born Oct. 8, 1917. She has lived through the Great Depression and the Civil Rights Movement. She has seen 17 United States presidents serve.

Sister Roybal was married for 67 years and raised 12 children. She has been faithfully serving and loving at New Community Church since its inception in 1986 and believes you should "pray for everything, worry about nothing."

We want to wish a very special 100th birthday this month to our one and only Sister Marcus Roybal!

"Sister Roybal is a living, walking testimony. She is proof that God will keep you if you desire to be kept. It is so inspiring as a young pastor to witness this kind of longevity in the faith! May the good Lord bless her with many more years." —**Jamond Jimmerson** (pastor of New Community Church)

"Sister Roybal is my mom and grandmother rolled up into one, especially since I lost my grandparents over 50 years ago. I love her a lot and love to listen to the stories about her life. She knows I would do anything for her. For her age, she has a better memory than me." —**Ilona Dorsey**

"My mother loves the church. We thank God for her and praise the Lord she has seen so many years." —**Betty Barcelona** (Marcus Roybal's oldest daughter, age 76)

Marcus Roybal has worshipped in the New Community Church since 1986.



## Just for fun: What things cost in 1917

- Average yearly income: **\$720** 
- Postage stamp: **\$0.02** 
- Gallon of milk: **\$0.13** 
- Movie ticket: **\$0.07** 
- Loaf of bread: **\$0.09** 
- Gallon of gas: **\$0.22** 
- Dozen eggs: **\$0.58** 
- New car: **\$360** 

# Edna Moser Talks About Then and Now

Jodi Dossenko



Edna Moser prizes this painting of her father's childhood farm.

**E**dna Moser was born Aug. 30, 1920 in North Dakota. She was birthed at home with the help of a midwife because going to the hospital to give birth was rare at the time. Today she is the only remaining member of her family. “I am just thankful for my church family,” she says. **Jacquie Biloff and Jodi Dossenko** recently spoke with Moser about what has changed since she was young and what she has learned in her 97 years of life.

## What are some memories you have of your childhood?

In those days no one had money, so we rented. We lived south of McClusky, North Dakota, in a small shack. Eventually we moved into town. My dad was a World War I veteran, and he came home from the war with very bad asthma. He only had a small herd of cattle because his asthma would get so bad

he couldn't work. We usually milked about 10 cows and always had chickens. We sold the cream and eggs for grocery money.

I had to take care of my baby sister, Arlis. My mother was working, so watching my sister took up a good share of my time. When Arlis was born I was 14 and my younger sister, Velda, was 11. Arlis was a disabled child. She was born with a heart lesion. Later the doctor said if she had been born in another time we maybe could have fixed her up.

## Tell about meeting your husband.

My husband's name was Sam, and he worked in the Work Progress Administration projects for young men building roads. I was 16 when I met him. Three years later we married. We went to the courthouse. In those days there was no money for weddings, but my

mom got me a teal blue dress at the local variety store.

We got married in 1938 and Sam died in 1999. It takes work to have a good marriage. You don't get it sitting in the rocking chair. When we went shopping, we did it together. When I went to get new clothes, he would sit in the mall. When I would find something, I would take it to him, because he really had good taste. Even when he went to buy a car, we went together. We always worked together. It is working together, not pulling apart.

## How has the church community changed since you were young?

In those days it was far different than it is today. I think the parents now are more involved in spiritual things. Our little church was very simple. We had *Our Little Friend* in church and that was it.

I was born and raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home, but there were no activities for kids. After Sam and I got married, we had toboggan parties and house parties.

## What was a turning point in your life?

One was the move to Bismarck. My husband wasn't Adventist. He said, “You can go to church but don't preach to me.” After we moved to

Bismarck I went to church and I met **Theresa Stevens**. Her husband wasn't Adventist either. She would invite us to their house and the guys would talk fishing. Then **Elder Whitsit** came from California and had meetings. They had a baptism one Friday evening. I came home from work and Sam was working in the garden and he said, “Call the folks and tell them I am getting baptized tomorrow.” I almost fell over. Sam was an active member after that.

## What are some important lessons you have learned?

Stop and think. Don't make irrational decisions. When my husband died suddenly, I wanted to sell the house [that my husband built]. I wanted to get out of here. My pastor called to see how I was and I told him. He said, “Edna, remember if you sell, you are not going to get it back.” I've been thankful I stayed in my home. It's not fancy but it is well built and I am comfortable.

## What are some difficult and rewarding things about growing older?

The head wants to do so much but the body can't anymore. You tire easier. I still am able to keep house, water my flowers, cook and bake and when I think about it, that is more than some.

Growing older spiritually is a reward. You feel more confident in your spiritual life as you get older.

# American Indian Family Camp Studies

## Steps to Jesus

As volunteers arrived at Flag Mountain Camp this past July, they were surprised to see a new tipi set up by the creek. The tipi was erected by camp director **Loren Nelson** for the Mid-America Union Pathfinder Camporee. It was a welcome sight because the tipi is very appropriate for American Indian Family Camp.

