Eau Claire SDA Church News

_Sermon Podcast - Long-Term Church Calendar_

**Upcoming Events**

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**Sabbath Speaker:**
Pastor Ted Toms

**Sermon Title:** "High Times"

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**Potluck After Church**

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Prayer Meeting

Our Prayer Meeting small group is meeting Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm 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 now studying through the **28 Fundamental Beliefs** of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**We would like to have as many prayer partners as possible!**

For details contact David Stratton, 269-635-2321, strattod@andrews.edu

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<td>Prayer Meeting</td>
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Sermon Title: "Good Gifts"  
Matt 7:7-12 |
| Sept 28 | Michigan Men of Faith  
Is being held next Sabbath, Sept 28 9 am- 6 pm at GLAA. Conference is $10. Supper and lunch are optional $6 each. Register online at www.campausable.org. Please advise Brooks of thy interest. The Fair Plain church men are interested in seeing if there are enough men to warrant riding up in the Eau Claire Bus together, otherwise we carpool. |
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| Oct 5      | Sabbath Speaker: Pastor Ted Toms  
Sermon Title: "The Narrow Road"  
Matt 7:13-14 |
| Oct 5 6 pm | **October Gospelfest:** Will be held on October 5 at 6 p.m. Please join us for vespers followed by a fundraiser by Home and School to benefit the EC SDA school. Plan now to participate with one or more music selections. Signup sheet will be available September 7. |
| Oct 6 9:00 am | Elder's Meeting |
| Oct 8 7:00 pm | School Board Meeting |
| October 11-15 | Pathfinder Fall Campout at Au Sable  
(leave Friday at 2 pm, return Monday) |
| October 13 9:00 am | Church Workbee |
| October 13 10:00 am | Adventurers  
Eager Beavers - Little Lambs |
| Tuesday, October 15 7 pm | Church Business Meeting - We will be discussing:  
- Church Budget for the coming year  
- Approving the 3 year Mastor Plan of Evangelism  
- Discuss becoming a Church of Refuge  
[http://www.cye.org/cor](http://www.cye.org/cor) |
Sermon Podcasts

Amanda Ramtahal "Where Does Your Fleece Lie?"

Dr. Tom Shepherd "The Speck, The Beam, and the Ruler"

Dr. Rick Beckermeyer "Treasures and the Heart"

Treasurer's Report

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New Lawn Mower Fund

| From Children’s Story     | $8500 | $144     |

Prayer Request
Please continue to pray for Francis and the entire Parker family.

**Pathfinder Camporee**

Last weekend our Pathfinder Club took part in the Pathfinder Camporee at Camp AuSable. There were over 1100 Pathfinders in the Northwoods. Dr. Gordon Atkins was the presenter. **9 Pathfinders stood to their feet to begin preparing for baptism.**
See how the Pathfinders end each day on the campout.

3 Year Master Plan of Evangelism

This 3-year Master Plan of Evangelism will be discussed at the next church business meeting. It has lots of details. If you have questions or think there should be changes, please contact Pastor Ted Toms at tedtoms@comcast.net.
Special Request from Pastor Toms

Pastor Toms requests as many as possible go to the following web site page:
http://www.cye.org/cor

On this page scan down the left hand column of link options to read about becoming a Church of Refuge. Churches of Refuge, among other things, specifically target the social and spiritual needs of those in the decade of their 20's. This is the decade where the highest number of church drop outs occur. Under the link, "resources" Ron Whitehead has written a document about Churches of Refuge from both a research and Spirit of Prophecy perspective. Please read this and be prepared to address the proposal of registering to become a certified Church of Refuge. This proposal will be included in our next church business meeting October 15, 2013 7:00 PM. For further information call or e-mail Pastor Toms at tedtoms@comcast.net.

Membership Transfer

Leon and Renee Copeland transferring from Eau Claire SDA Church to Berrien Springs Village SDA Church in Berrien Springs, MI.

Other Church Announcements

Audio/Visual Team

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The Audio/Visual team is in need of additional staff to operate the audio and visual equipment for our church. There are times when the church puts on special programs that it may also be necessary to call upon you for special additional help.

If you would like to help out and are willing to commit to a one Sabbath per month long term schedule, please contact David Poplewski at 269-684-4514, dpopski@comcast.net or at church.

