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Early Teens and Juniorns

Sabbath Speaker:

Amy Moreno

"God's Great Words: Truth" 9th Commandment

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Child care will be provided as well as liquid refreshments by Women’s Ministries. Please put your name on the Sign-Up-Sheet in the foyer so we can plan to have enough materials for everyone.

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| Our Prayer Meeting small group is meeting Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm at the church. We are praying through any prayer requests members have, and encourage you to add a prayer request in the tithe and offering plate if you want the group to intercede through prayer!  
We are also reading through Steps to Christ, and we continue to fellowship and discuss faith. We encourage open participation of all in attendance, so please come and grow with us!  
For details contact David Stratton, 269-635-2321, strattod@andrews.edu | |

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The school newsletter is now available online! This is worth reading and enjoying what our school children are doing and learning about. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church school. To see it, click here  The Eau Claire Times

Women's Ministries: The 5 Love Languages
The 5 Love Languages
The Secret to Love that Lasts
Sabbath School

Song Service ~9:15-9:30 a.m.
Opening Prayer
Sabbath School Message ~ Earlyteens & Juniors

Sabbath School Lesson Study ~ 9:50-10:40 a.m.
   - Back of Sanctuary
   - Fellowship Hall
   - Fountain Classroom
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The Church at Worship
10:50 a.m.

Announcements & Welcome   Lidvar Andvik
   ~Faith Lab~

Praise and Worship   Ida Beckermeyer

Opening Song   Hymn #286 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Prayer   Lidvar Andvik

Scripture Reading   Bob Beckermeyer
   John 8:31-32

Tithes and Offerings   Lidvar Andvik
   Michigan Advance Partners

Special Music   Sean Parker

Children’s Story   Jason Johnson

Hearing the Word   Amy Moreno
   “God’s Ten Great Words: Truth 9th commandment”

Response   Hymn #547 “Be Thou My Vision”

Benediction   Amy Moreno

Pianist - Rahel Schafer   Organist - Eileen Horne

Church Announcements

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Maestro Herbert Blomstedt to Visit Andrews: Feb 25 & 26
   World-renowned conductor Maestro Herbert Blomstedt will be on campus on Monday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m., at the Andrews University’s Newbold Auditorium in Buller Hall. He will share his thoughts on inspiration and spirituality in great music, featuring Beethoven’s Missa Solemnis and guide listeners through a videotaped performance by the Berlin Philharmonic.
   Blomstedt will also conduct an open rehearsal of Beethoven’s 7th Symphony with the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Howard Performing Arts Center. Both The events are free of charge and open to the public.

Adventist Engages Encounter: March 1-3
   Andrews University will host Adventist Engaged Encounter (AEE) on the weekend of March 1–3, 2013. This is an enrichment weekend for engaged and recently married couples, which offers insights, tools and confidence to develop their relationships and strengthen their commitment to one another. Please see the poster in the foyer for more information.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana is sponsoring a trip to the Creation Museum near Cincinnati, OH on May 14 & 15. Contact Ginny Crounse at 269.471.4502 by March 15 to reserve your spot!
**Church Calendar**

Feb 27 ~ Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
March 6 ~ Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
March 10 ~ Elders Meeting 9 a.m.
March 10 ~ Pathfinders 10 a.m.
March 13 ~ Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
March 16 ~ Potluck after Church
March 16 ~ Worship Committee after potluck

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**Upcoming Sabbath School Programs**

March 2 ~ Ryan Hayes

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**Treasurer’s Report January 31, 2013**

**Church Budget**

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**Worthy Student Needs 2012-13**

- Elementary Students: $5,520
- Academy Students: $750

**School Operating Needs 2012-13**

- Alaina’s 5K Fundraiser: $400
- Donations to be matched: $7,051
- Other donations: $9,240
- Left to raise: $8,289

**Way to go Alaina!!!**

**Matching Funds for School Operation Needs**

- Matching: Dollar for dollar with no ceiling cap.
- Time Length: Nov. 24, 2012 thru end of school year.
- Limitations: Other fundraisers excluded.

**Special thanks for this very generous family.**

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**Our church emphasizes these values:**

- Bible based
- Family focused
- Lay leadership
- Evangelistic outreach

**Church Leadership**

- Pastor: Ted Toms
- Head Elder: Tom Shepherd
- Head Deacon: Andy Lubbert
- Deaconess: Cindy Becke
- Worship Chair: Joel Almeida
- Treasurer: Lance Mack
- Church Clerk: Myrna Lemon
- Community Service: Cloice Lemon
- Food Bank: Cloice Lemon
- School Principal: Jim Gray

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**Bulletin/Announcement Contact Person**

Francie Reents
269-757-1985 or franciereents@yahoo.com

**Today's Deacon on Duty:** Jerry Edwards

- Sunset in Eau Claire~
  - Tonight ~ 6:26 p.m.
  - March 1 ~ 6:29 p.m.
**Black History Month**

"The theme for February, 2013 is "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington." Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history."