Volunteers from various states as well as the Pine Ridge Reservation also arrived to help with camp pitch. There was a lot of activity bringing down boxes from storage, opening cabins and setting up the meeting lodge. A mission group from Pioneer Memorial Church came for the setup and helped with the youth and little ones during the camp meetings, which was a great blessing.

The theme of this year's meeting was the study of the book *Steps to Jesus*. Five facilitators worked on a curriculum that incorporated Native American culture into the theme. Different chapters were presented throughout the weekend and participants were guided through discussions based upon personal experiences and knowledge.

This year, participants were seated in a circle. The circle is significant in Native American culture because it means no one person's comments are greater than



any other person's comments. The study and discussion of *Steps to Jesus* brought in many positive comments. One participant posted on Facebook, "Another great camp meeting learning about the love of Jesus."

Then it was time for the big project: putting up the camp tipi. The camp tipi is large and has heavy poles, so it requires at least eight helpers, preferably more. The goal each year is to raise the tipi in only two tries. This goal has yet to be reached.

As a group stood outside the lodge facing the mountain waiting for the Sabbath

meeting to begin, they saw three eagles circle the camp. Eagles are significant to Native Americans. The eagle in Native American culture signifies courage, wisdom and strength, and its purpose is to be a messenger to the Creator. The eagle was believed to carry prayers to the Great Spirit, God the Creator.

God gave the opportunity to start a discussion about how eagles are mentioned in the Bible. Several people were surprised that eagles are talked about in the Bible. The presence of the eagles showed that Christ was there in the camp, for which we were

once again thankful.

Isa. 40:31 says, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." This corresponds to the Native American belief of courage, wisdom and strength. How fitting for the American Indian Family Camp!

Debra Claymore-Cuny is Native Ministries coordinator for the Dakota Conference.

## Conference Welcomes New Teachers

The Iowa-Missouri Conference began its 2017-18 school year with 11 new elementary teachers—more than in any previous year. Joe Allison, education superintendent, said several factors contributed to the large number of changes, including retirements, moves outside of the conference, growing schools and the reopening of two previously closed schools—Rolla Adventist School in Rolla, Missouri, and Prescott SDA School in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The school year began with 291 elementary students enrolled, up from 277 at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year.



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# Remembering the Reformation: Important Lessons for the Adventist Church

Randy Harmdierks

October 31 marks the 500th anniversary of the day Martin Luther is said to have nailed his 95 Theses to the door at the church in Wittenberg, Germany.

But more than just a day to commemorate an important historical event, we need to ask ourselves how the reality of the Reformation affects our everyday lives and worldview.

Two great principles that came out of the Reformation were Protestantism and Republicanism (the idea of a representative form of government).

As Seventh-day Adventists, we believe America is important in prophecy. We believe the nation described as a lamb-like beast in Rev. 13 is the United States. Our nation could never have existed without the Reformation; it was the freeing of men's thoughts to go to Christ alone that allowed them to see freedom in civil government.

Protestantism, as important as it is, was not the goal of the Reformation but rather the result of it. The Reformation was not the goal Martin Luther had in mind when he nailed his 95 Theses to the church door. The movement that led to religious freedom for millions of people was, rather, merely the result of lifting up Jesus Christ. The result of the belief that salvation is through Christ alone. The result of the belief that no merit from



Dean Coridan presents a three part series at the Ankeny Church on the Protestant Reformation.

man adds to or takes away from the plan of salvation. The result of the belief that it is Christ alone who changes hearts, Christ alone who relieves guilt, Christ alone who sanctifies lives.

Ellen White says in *The Great Controversy* that at the end of time every principle of Protestantism and Republicanism will be refuted (p. 441). We see this happening in our nation and, yes, even in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The 500-year anniversary of the Reformation affords us an opportunity to remember who we are.

Throughout this year, the Iowa-Missouri Conference has placed a great emphasis on three major pillars of the Reformation:

1. Christ alone (as previously stated)
2. *Sola Scriptura* (no individual, no committee and no organization is infallible)
3. The priesthood of all believers (Christ is the only head of the church)

Only with a correct understanding of these principles can we experience unity in the church. Policy will never create it. Hierarchy will never create it. Only the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit will create and sustain it.

As Adventists, we must be at the forefront in promoting Protestant principles, of turning away from any hint of hierarchy. We must reject any tendency, individually or corporately, to interject ourselves between an individual and Christ. We must fully

understand what it means—in the church—to have a representative form of government. No man has authority over the conscience of another. The power is in the pew. People elect our leaders as servants, not as kings.

The most powerful force on earth is an individual committed to Christ, taking their stand on the Word of God, with the freedom of conscience to act and move as God leads daily in their life.

Dean Coridan is president of the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

Watch Dean Coridan's series online at [bit.ly/GospelReformation](http://bit.ly/GospelReformation)

# West Lenexa Uses Soccer VBS to Reach Community

Photos: Brennan Hallock



Vacation Bible School is one of the most effective tools a church has to connect with its local community. But most families have many VBS options to choose from, so getting children to attend an Adventist VBS can require a creative approach.

West Lenexa Church in Lenexa, Kansas, found a way to make the community excited about their VBS program. They hosted more than just a VBS; they held a soccer camp for the community, which they named SAVE (Soccer And Vacation Evangelism). With the help of a former professional soccer player, **Goran Hunjak**, they taught children about God while giving them soccer lessons.