Community Happening and Other Announcements

| Sept 22 | Parenting Seminar: You are invited to an adults only Parent's Night Out featuring "The Parent's Toolbox," presented by Joey & Carla Link on Sunday, September 22, from 6-8 p.m. Location: Niles Adventist School gym (110 N Fairview, Niles, MI). This will be an interactive, informative evening of practical |
Biblical parenting instruction. Authors of the new book, Why Can't I Get My Kids to Behave?, Joey & Carla have a fantastic blog called "Parenting Made Practical" (parentingmadepractical.com). Come at 5:30 to browse the Mom's Notes Bookstore. Pre-registration is preferred. Register (including for childcare - $2 for each child up through grade 6/age 12) at www.nilesadventistschool.org. Contact Erin Dockerty for more information (erinldockerty@yahoo.com or 269-487-8313).

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For more community events see the Andrews Agenda.
Spam
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Forget previous vote
Sabbath School

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

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 ~ Adult lesson
- Fellowship Hall ~ Adult lesson
- Fountain Classroom ~ Relationships
- Organ Room ~ New and Mature Believers

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The Church at Worship
10:50 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements David Stratton ~ Faith Lab ~

Praise Songs Ida Beckermeyer

Pastoral Prayer Ted Toms

Opening Song “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Scripture Reading Bob Beckermeyer
Habakkuk 3:13-19

Tithes and Offerings David Stratton
Church Budget

Special Music

Children’s Story Ryan & Suzi Hayes

Sermon “High Times” Ted Toms

Closing Hymn “Be Still My Soul” #461

Benediction Ted Toms

Pianist ~ Holly Beckermeyer Organist ~ Eileen Horne

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Church Calendar
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Sept 25 ~ Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Sept 29 ~ Pathfinders, Adventurers, Little Lambs, and Eager Bearers 10 a.m.
Oct 2 ~ Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Oct 6 ~ Elders Meeting 9 a.m.
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Oct 9 ~ Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Upcoming Speakers
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"Praying for Prosperity" Matt 7:7-12
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"The Wide and Narrow Roads" Matt 7:13-14
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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 ~ Cloie Lemon  269-757-7640
Food Bank ~ Cloie Lemon  269-757-7640
Eau Claire Elementary School
School Principal ~ Ashley Johnson  269-944-4132

Bulletin/Announcement Contact Person
Francie Reents  269-757-1985 or franciereents@gmail.com

Presiding Deacon: Jerry E.
~ Sunset in Eau Claire~
Tonight ~ 7:45 p.m. September 27 ~ 7:35 p.m.
This plan is to be completed by all churches and returned to Chelli Ringstaff by October 25, 2013.

Church’s Name: Eau Claire  
Pastor’s Name: Ted Toms  
Pastor’s Cell Phone: 269–317–2296  
Date Voted by Board:

Instructions for filling out the Master Plan of Evangelism with your Church Board:

1. Fill out the review page.  
2. Fill out the questionnaire describing how your church plans to fulfill the 8 Mission Essentials.  
4. Fill out request for funding if applicable.  
5. E-mail completed MPE to Chelli Ringstaff at cringstaff@misda.org by October 25, 2012.
Review

Number of Baptisms/Professions of Faith in 2012 _________4___________
Number of Rebaptisms in 2012 _________0___________
Number of Baptisms/Professions of Faith in 2013 (year-to-date) ________4_________
Number of Rebaptisms in 2013 (year-to-date) ________0_________
Number of currently active Bible studies ________2__________

List outreach and training events for 2013 (include those already held as well as upcoming):

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Mission Essentials
For Every Church in the Michigan Conference of SDA’s

Our Mission: The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to make disciples of all people (Matthew 28:18–20), communicating the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6–12, leading them to accept Jesus as personal Savior and unite with His remnant Church, discipling them to serve Him as Lord and preparing them for His soon return.

“Every church should be a training school for Christian workers.”
Christian Service, p. 59

1. Every church is a healing community that nurtures love for God, love for one another, and love for the lost.

2. Every church has a soul-winning and discipleship strategy and plan.

3. The priority of every church board is planning soul-winning and discipleship in all of its phases.

4. Every department of the local church fosters and actively participates in soul-winning and discipleship.

5. Every church provides resources and training for truth-sharing personal ministry.

6. Every member is nurtured into active participation in truth-sharing personal ministry.

7. Every new member discipleship experience includes:
   a. Personal spiritual growth
   b. Doctrinal understandings
   c. Church integration
   d. Personal witnessing
   e. Church ministries

8. Every church has a regular and timely process of review, evaluation, and reporting.
Fulfilling the Mission Essentials

1. How will your church be a loving and caring environment for all who attend? (ex. hospitality to church visitors, grief support group, prayer chain to lift up congregation’s needs, regular visitation of members, etc.)
   