"By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movements and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Week, observed on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976. Since then every American President has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. Dr. Carter G. Woodson realized the importance of providing a theme that would focus the attention of the public.

**Gym Night**

It was lots of fun to slide down the slippery hill. The children laughed and squealed with delight as they fairly flew over the snow. After we slid, tumbled, and froze playing outside, we went into the gym. Inside we found hot chocolate, pretzels, bean dip, chips, and chocolate chip cookies for snacks! There were around 50 or 60 people in the gym all talking or playing. We had a big game of rainbow tag with the adults and children.

Next we played three fun Capture the flag games. Finally, many played bas-

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**Special points of interest:**

- Feb. 9, Winter Concert and Spaghetti Dinner
- Feb. 12 School Board Meeting and Regional Spelling Bee for top three school winners
- Feb. 13, Pizza Party for Calendar Fundraiser
- Feb. 27, Home and School Hot Lunch
- Mar. 18-22 Spring Break

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**Inside this issue:**

- A Cat Named Socks
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- George Washington Carver
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A Cat Named Socks

Socks was a little gray kitten that loved attention and had a good home. His home was a box filled with his brothers and sisters. His owners Debbie and George didn’t have room for the kittens and had no choice but to sell them. Unfortunately, nobody wanted them until a nice couple, the Brickers, decided to buy one. They chose Socks. Debbie knew that they would take care of him, so she decided to sell him. Socks absolutely loved his new home and the Brickers took good care of him. One day, when Socks was sitting on Mrs. Brickers lap, he lost his balance and fell. He had no idea what was happening. Soon there was someone new in the house, a baby named Charles William. Socks was getting less attention with the baby around and he was very jealous. This was causing him to get into loads of trouble. The Brickers cared about Socks but Socks was angry at Charles William and wanted to get rid of him. Just when things were about to get ugly, something amazing happened. Socks was actually being loved by Charles William and Socks realized the Brickers still cared about him, even with the new addition. Life became more enjoyable for the Bricker family and of course their much loved pet as well. This story shows that God cares for everybody, even if you can’t see it at first.

Civil Disobedience

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. we believe, according to the book of Revelation, that one day we must face troubles and hardships. One day we will be accused of breaking the law for what we believe. My question to you is, are you ready to stand firm for what you believe? Will you stay strong for God? I pray that we will do the right thing when the time comes and when we get to Heaven we will stand before God and He will say, “Well done My good and faithful servants.”

Black History Month

when he established Negro History Week on 1926."

“The 2013 Annual Black History theme celebrates the anniversary of two important African American turning points: The Emancipation Proclamation and the 1963, March on Washington. The Emancipation Proclamation, decreed by the president Abraham Lincoln on January 1st, 1863, declared slaves in all confederate states then at war with the Union "forever free", and made them eligible for paid Military service in the Union Army. Al-
Civil Disobedience

“...I heartily accept the motto, ‘That government is best which governs the least’; and I should like to see it acted up to more rapidly systematically. Carried out, it finally amounts to this, which I also believe, ‘That government is best which does not govern at all.’" These are the words of Henry David Thoreau as he protested the act of that government taxing him too much. His examples of unnecessary requirement's is questionable but the idea of disobeying the law out of your own conviction, has been around for centuries. We, in our modern language, have titled this act civil disobedience.

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Because of his influence we now celebrate his birthday, October 2, as national Non-Violence Day.

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George Washington Carver

Throughout history we have many examples of people whose lives were filled with difficult circumstances. What makes some people patiently persevere while others crumble under pressure?

George Washington Carver had a dream to go to school and to teach others what he learned. He was an expert of flowers and was a very smart boy. George went to school until he was 16 years old. He longed to go to college to learn more but the university did not accept men of color. Even though he was rejected, George didn't give up and eventually he was accepted and later graduated from Iowa State College.

*We also pray that you will be strengthened with his glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need*

Colossians 1:11a

If you appreciate this story and verse like I do, persevere, don’t back down, stay faithful to the Lord, and love others as yourself.

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Black History Month

Union Army and Navy. By the end of the war almost 200,000 black soldiers and sailors had fought for freedom. The March on Washington for jobs and freedom took place on August 28th, 1963, in Washington D.C.

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*The reason Black History Month is important to me is because if Martin Luther King Jr. hadn’t made the effort to fight for the rights of African Americans I wouldn’t be able to attend such a good school and I would not have met all of my friends. That is why I celebrate Black History Month.*

*All Information in Quotation Marks Acquired From the ASALH*
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