**Mindy Evans**, who helped organize this event, explained, “In Kansas, there is a church on every corner, and every church has a box set VBS, which can be very exciting and

well done, but we were looking for something different to draw our community in.” Evans’ two kids had attended a soccer camp where the leader, Hunjak, told the children about God while teaching them soccer skills and letting them play.

So Evans asked Hunjak if he had ever led out in a VBS. He hadn’t, but he was impressed with the idea. However, they still needed a program to pair with soccer games to teach children about God. “We needed something to tell people who we are as Adventists,” said Evans. “I found a program called CREATION Health by Adventist Health System. It was everything we wanted. It talked about nutrition, choices, rest, exercise, interpersonal relationships, outlook and the health message.”

Organizing a VBS program like SAVE does not come

without an immense amount of work and planning, in addition to a few challenges. But the true surprise, said Evans, was how supportive church members were throughout the process. “The church got ignited,” she said. “Almost all of them helped.”

Some of the challenges were even turned into blessings. Thirty children from Nepal who live in a refugee house about 30 minutes away wanted to come to the soccer camp, but they had no transportation. The church needed a bus, but they weren’t sure where to find one. After a few dead end leads, church member **Steve Smith**, who drives a school bus for Kansas City public schools, called his boss and asked how much it would cost to rent a bus for a week. He explained why they needed the bus, but instead of telling Smith how much it cost, his boss replied, “You have

been so faithful in your job. This is a way we can show you how valuable you are to us. You can have the bus for free.”

Because of the success of SAVE, West Lenexa Church plans to do the program again next year. Evans advises other churches who would like to host similar programs to seek support from their conferences, local businesses and the media. “Social media is free and Christian radio stations will advertise at no cost,” she added.

Evans said she was amazed by how much God changed people’s hearts, including hers, in the process of creating SAVE. “He has helped me grow so much closer to people in the church who I didn’t even know before. When you get involved, the blessings will overflow.”

Brennan Hallock is designer/ad manager for the Mid-America Union Conference.

# Wichita Adventist Academy Welcomes New Principal

Courtesy Kansas-Nebraska Conference



Stan Michael

The Kansas-Nebraska Conference is excited to welcome **Stan Michael** to the education team as principal of Wichita Adventist Christian Academy. Michael comes from College Park Christian Academy in Columbia, Missouri, where he has worked as teacher and principal for the last 10 years.

Michael is an experienced educator and has served on

various Mid-America Union Conference committees. He previously served as teacher and vice principal of Mile High Academy in Denver, Colorado, and principal of Killeen Adventist Junior Academy in Killeen, Texas.

Michael is also a recipient of education awards for his teaching ability. These include the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching and

Teacher of the Week from the Killeen Daily Herald in Texas.

Michael is married to **Kelly**, a veterinary technician. We wish them God's blessing as they start a new life in our conference.

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Gary Kruger is education superintendent for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

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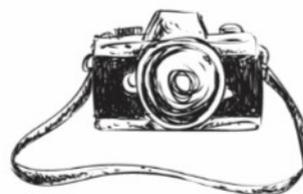
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# Connected Learning Blossoms Across Minnesota

**I**t fascinates me how technology has advanced to the point where we are able to listen to our teachers and interact with them through a camera and a TV, regardless of how far apart we are. This fall is four years since I began attending Maplewood Academy as a connected learning student at the St. Paul campus. With a few other connected learning students, I have been attending the St. Paul campus since my freshman year.

A perk of the connected campus program is if you do not want to live in the dorm, you are able to go to school in the morning and come home when you are done with classes. One thing is certain, though, being a connected learning student does not shut you off from the other dorm students. Once a month for four days, connected learning students visit the main campus in Hutchinson, Minnesota. We call these visits “Maplewood Together,” because all the students are able to interact with each other in person rather than speak to each other through the camera.

## Fellowship among connected campuses

On the St. Paul campus, we have kept up a tradition that every home leave, after all of our classes are finished, we join together and have a potluck. We take this opportunity to grow closer to one another by telling stories and discussing things we are interested in. It has helped us learn from each other and become closer as a family. After we have finished our food, we go to the gym and play sports or stay and watch a movie.

Last year we introduced a fellowship with other connected students from the Twin Cities metro area by going places or doing activities as a group. This has allowed all the metro area connected learning students to socialize and get to know each other better. It also builds a sense of community among our connected campuses.

For a recent fellowship, we met at Cherry Berry, a frozen yogurt shop. When we finished creating our ultimate frozen yogurt desserts, we started a conversation about everyday life struggles and

successes. I felt our group grow closer that day.

## Keep us in your prayers

There are many plans for the future of the connected learning program. Maplewood Academy plans to spread our branches a little further by not only connecting in the metro area, but also throughout Minnesota. With the help of God, we want to connect with others across the United States.

Please keep Maplewood Academy and our big plans

in your prayers so that with God’s help, we are able to bring Adventist Christian education to students who do not have the opportunity to learn and grow in Him.

Yulian Tinoco, Jr. is a senior Maplewood Academy Connected Learning student.

