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**Prayer Requests**

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<td>Bethany now weighs 2 pounds and 5 ounces; Kelsey weighs 3 pounds and 5 ounces. Many heartfelt thanks for all of your prayers. I ask for your continued prayers, especially for baby Kelsey. She has a Grade 4 Intraventricular Hemorrhage (IVH). IVH is bleeding in or near the ventricles in the brain. She will be having surgery this week to have a reservoir replaced. I do not know exactly when this week. My sister said it would be early this week. She is too small for a shunt which she may or may not need when she reaches 5 pounds. The severe bleeding in the brain also puts Kelsey at risk for Cerebral Palsy, hearing loss, vision problems and learning disabilities. She also has an infection on her heart which could cause heart failure or go to her brain. Once again, thanks for your continued prayers. Praise God for the miracles he has worked already!</td>
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### UPDATE: Kelsey had surgery today. I don't know what the results are at this point.

### FROM
**James and Kris Procter**

James and Kris made it home on Saturday evening with their new daughter Melissa. Their adoption made national headlines, because Melissa was the last orphan to make it out of Crimea before all adoptions were halted by Russia. [See the news story here](#).

### FROM
**Brandon Lubbert**

I would like prayer for my co-worker. About a year and a half ago, she lost her husband to cancer. Last evening her pet dog passed away. She begged God not to let her dog die and now she is really mad at God. She needs your prayers.

### FROM
**Tiffany Reynolds**

The mother of the kids I babysit went to the hospital today because of relapse of MS. She has had to quit work, and her mom is flying out as well tomorrow, so I know it is pretty serious. Please pray for this young family as they deal with this difficult situation.

### FROM
**Pastor Ted Toms**

Praise the Lord for Frank's successful pacemaker implant procedure. Now for the rehab cycle to get his strength back. One day at a time. But God is good. And thank each of you for the support and encouragement of your prayers.

Please remember Jeremy Horton. He started chemo-therapy. Please pray that the Lord would make His presence known and be a comfort to Jeremy and his family. Also pray that the Lord's will be done in this situation.

Tammy Horton - Please also remember Tammy Horton, his mother. Both she and Craig need prayers for health and strength as this has taken a very heavy toll on them as well.

Tammy and Craig Horton - [ctjhorton@yahoo.com](mailto:ctjhorton@yahoo.com)

Jerry Culbreath (Jeremy's grandfather) - [jerry_culbreath@att.net](mailto:jerry_culbreath@att.net)
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<td>April 27 1:30 pm</td>
<td>Baby Shower A new little Critter is on the way. Join us for a baby shower honoring the Reynolds family, Sunday April 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Eau Claire SDA Church fellowship hall. Potluck Lunch. Hosted by the Eau Claire Critters Pathfinder Club. For more information contact Linaea Lehmann 574-606-9345</td>
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<td>April 27 4-6 pm</td>
<td>International Food Fair Our Church Schools International Food Fair needs your help. Is there a country you have visited and you have souvenirs from or especially enjoyed the food? See Betsy Schooler to see how you can help. Or call 269-363-9778</td>
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<td>Dr. Tom Shepherd &quot;The Best Decision I Ever Made&quot; FB15</td>
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**Amazing Facts Video**

The pastor asked me to include this video in the newsletter for the next couple of weeks.
Pastor Doug Batchelor Analyzes the Pope's Threat to Protestants "Unity or Else." Is the 'Protest' really OVER...Anglican Tony Palmer, Kenneth Copeland, Pope Francis

Church Announcements and Prayer Requests via TEXT

Would you like church information and prayer requests via text? Sign up by texting @eauc to 269-591-7209.

This is a way to get immediate notice of prayer requests and other VERY important church announcements.

I would guess it might be once or twice per week.

Turn Your Trash into Cash

Turn Your Trash Into Cash The Eau Claire SDA School is collecting empty printer ink cartridges for recycling. The school is registered with a company that pays cash for these cartridges. There is a collection box at the school and one in the copy machine room at the church. For any questions you may contact Fay Pressnitz at 269-944-1200

Church Calendar
Have you ever wondered what is going on in our church? What is happening next month or next year? Checkout the Long-Term Church Calendar that is updated weekly.

