**Eau Claire SDA Church News**

### Upcoming Events

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**Sabbath Speaker: Pastor Ted Toms**
"I Love You, but You Make Me Feel Uncomfortable"

**Potluck after church**

**Worship Committee after potluck**

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<td>3 pm</td>
<td>School International Food Festival</td>
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<td>Remember last year when the school put on the international food festival? How exciting it was to taste all the different foods from different countries. If you weren't there last year you missed one of the most memorable and tasty events of the year. <strong>Be sure to be there this year.</strong></td>
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<td>Do you have international dishes and culture to share? Betsy Schooler would love to hear how you might be able to help. Please call here at 269-363-9779</td>
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<td>April 24</td>
<td><strong>Prayer Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>7 pm</td>
<td>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!</td>
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<td>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!</td>
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<td>For details contact David Stratton, 269-635-2321, <a href="mailto:strattod@andrews.edu">strattod@andrews.edu</a></td>
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| May 4 | Sabbath School: Ryan Hayes  
Sabbath Speaker: Pastor Ted Toms |
| May 7 | Elders Meeting |
| May 7 9 am |  |
| May 11 | Sabbath School: JoAnn Davidson  
Speaker: Kevin Moreno  
Sermon Title: Beatitudes  
Tentative Investiture Service |
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<td>talents to further its work.</td>
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**Operation Shortage - Treasurer Report**

Donations for matching -- $8,713
Spagetti Dinner -- $1,336
Alaina's 5k Fundraiser -- $400
Other Donations -- $13,669
**Left to raise -- $882**

WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO THE $25,000!

**Nature Nugget**
Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*, Family Papaveraceae) is named as such for the dark-red sap throughout the plant, especially the roots. They grow up to 12 inches only, usually 6 inches only while flowering. The flowers open during the day if it is above 46 F (8 C) and close each night. There are two mechanisms that control the blooming: temperature and sunlight. Depending on the amount of each, the flower opens or closes accordingly. Each plant has a single leaf that wraps tightly around the stem and flower bud when it is cold as if to protect it from freezing. The flowers are hermaphrodite, meaning male and female, yet they cannot self-pollinate due to the positioning of the male and female flower parts, so they
depend on bees *unless* after 3 days due to cold temperatures, rain or lack of a bee visitor; the male and female flower parts actually bend and contact each other resulting in self-pollination. The seed coverings are a favorite food of ants, but they don't eat the actual seed itself; so the ants actually help the bloodroot plant itself in new areas when they carry this back to their underground tunnels. The dark-red sap has had many historical uses and is currently being re-discovered due to the strong antibiotic and anti-inflammatory properties. It can be a nasty or deadly toxin if not used in the right proportions, skin burns happen with just a tiny drop.

The Bible is stronger than the Bloodroot sap. The Bible guides our lives like the temperature and sunlight govern the opening and closing of the flower and how much the leaf wraps around the stem. The Bible is self-explaining like the flowers are able self-pollinate. Pray to Him today to help you follow His word, submit completely to Him; everything will be more calm and peaceful while the world swirls around us in a horrible state of chronic disfunction. Ask Him to help you use even just a tiny drop of His sap to burn sin and the devil out of your life.

**For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword...and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12**

***Bloodroot is currently in bloom. Hopefully the heavy rains will not affect its short blooming "window" so it could still be flowering this weekend. It was seen Sunday at Love Creek County Park on the Marsh Ridge Trail, Monday at Dowagiac Woods.***

**Botanical Information**
Curiosities, Little Known Facts of God's Creation by Charles C. Case, Sr 1985 Review and Herald Publishing Association Page 95, March 29 "Power Play"
Picture by Holly Beckermeyer

When you have a nature nugget to submit, email Brandon Lubbert or Holly Beckermeyer. Please note all sources.
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**worship hour and right after potluck** |
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| **Bradly Church** |
| Bradley Church's vespers talk may be done with, but that doesn't mean that we should stop supporting him. His biggest need is the continued prayer for God's guidance as he continues forward in faith. The second thing that he needs is the funds to be raised. If you wish to help him financially you can either fill out a check to the "Eau Clair Church" and in the comment line put "Collegiate Fund" or put the funds in a tithe envelope and write in "Collegiate Fund" in the other box for the local church budget. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Bradley, he'll be happy to answer any questions you have. |
Church Softball

Church Softball Season is coming soon

Spring is almost here and with it comes the church softball season. Our church team is open on anyone who wants to play softball no matter how athletic you are. Just come and have a good time. Games begin in the middle of May. Be sure to signup on the church bulletin board for this fun fellowship time on Monday nights from 6 to 8 pm. There are softball games from mid-May to end of July. More Details to follow.

Pastor Toms Upcoming Sermon Series

In the coming weeks, Pastor Toms will present a series of sermons on the very real challenge of loving people who are difficult to love. The Series title is, "I Love you, But . . ."

~Among the early topics will be:

I love you, but you make me uncomfortable

~Five additional topics conclude this series:

I love you, but I don't have time

I love you, but why do you have to be so strange?

I love you, but you're too heavy to carry

I love you, but you scare me

I love you, but you drive me crazy

School pre-registration

The school is preregistering students for the 2013-2014 school year. If you are interested for your children or know of any families who would be interested in registering early please contact either Jim Gray, Principal, 269-449-2227; Ashley
Johnson, Teacher, 517-416-2435; Betsy Schooler, School Board Chairperson, 269-363-9778; or go to our website www.eauclaireschool.org.

Financial Information:

Registration fee is $180 per student. If you preregister your child/children by February 28, 2013, your registration fee will be the old $120 per student; a savings of $60 per student. To preregister you need to pay one half of the registration fee ($60) by February 28.