For more information about Maplewood Academy Connected Learning, please visit [maplewoodacademy.org/connect](http://maplewoodacademy.org/connect).

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Students at the Hutchinson campus study with students from other campuses via video conference (top). Students at the St. Paul campus attend classes via video conference (bottom).

## St. Paul Eastside Hosts Concert and Cooking Class

Approximately 30 people gathered at St. Paul Eastside Church in July for a concert and cooking class.

The night kicked off with an informative and interesting talk about natural therapeutic healing ministry presented by **Dr. David Blackie**, a long-time member of the St. Paul Eastside Church and resident of Hastings, Minnesota, where his office is located. Dr. Blackie concluded his talk by providing therapeutic tea and a healthy fruit dessert.

Soloist and guitarist **Lee Givhan** then shared creative and poetic songs. Givhan is a

member of the musical group The Lesser Light Collective. Givhan took the audience through an intriguing and moving encounter with Jesus from the books of Daniel and Revelation. These prophetic books were presented with a unique but beautiful and inviting musical instruction. Using a variety of musical styles, including spoken word and folk music, Givhan brought these books to life, and many were blessed as a result.

Koami DaCruz is head elder of the St. Paul Eastside Church.



Koami DaCruz

Dr. David Blackie (right), a naturopathic doctor from Hastings, Minnesota, creates a natural fruit dessert.

## Church Leadership Summit

Have you been called to ministry, but need help applying your gifts to that ministry? Come to the Church Leadership Summit, October 21-22 at the St. Cloud Rivers Edge Convention Center. Visit [www.clsmn.net](http://www.clsmn.net) for more information.

## Christian Camaraderie Abounds at Wyoming Camp Meeting



Rajmund Dabrowski



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The sound of the Sage Creek Gospel Band, a perennial feature of the Wyoming camp meeting, was a call for participants to be ready for another session of the annual spiritual convocation on Casper Mountain's Mills Spring Ranch. The music was so captivating that visiting speaker **Dr. Philip**

**Samaan** invited himself to join the band. Not proficient in any instrument, he was given an egg shaker. "I am not a drummer, but I am an egg shaker," Dr. Samaan confessed.

RMC president **Ed Barnett** presented Samaan with a cowboy shirt embroidered with the band's name.

The band's leader, **Dennis Pumford**, who pastors the Casper congregation, said Dr. Samaan's performance "created a lot of good humor and rapport with the congregation."

Dr. Samaan's presentations included practical applications of the teachings of Jesus. "He put Jesus right

into our daily life," said one participant.

The Sabbath afternoon program included a celebration of **Robert Walker's** baptism by his friend from school days, RMC vice president for administration **Eric Nelson**.

Dr. Samaan said the camp meeting displayed a spirit of fellowship and Christian camaraderie. "I believe when Jesus is uplifted, He pulls people together, as when the disciples were of one accord. Because of that, the Lord blessed them with one Spirit, and this is what I sensed about this camp meeting."

Rajmund Dabrowski is communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

## Student Literature Evangelists Impact RMC

Twenty-seven students spent eight weeks knocking on doors in Fort Collins, Colorado, and Gillette, Casper and Cheyenne, Wyoming, this summer. Not only did they

leave more than \$100,000 worth of truth-filled books, but they were able to pray with people, many of whom were touched to have someone ask to pray with them.

As they approached one door, team leader **Wes Carle** and student literature evangelist **Shiloh Howard** saw children's toys lying around the yard and chalk drawings on the sidewalk. When a lady responded to their knock, they shared the *Kid's Cookbook*, which she bought along with enough other books that the pair could also leave her with *Peace Above the Storm*, a large-print *Steps to Christ*.

She explained that her dad died a couple years ago and the anniversary of his death

was approaching. Before the two arrived at her door, she was thinking she needed something to get her through the anniversary period. "May we pray with you?" they asked. She was stunned and almost begged them to pray. As they closed the prayer, she was wiping tears from her eyes.

God is using our youth to show Jesus to people and student lives are being changed at the same time.

Joe Martin is director of student literature evangelism in the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Courtesy Rocky Mountain Conference

# Eclipse Gazers Gather at MSR

At exactly 11:42 am Monday, Aug. 21, more than 300 viewers at Mills Spring Ranch on top of Casper Mountain in Wyoming took off their protective glasses to look directly at the sun's halo of light around the moon perfectly aligned over the sun. Temperatures plummeted 11 degrees, leaving a distinct chill in the air, and darkness descended. Whoops of amazement exploded from the astonished crowd.

The first total eclipse in the United States since 1979, this one was also the first to cross such a wide swath of the country for almost a century.

One of the "luckiest cities"—those in the path of totality—Casper, Wyoming, was the third major city to see the total eclipse that swept across the United States.

Among those gathered at Mills Spring Ranch were astronomers **Mike Benabe** and **Steve Aiken**, friends from California and Colorado. They set up a reflective astronomical telescope in the open area at the center of camp the evening preceding the eclipse to view the night sky.

Those gathered were treated to a view of Saturn with its rings and five of its moons along with the Andromeda Galaxy ring nebula. Benabe shared his knowledge and passion with

those nearby who were interested. "We had an awesome, magical time," he said.