   • hospitality diners
   • prayer chain
   • regular visitation
   • elder’s council organizes, works with church members for spiritual ministry

2. Is your church using the event worksheets and department ministry planning worksheets provided by the ministerial department for soul-winning planning purposes? If not, please describe your process of planning for soul-winning events and department ministries. Electronically attach any related forms.
   
   Our two major soul winning efforts as a group are the VBS and the DVD Bible school

   Individual Bible studies are also planned and supervised

3. Give examples of how five different departments plan to foster and actively participate in soul-winning and discipleship.
   
   • Pathfinders have several Pathfinder Sabbaths to train in worship leading
   • Sabbath School class adult– has a beginner’s class for seekers/new members
• Community services – provides rides for house bound individuals to attend church
• Education – church school has weekly discipleship classes conducted by the teacher, the AU ministerial students, and the pastor
• Personal Ministries – Bible school, literature distribution

4. On average, how much time does your church board spend on soul-winning and discipleship planning per meeting? 10 minutes

5. How often does your church board review the status of key interests?

___ Every time we meet  _X_ Quarterly  ___ Annually  ___ Never
The board of Elders reviews these on a monthly basis.

6. How often does your church board set aside time to review special needs, be they physical or spiritual, among the church membership? (ex. members who have stopped attending, have been hospitalized, etc.)

___ Every time we meet  _X_ Quarterly  ___ Annually  ___ Never
The elders’ council does this on a monthly basis and shares quite regularly with the church board.

7. How much do you budget annually to buy resources for personal witnessing for your members? (ex. sharing literature, prophecy seminar DVD’s, etc.)
varies, __________________________

8. Give examples of personal witnessing resources you are making available and how members can obtain these resources.
   we stock SC and GC for giveaway. We make Bible study materials available to members. We currently have a DVD lending library for the DIVD Bible school.

9. What activities do you currently have planned to reach every home in your church’s outreach territory?
• We have created maps of the villages and divide the territory for literature distribution
• We need to expand this to include all of the rural addresses

10. List other plans you have to involve every member in personal truth-sharing witnessing.

11. Is your church using the Michigan Conference New Member Discipleship Plan?  ____ Yes  __X__ No
   If no, please describe how you are discipling new members in the following areas:
   a. Personal spiritual growth
   b. Doctrinal understandings
   c. Church integration
   d. Personal witnessing
   e. Church ministries
Areas A–C are addressed in the new member SS class. D and E are areas we are studying to improve our discipleship program.

12. How many new members are actively participating in a systematic discipleship process? 8
## Calendar of Events

Please list your outreach and training events for **2013**.

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Please list any major soul-winning or training events for **2014**.

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<td>Stephen Ministries – practical mission to non-member widows and other</td>
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<td>Oct 1, 2014</td>
<td>Reaping event – full length meeting series</td>
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Funding Request

Instructions: Please fill out the following information to request conference evangelism funds for the next year. If you are requesting funds, please be sure to complete the table that follows question #3.

1. Are you requesting conference evangelism funds for 2014?

   YES  (If “yes”, continue to answer questions 2 & 3 AND fill in the table on the bottom of the page)
   
   NO   (If “no”, then you are finished completing your MPE – go NO further)

2. Is your church contributing a minimum of 10% of the total cost of the evangelism activity(ies) for which you are requesting funding?

   YES   NO

   NOTE: The local church is expected to provide a minimum of 10% of the total cost of any event. If your church absolutely cannot meet this requirement, please contact the conference evangelism coordinator for further instructions.

3. Are you listing any event(s) that are NOT public evangelistic meetings?

   YES  (If “yes” you are requesting funds for an event(s) other than full public reaping meetings. Please note that due to limited conference funds these events are usually not funded. Exceptions are made on a case by case basis in consultation with the conference evangelism coordinator.)
   
   NO

TABLE INSTRUCTIONS: Please enter only events for which you will be requesting funds from the EZone and remember that funds for most seed sowing and cultivating events remain the responsibility of the local church as part of its annual Personal Ministries/Evangelism budget.
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