### Upcoming Events

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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**
Osprey (Pandion haliaetus) is a large hawk sometimes called a fish hawk. The body can be up to 2 feet long with a 6 foot wingspan. It is primarily brown on top with white underparts and a distinct brown head stripe through the eye. They are similar to owls in that they can reverse their outer toe allowing them to hold their prey with two toes in front and two toes in back. They have excellent vision that allows them to detect underwater prey (primarily fish) from 33-130 feet above the water. They hover momentarily before plunging into the water below, feet first. If they become submerged during a dive (about 3 feet max under water), they simply close their nostrils to prevent water from being inhaled. Their dense, oily feathers, they are water proof so they are able to fly away with their catch. Their spiny feet allow them to hold onto slippery fish and they will actually change the position of the fish in mid-air to be headfirst so it is more aerodynamic as they return to their nest, sometimes 2-3 miles away. They build large stick nests way high in dead trees or on tall man-made structures, adding to them every year. They use the same nest year after year and mate for life. Sometimes these nests can be several feet thick and very wide, old nests can weigh up to 1,000 pounds.

Jesus is our strong tower in which to build our "nest". We are a mirror of His character. His name can mean strength, security, a great perspective and long-range view. We need to seek refuge in Jesus and hide in Him. Just like the Osprey can build very large and heavy nests, go completely submerged in the water to catch something to eat; so also can we build our refuge in Jesus and go with Him when he comes to take us to Heaven (out of this world submerged in sin). He gives us all the tools we need through His word, the Bible. Pray today that He will help you believe in Him and see Him from an "Osprey point-of-view".
The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. Proverbs 18:10

Osprey Information: [www.avianweb.com](http://www.avianweb.com), [www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org)

***There is an active Osprey nest on top of a tower on Madron Lake Road just south of East Glendora Road in Buchanan Township about 3/4 mile. Don't forget your binoculars and/or scope (a kids telescope will do too). Beware these birds have a reputation for soaring around being territorial and are not afraid of dive bombing, so please stay a very safe distance away. There are tracks in the shoulder on the grass shoulder at a safe distance from where other birders have stopped by to enjoy a good look. Call Holly 269-208-3743 for more information.***

picture of an Osprey landing on the nest. Looking south on Madron Lake Road (East Glendora is to my back) -- Holly Beckermeyer

When you have a nature nugget to submit, email [Brandon Lubbert](mailto:Brandon.Lubbert@pothook.org) or [Holly Beckermeyer](mailto:Holly.Beckermeyer@pothook.org). Please note all sources.
## Sermon Podcasts

April 13 -- Kevin Moreno  
"Salvation Revealed"

April 20 -- Pastor Ted Toms  
"I Love You, but You Make Me Feel Uncomfortable"

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## Other Church Announcements

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### Church Softball

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### 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
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

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### Community Happening and Other Announcements
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.

Nancy Schmidt
Church Clerk/Bulletin Secretary
Saint Joseph SDA Church
(H)269-429-1146

Adventist Southeast Asia Projects Garage Sale

105 South Cass Street, Berrien Springs, Michigan

ASAP GARAGE SALE, APRIL 28 – Join Adventist Southeast Asia Projects (ASAP) for our annual Garage Sale on April 28 from 9 am to 3 pm. You may donate your clean, functional items by Thursday, April 25 and receive an In-Kind receipt. All proceeds from donated items benefit ASAP and unsold items will be donated to Adventist Community Services. Location: 105 South Cass Street, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Contact Wayne Labins for more information at wayne.labins@asapministries.org or by calling (269) 471-3026.

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."

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

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/ or e-mail fran@andrews.edu.

For more community events see the Andrews Agenda.

Eau Claire SDA Church
6562 Naomi Road
Eau Claire, MI 49111
269-944-1721
Sabbath School

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

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

Pathfinder Song:
Oh we are the Pathfinders strong!
The servants of God are we,
Faithful as we march along
In kindness, truth, and purity.
A message to tell to the world,
A truth that will set us free,
King Jesus the Savior's coming back for you and me!

The Church at Worship
10:50 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements            David Stratton
Worshipping God              Jessie Wilson and Pathfinders
Prayer                          David Stratton
Scripture                      Nathan Buck
Tithes and Offerings           David Stratton
Children’s Story               Michael Krause
Sermonette                     Jordan Horton
Special Music                  Kayla Parker and friends

~Pathfinders on Service~

Scripture                      Jeremy Parker
Special Music                  Cody Edwards
Sermonette                     Rahel Schafer
Response                       Pathfinder Song
Benediction                    Kevin Moreno

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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 Beckermeyer 269-683-8817
Worship Chair ~ Joel Almeida 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

Bulletin/Announcement Contact Person
Francie Reents
269-757-1985 or franciebakken@yahoo.com

~ Sunset in Eau Claire ~
Tonight ~ 8:39 p.m.  May 3 ~ 8:45 p.m.