Students from Mile High Academy and Springs Adventist Academy congregated in the cafeteria the morning of the eclipse to hear **Greg Pauls**, an electrical engineer, explain the anatomy of a solar eclipse and to learn other interesting facts about eclipses.

**Nancy Arias**, principal/teacher for Cheyenne Mason Christian School, made it a field trip for her 10 students who all stayed in a bunkhouse. Fifth grader **Kynsi** said she watched a play-by-play video of a solar eclipse that her mother shared with her before her class trip to MSR and remarked that it was very interesting.

The eclipse gathering of celestial gazers of different faiths almost doubled the attendance at the recent camp meeting.

"The state park down the road from Mills Spring Ranch is charging \$300 per night for a tent site," Franktown pastor **Jamey Houghton** wrote on his Facebook page, noting that MSR charged only \$30 per tent site.

When totality ended, many began their journey home amid the 600,000 others who had also converged on the city of Casper, many of whom used the same I-25 corridor to travel.

Heading home, people from California, Texas, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Virginia and states in between were aware that something powerful had happened in the sky.

Only seven years hence, on

April 8, 2024 the next total eclipse observable from the United States will be seen in the skies from Texas to Maine.

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Carol Bolden is communication assistant for the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Sherise Moreland

Mike Benabe



Mike Benabe



# Becoming an Adventist Teacher

**D**ebbie Pinto Campos arrived at Union College to study elementary education having experienced only public schools. Campos attended local public schools through 12th grade and couldn't imagine what a classroom with God in it looked like.

But being at Union and student teaching at George Stone Elementary School changed all that. Union's unique, on-campus elementary school brings students from the Lincoln community into a multi-grade classroom that allows student teachers like Campos to experience life in a small Christian school.

"I've learned I can't imagine teaching without God in the picture," Campos said. "Teaching can come with its challenges, but when you can openly talk about God with the kids, it opens a door to a special relationship with your kids. You're no longer only a teacher to them but a child of God, just like them."

Before her George Stone experience, Campos didn't

see the value in a small school. "Because I was raised in public school, I saw small academies as a hindrance to one's education," she explained. "Teaching at George Stone demonstrated to me the benefits of not only a small classroom but also a multi-grade classroom."

Education majors begin observing in the George Stone classroom their freshman year, and then teach a variety of classes to students in grades one through eight throughout their curriculum. "We really benefit from George Stone," Campos emphasized. "As early as sophomore year, education students have the opportunity to teach children at George Stone. They become familiar with classroom routines, child development and teaching responsibilities early in the program. Lead teachers **Jackie Simpson** and **Jeannie Kriegelstein** are incredibly experienced mentors."

For Campos, George Stone provided an opportunity for

her to grow—and sometimes fail—in a safe environment.

"Because it's a teaching laboratory, we have a personal space where we can build our confidence. It sounds funny, but we learn to fail well," said Campos. "Education majors have the chance to become accustomed to all age groups and learn how to develop trusting relationships with their students. It's a safe zone where the lead teachers are intentional about mentoring college students and we can practice all our creative ideas."

The opportunity to become familiar with a God-centered classroom structure changed Campos' career path from an aspiring public school teacher to an Adventist school advocate. The experiences she had at George Stone shaped her into the teacher she is today. Some of her favorite memories are the times she could point her students to Jesus.

"I had a student who was having a hard time staying focused, and because it was one of my first teaching experiences I felt a bit discouraged," Campos remembered. She felt like a failure because she couldn't hold the child's interest. "Then one day

during a reading project, I started asking him about his life. Soon we were exchanging funny stories and I could tell he was beginning to trust me," she remembered.

At a pause in the conversation, Campos could tell the boy wanted to ask a question, but hesitated. "What's up?" she asked.

"Mrs. Debbie," he asked. "Do you think my grandpa will be in heaven?"

"If your grandpa loved Jesus, then He [Jesus] will want your grandpa in heaven," she replied.

The boy smiled. "Do you think I will be in heaven?"

"Do you love Jesus?"

The boy nodded.

"Then I know you'll be in heaven," she answered.

"I can't wait to see you there!" the boy said with a broad smile.

Now Campos is using the skills she learned from those George Stone students to teach in her own classroom at Buena Vista Academy in Auburn, Washington.

"If I've taken anything from George Stone, it's confidence," she said. "I have a better understanding of who I am as a teacher and what I want my vision and goals to be. Of course we'll always be learning and growing, but I feel I was given a launching pad that taught me not only to be an elementary teacher, but a holistic and spiritual elementary teacher."

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Natalie Baharona Bruzon graduated from Union College in 2016 and works for a family magazine in California.

Photos: Steve Nazario/Union College



Debbie Pinto Campos learned the value of Adventist education while student teaching at George Stone Elementary, Union's on-campus eight grade school.

# PA Graduates Post 100 Percent First-time Board Pass Rate

When his entire PA class passed their board certification exam on their first attempt, 2017 graduate **Nicolas Kinkead** credited Union College for giving him the training he needed to be successful.

“It’s one of those things you try really hard to prepare for,” said Kinkead, referring to the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam. “I feel like Union did a good job of preparing me.”