Click the link at the top of this e-mail newsletter entitled "Long-Term Church Calendar"

School Calendar and Newspaper

Download the School Calendar
Elder Visitation

The elders will be dropping by for short visits to see how you are and to pray with you. We all need encouragement and to lift each other up in prayer. That is the elders' goal. We look forward to seeing you and praying for you and those you love.

School Greenhouse

Download the School Newspaper
The school greenhouse team is preparing for this spring's growing season, and you can help by saving 1lb through 2lb cottage cheese, yogurt and margarine containers for planting. Plastic flower pots in similar size range would also be useful. The containers can be left in the box provided on the shelf just inside the Fellowship Hall door marked greenhouse or turn them in at the school. Thank you for your help and support in this project.

Sermon Podcast

Ron Whitehead "Where's the Beef"
Dr. Tom Shepherd "A Home for the Homeless"
Dr. Rick Beckermeyer "The Proof is in the Pudding"
Pastor Ted Toms "Who Said You Could Do This?"

Listen to Past Sermons

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Mar. 31, 2014

Church Budget | Goal | Received
February 28, 2014 | $5,188 | $5,761
Oct 2013-Feb 2014 | $31,128 | $29,827

Worthy Student Needs 2013-14
Elementary Students | $4,449 | $3,638
Academy Students | $750 | $721

New Lawn Mower Fund
Donations and Children's Story | $8,500 | $3,212

Community Happening and Other Announcements

April 13 | On April 13, 2014, at 1 p.m. we will have food, fellowship, and information from Dr Ryan Hayes of Andrews University about the gaseous makeup of the air that sustains life on this planet. This is NOT your ordinary boring science lecture since Dr Hayes accompanies his talks with a chemical demonstration to illustrate the scientific principles at work. Be assured that any explosions will be controlled but still exciting! Bring your favorite dish to
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<td>Andrews University will again be offering its 6-day Natural Remedies &amp; Hydrotherapy Workshop August 3-8. In addition to University faculty, the following speakers will present: Don Miller, Uchee Pines Institute; David DeRose, Weimar Center of Health &amp; Education; Elvin Adams, US Health Works; Norman McNulty, neurologist. For more information visit andrews.edu/go/nrhw/ or email <a href="mailto:fran@andrews.edu">fran@andrews.edu</a> or call 269.471.3541.</td>
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<td><strong>Andrews University is looking for a large, clean space</strong> to set up the University's General Conference booth for a month or two as we make preparations for the 2015 GC. The booth is 50 x 60 feet. If you have a space that could suit our needs and are willing to lend us this space it would be a great service to us. Please contact the Office of Integrated Marketing and Communication at 269-471-6031 or <a href="mailto:imc@andrews.edu">imc@andrews.edu</a>.</td>
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For more community events see the Andrews Agenda.
One brave American family's dramatic escape from Putin's grasp: US couple who smuggled last orphan out of Crimea as Russia tightened its grip and halted adoptions to US

Kristine and James Proctor went to Crimea to adopt a 16-year-old orphan, Melissa.

While they waited for paperwork to be completed, Crimea was annexed by Russia.

Kristine Proctor had to smuggle her daughter out of the region just hours before the annexation was complete.

Crimea has now been unified with Russia and all U.S. adoptions have been halted.

Melissa flew to Michigan on Saturday to begin her life as the adopted daughter of the Proctors.

By Alex Greig

Published: 23:18 EST, 5 April 2014 | Updated: 09:24 EST, 6 April 2014

A Michigan couple have managed to smuggle their newly adopted daughter out of Crimea just after Russia officially annexed the state.

Kristine Proctor was waiting for the final pieces of paperwork to be filed for her and husband James's adoption of a 16-year-old orphan called Yana when Russian troops flooded the streets and a referendum decided that Crimea would become a part of Russia.

Although the official unification wasn't immediate, bureaucrats stopped issuing the documents the Proctors needed to remove Yana, who has since renamed herself Melissa, from her orphanage and the region.

Reunited: Kristine and James Proctor with their newly adopted daughter Melissa.

With James Proctor returned to work in the United States, Kristine Proctor enlisted the help of Inna, a Ukrainian woman, to help her and Melissa escape the area.

'It was terrifying,' Kristine Proctor told ABC News on Friday, just hours before flying home to Michigan. 'We've had a lot of miracles.'