Tuition for 2013-2014:

1 student $3320/year
2 students $6142/year
3 students $8134/year
4 students $9462/year

Home and School

Several ways you can show support for our Church School:
- Save your box tops and labels for Education.
- Purchase 2013 calendars (they make nice gifts) from a student
- Save your pop cans - give to student
- Contribute a food item to school functions
- Attend school functions
- Most important pray for our teachers and students

Community Happening and Other Announcements

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<th>Thursday April 25 9 to 5</th>
<th>The St Joseph Seventh-day Adventist church invites you to their rummage sale Thursday, April 25 from 9 to 5 and Friday April 26 from 9 to 3. The church is located at 1201 Maiden Lane in St Joseph.</th>
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| Friday April 26 9 to 3  | Nancy Schmidt  
                      Church Clerk/Bulletin Secretary  
                      Saint Joseph SDA Church  
                      (H)269-429-1146 |
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| May 11   | **King's Heralds Concert**  
Sabbath, May 11, 7:30 p.m.—Village SDA Church  
Award-winning singers, the King’s Heralds, will be performing a free concert at the Village SDA Church. Because of their faithfulness to music ministry, they have received twenty-three “Silver Angel Awards” from Excellence in Media, including six for “Best Male Vocal Group” and fourteen for “Best Album.” |
| May 14-15| **Adventist Retirees of Michiana** is sponsoring a trip to the Creation Museum near Cincinnati, OH on May 14 & 15. There is still room on the coach bus for a few more people interested in exploring reasons for a literal six day creation. The cost will surprise you to include hotel, breakfast, two-day admission and transportation. Don't delay. If interested, email rosienash@gmail.com. The museum website is [www.creationmuseum.org](http://www.creationmuseum.org) |
| August 4-9| **2013 Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop**  
This year's Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop is scheduled for August 4-August 9 and is sponsored by the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The focus will be on the skillful use of natural remedies, water and nutrition in times of illness and health. The workshop is limited to 60 participants so early registration is encouraged. Registration closes July 24.  
This five day workshop involves 30 hours of lectures and demonstrations along with hands-on labs. All participants who successfully complete the workshop will receive a certificate of achievement. Graduate credit (1-4 credit hours) is available for MA, MDiv, MAPMin students.  
The lectures and labs will include topics such as how to treat the common cold or fever; charcoal therapy; use of garlic and other medicinal herbs; treating sprains and strains; hydrotherapy and the immune system; and much more. For more information, visit [www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw/](http://www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw/) or e-mail fran@andrews.edu. |

**For more community events see the Andrews Agenda.**
Sabbath School

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

Sean Swaboda
“God’s Great Creation”

Sabbath School Lesson Study ~ 9:50-10:40 a.m.
Adult Sabbath School classes meet to study the Word of God together in the following locations:
• Back of Sanctuary
• Fellowship Hall
• Fountain Classroom
• School

The floral bouquet in front of the church today, is in honor of Evelyn Brooks’ 90th Birthday. Happy Birthday, Evelyn!

The Church at Worship
10:50 a.m.

Announcements & Welcome Rahel Schafer

Health Feature Ryan Hayes, Ph.D.
“Artificial Sweeteners: Are they working?”
Introduction by Judy Toms - Health Department

Praise and Worship Kevin and Amy Moreno

Pastoral Prayer Ted Toms

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 9:1-8
Richard Lechleitner

Tithes and Offerings Rahel Schafer
Church Budget

Special Music Chloe Lewis

Children’s Story Jason Johnson

Sermon Ted Toms
“I Love You,
But You Make Me Feel Uncomfortable”

Response Hymn 69
“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

Benediction Ted Toms

Pianist - Sean Parker Organist - Eileen Horne

Church Announcements

Eau Claire School International Food Festival ~ Tomorrow
Taste and enjoy the flavors from different countries at the International Food Festival that will be held tomorrow in the fellowship hall from 3-5 p.m. This event was one of the most memorable events from last year! Be sure to be there this year! We’ll have hot, cold, spicy, and sweet and sour!

Call Betsy Schooler if you want to share your international and tasty specialty at the festival: 269.363.9778.

Eau Claire School Spring Program ~ Friday
The Eau Claire Church School spring program, The Great Controversy Part II will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the church. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the program. Please come and support our school!

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Today ~ Potluck after church
Today ~ Worship committee after potluck
Today ~ Health Feature Presentation 1:30 p.m.
Tomorrow ~ International Food Festival 3 p.m.
Apr 24 ~ Prayer meeting 7 p.m.
Apr 26 ~ School Spring Program 7 p.m.
Apr 28 ~ Pathfinders 10 a.m.
May 1 ~ Prayer meeting 7 p.m.
May 7 ~ Elders meeting 7 p.m.

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Our church emphasizes these values:
• Bible based
• Family focused
• Lay leadership
• Evangelistic outreach

Church Leadership
Pastor ~ Ted Toms 269-657-2390
Head Elder ~ Tom Shepherd 269-471-3889
Head Deacon ~ Andy Lubbert 269-463-5156
Head Deaconess ~ Cindy Beckemeyer 269-683-8817
Worship Chair ~ Joel Almclida 269-282-8407
Treasurer ~ Lance Mack 269-461-6605
Church Clerk ~ Myrna Lemon 269-757-7640
Community Service ~ Cloice Lemon 269-757-7640
Food Bank ~ Cloice Lemon 269-757-7640
Eau Claire Elementary School 269-944-4132
School Principal ~ Jim Gray 269-944-5233

Treasurer’s Report March 31, 2013

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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.