The PANCE is the culmination of 33 months of postgraduate study. Passing the exam means a new PA can practice anywhere in the country. “We are quite proud of the 30 graduates in the class of 2017,” said **Megan Heidtbrink**, PA program director. “The students in our program are wonderful.”

A five-hour long ordeal, the PANCE consists of 300 questions administered in five blocks. The exam covers anatomical and physiological aspects along with practical application and procedures. The national first-time pass rate in 2016 was 93 percent.

For Kinkead, becoming a PA fulfilled a dream that started at age 16 when he shadowed a PA at a military hospital. He was inspired when he saw the impact made by the PA in the lives

of his patients. “From then on I said to myself, ‘That’s what I want to do with my life,’” he recalled.

## A Christian approach to healthcare

The PA profession was created in 1965 when Duke University introduced a training course based on the fast-track training of doctors established by the military during World War II. Since then, physician assistants have increasingly gained responsibility and recognition. Now the term “assistant” hardly fits. Physician assistants do nearly everything a physician does—provide primary care, prescribe medications and even perform surgeries.

One of the fastest growing careers in America, PAs are increasingly important in all areas of healthcare. They help physicians treat more patients, and they’re able to take more time with patients—listening to their challenges and providing a greater level of care.

“Union’s PA program is special,” said Heidtbrink. “We approach healthcare from a Christian perspective, which not many PA programs do, and that sets us apart.” It was the Christian environment that attracted Kinkead. While

he obtained his undergraduate degree in bio-technology from the University of Nebraska Omaha, Kinkead chose to attend Union because he felt the atmosphere would strengthen his faith.

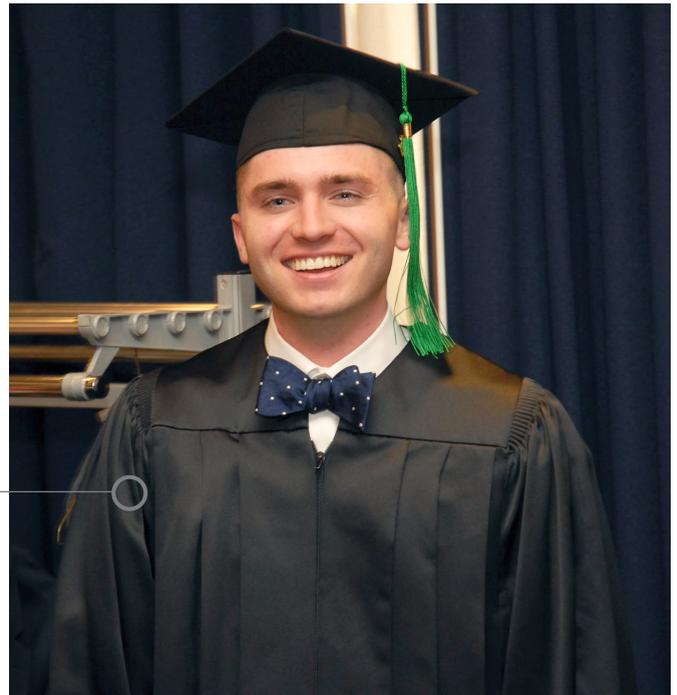
Kinkead currently works for Nebraska Pulmonary Specialties in Lincoln, Nebraska. During his last year in the PA program, he did a rotation at NPS. At the conclusion of his rotation, he submitted his résumé and was hired shortly after. “I really liked that I was able to work with them for a month before accepting their offer,” said Kinkead. “Also, I had seen four of my supervising doctors lecture at Union.”

In the last few years, Union’s PA program has added four new courses,

including Medical Physiology and Medical Genetics, and an independent research project. Kinkead suspects those additional courses helped foster their 100 percent pass rate.

The Union College Physician Assistant program focuses on four goals: professionalism, clinical relevance, academic excellence and responsible servanthood. “We’re trying to teach our students to be professionals with a healing ministry; to be good stewards of Christ as they’re practicing,” said Heidtbrink. “I think the 100 percent score illustrates the quality of our program and the quality of our students.”

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Autumn Mott is a junior communication major from Massachusetts.



Nicolas Kinkead, along with the rest of Union College’s 2017 physician assistant graduates, passed the PA national board exam on their first attempt.

## Volunteerism Thriving at SMH

Many of us have volunteered at some point in our lives. Volunteering is an excellent opportunity for mental and spiritual growth, and also supports principles of CREATION Health such as Interpersonal Relationships and Outlook.

At Shawnee Mission Health, volunteer roles are available in indirect and direct patient care areas including the Early Learning Center, Emergency Department, Gift Shop, Home Health Care and Patient Transportation. Prospective volunteers complete an application and interview, which helps the SMH Volunteer Services Department determine the most appropriate position for applicants that meets their availability, skills and interests.

“We look for active, energetic men and women who like meeting and working with people and who also enjoy walking,” said manager of Volunteer Services **Peggy Todd**. “Our future depends on our guests’ experience,

and our volunteers serve as ambassadors.”

Todd is continually reminded of the impact SMH volunteers have on patients and their families through the positive feedback she receives. Patients express their appreciation for friendly and welcoming volunteers who personally escort them to their destination within the hospital. Some comment how SMH volunteers are supportive and attentive listeners, and also say they love the unexpected dog visits and reading materials provided by Volunteer Services.

Although they provide a direct benefit for SMH patients and their families, the volunteers themselves often benefit as much or more.

For example, **Kathy Eitel** is a former SMH associate who gives her time one day per week as a greeter in the Volunteer Services Department. Eitel feels her experience has been rewarding and appreciates the opportunity to stay in touch with friends at the hospital.

“Each week, I look forward to interacting with other volunteers and the opportunity to serve and help,” said Eitel. “There is a lot of camaraderie among volunteers.”

**Kay Kassen** and **Ann Zimmerman** volunteer at the main entrance. In their roles, they often direct visitors within the hospital. They recall that two recent visitors were particularly appreciative of their help finding a friend’s room and ensuring the visitors had protective gowns and gloves for the visit.

“The visitors said they could not have done this without our help,” said Kassen and Zimmerman. “It feels good to know we make a difference.”

Todd agrees. In her role, she is blessed with the opportunity to work with all the volunteers. She describes her job as fun and rewarding and loves the feeling of belonging to a team.

“I feel connected to the organization,” said Todd. “We are a family here and my job gives me the opportunity to make an impact every day.”

SMH volunteers are active and all have a specific purpose, which is a key component of a successful volunteer program and why volunteerism can foster relationships and improve one’s outlook on life.

After retiring from her corporate job, **Kathy Lewis** wanted to continue interacting with people. Through her decision to volunteer at the flower desk, she has the opportunity each week to spread joy to others. Patients and co-volunteers are often amazed at Lewis’ ability to continually smile.

“My joy comes from within and volunteering makes me appreciate where I am in my life,” said Lewis. “I love to share my joy and listen to stories patients share. Some just need a willing listener.”

Jackie Woods is a project manager/writer for Shawnee Mission Health.

Learn more about Shawnee Mission Health at [ShawneeMission.org](http://ShawneeMission.org).

Kathy Lewis now volunteers at the flower desk after retiring from a corporate job.



Kathy Eitel volunteers as a greeter in the Volunteer Services Department.



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**Babcock, Emma**, b. Jan. 22, 1960 in Saint Joseph, MO. d. July 14, 2017 in Saint Joseph, MO. Member of Three Angels (MO) Church. Survivors include 5 children; 3 siblings.

**Bohner, Barbara Lucille**, b. Sept. 11, 1940 in Hawley, MN. d. March 31, 2017 in Lake Park, MN. Member of Detroit Lakes (MN) Church. Preceded in death by husband Charles; 1 brother; 4 sisters. Survivors include son Dan; 2 grandchildren.

**Bull, Jack F.**, b. May 20, 1935 in Mason City, IA. d. July 20, 2017 in Manly, IA. Member of Mason City Church. Preceded in death by 3 siblings. Survivors include wife Jaunice; sons Leland and Steven; 7 siblings; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

**Chaloupek, Edith Earlene**, b. Feb. 15, 1953 in Delray Beach, FL. d. April 27, 2017 in Hutchinson, KS. Member of Great Bend (KS) Church. Preceded in death by husband Gene; 1 brother; 5 sisters; 1 granddaughter in infancy. Survivors include son Michael Schulte; stepson Arlyn E.; daughters Mandi Desbien and Angie; stepdaughter Sheila; 1 brother; 4 sisters; 14 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson.

**Cobb, Christopher D.**, b. Feb. 3, 1958 in Michigan. d. July 11, 2017 in Sioux Falls, SD. Member of Sioux Falls Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include daughters Tiffany Pierce and Heidi; son Adam Pierce; 4 sisters; 4 grandchildren.

**Cooper, Charles R.**, b. Aug. 5, 2017 in Greensburg, MO. d. July 18, 2017 in Greentop, MO. Member of Kirksville (MO) Church. Preceded in death by 3 brothers. Survivors include wife Judy; daughter Mandy Yearns; son Jason; numerous grandchildren.

**Dahl, Mary Louise "Goldie,"** b. Feb. 27, 1927 in Brandt, SD. d. June 29, 2017 in Sebring, FL. Member of Hot Springs (SD) Church. Preceded in death by husband Ole; 1 brother. Survivors include 2 brothers.

**Evanenko, Robert "Bob,"** b. May 16, 1949 in Butte, ND. d. July 21, 2017 in Bismarck, ND. Member of Turtle Lake (ND) Church. Preceded in death by 3 grandsons. Survivors include wife Charlene; children Jason, Justin, Jonathan, Jennifer Palahniuk, Jessica and Jaylene Vliet; 1 sister; 8 grandchildren.

**Gross, Edward J.**, b. July 31, 1925 in St. Louis County, MO. d. Oct. 27, 2016 in St. Louis, MO. Member of Sullivan (MO) Church. Preceded in death by wife Marjorie "Pat"; 2 brothers. Survivors include daughters Marjorie Dearing and Kathy Willis; sons John, Tom and Kenny; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**Huff, Arthur**, b. Nov. 26, 1916 in Stutsman County, ND. d. May 1, 2017. Member of Lee's Summit (MO) Church. Preceded in death by wife Myrna. Survivors include daughter Janet Gully; sons Victor, Daryl and Alan; 6 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren.

**Kisinger, Eugene Gail**, b. May 9, 1934. d. July 10, 2017 in Grand Junction, CO. Member of Montrose (CO) Church.

**Ogle, Ruth G.**, b. Aug. 6, 1925 in Milan, MO. d. July 9, 2017. Member of Kirksville (MO) Church. Preceded in death by husband Winfred; 2 brothers. Survivors include daughter Linda Borron; 1 grandson.

**Onkoba, Vera E. M. C.**, b. Dec. 10, 1980 in Nairobi,

Kenya. d. July 26, 2017 in Detroit, MI. Member of Three Angels (MO) Church. Survivors include parents; 4 siblings; 1 great-grandmother.

**Prowant, Donald R.**, b. April 11, 1922 in Lebanon, KS. d. Jan. 20, 2017. Member of Piedmont Park (NE) Church. Preceded in death by wife Dorthy; 1 brother. Survivors include sons Richard and Ronald; daughter Judy Rick; 1 sister; 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Served in US Army during WWII.

**Ruths, Norma A.**, b. March 4, 1922 in Hayward, WI. d. July 21, 2017 in Golden Valley, MN. Member of Westview (MN) Church. Preceded in death by husband James. Survivors include daughters Janet Kosinski, Judy Alexander

and Mary Jo Fort; 1 sister; 1 brother; 2 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

**Stegmann, Uwe F.**, b. Feb. 17, 1943 in Langan, Germany. d. June 25, 2017 in Des Moines, IA. Member of Osceola (IA) Church. Preceded in death by wife Sandra. Survivors include daughter Tammy Adams-Delong; son Fred; 1 sister; 1 stepbrother; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

**Ziegler, Gary**, b. July 8, 1945. d. June 26, 2017. Member of Loveland (CO) Church.

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Lincoln	7:00	6:49	6:38	6:29	
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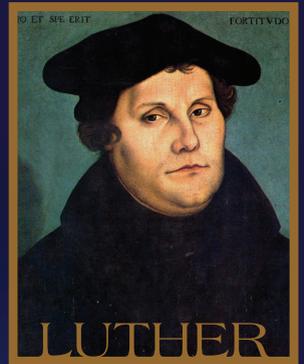
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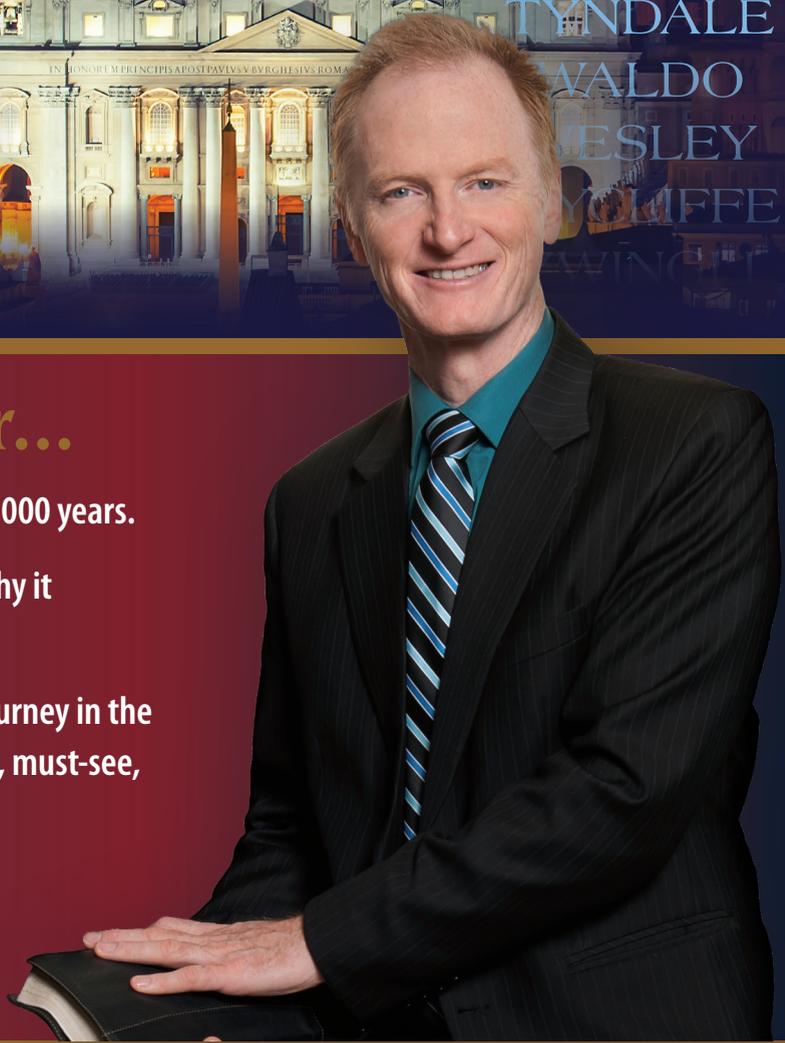
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