As pro-Russian crowds marched, denouncing the Ukraine's Western supporters, Kristine Proctor became increasingly frantic.

Inna finally managed to procure a tax identification number for Melissa, after one refusal after another from bureaucrats unwilling to issue a passport for the orphan.

Uncertain future: The Proctors met Melissa when she was almost 16 - the age at which she would have aged out of the Ukrainian orphanage system and been left to fend for herself.

Adoptive parents: James and Kristine Proctor have adopted children from the Ukraine before.

The document enabled them to buy a rail ticket to Kiev and the three boarded the train just hours before Russia...
completed its annexation of Crimea.

As they approached the border, armed soldiers boarded the car, asking the conductor if there were any foreigners aboard.

He indicated Melissa and Kristine were Americans.

The soldiers, miraculously, asked no further questions and the train continued on its way to Kiev.

'When the train came into the station [in Kiev], Inna and I looked at each other and started crying,' Proctor said. 'We were in survival mode and it all hits you.'

The Proctors, who have adopted several other children from the area in the past, met Melissa in December, when she was just short of her 16th birthday - the age at which she would age out of Ukraine's orphanage system and be left to fend for herself.

New daughter: The Proctors say Melissa is bright and confident and believe she will thrive in the United States.

The connection was instant and the couple felt sure the 'smart, fun' teen would thrive in their family.

However, their battle wasn't over once Kristine and Melissa reached Kiev, as officials demanded she be returned to Crimea and refused to issue a passport.

Finally, after days of bureaucratic back and forth, Melissa was granted a passport and flew to her new home with her new mother on Saturday.

ABC News reports that other adoptions that were in progress in Crimea have been halted. According to advocates, it's unlikely Russia will allow any adoptions by Americans to proceed.

Read more:

- How an American Couple Snuck the Last Adopted Orphan out of Crimea
Long-Term Church Event Calendar

(This is meant to have all church, school and other events on this calendar. Please email blubbert@sbcglobal.net to put events on this long term calendar.)

2014

April 12   Tentative Date for Pathfinder Sabbath (Pathfinder church service)
April 12   3:30 pm   Pathfinder Bible Experience (Washington DC)
April 13   10:00 am  Pathfinder Meeting
April 13   10:00 am  Adventurer Meeting – Park Clean Up
April 18-21  Long Weekend for School
April 19   Musical Vespers
April 26   Tentative Date for Investiture (service at Eau Claire SDA Church)
April 27   10:00 am  Pathfinder Meeting - Adopt-a-Road (lunch provided)
April 27   10:00 am  Adventurer
April 27   4– 6 pm   International Food Festival
May 4?    10:00 am  Pathfinder Meeting-prep for fair
May 4     Adventurer Field Trip
May 5     Lego Robotics Challenge
May 16-18? Pathfinder Fair at Camp Au Sable
May 26    Memorial Day (No School)
June 4    Last Day of School
August 11-16 Pathfinder Forever Faithful Camporee
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Thankful Sentence Stems
by Grades 2-4

One thing I would like to thank my parents for is the things they give me.
One thing I would like to thank my teacher for is helping with the words I am saying.
One thing I would like to thank God for is the life he gave me. — Mahley Jimenez
One thing I would like to thank my parents for is washing my clothes.
One thing I would like to thank my teacher for is loving me. — Zofia Jimenez
One thing I would like to thank my parents for is helping me with my lunch.
One thing I would like to thank my teacher for is her brownies.
One thing I would like to thank God for is Church. — Juliana Parker
One thing I would like to thank my parents for is helping me.
One thing I would like to thank my teacher for is math.
One thing I would like to thank God for is the Bible. — Timmy Gilbert
One thing I would like to thank my parents for is my clothes.
One thing I would like to thank my teacher for is being nice.
One thing I would like to thank God for is my pet. — Emma Sue Scott
One thing I would like to thank my parents for is my cat, Honey.
One thing I would like to thank my teacher for is teaching me.
One thing I would like to thank God for is life! — Kelsey Brown

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Mark Your Calendar:
⊙ No School: April 18 and 21
⊙ International Food Fest: April 27, 4-6pm
⊙ Lego Robotics Challenge: May 9
⊙ Farm History Day Field Trip: May 9
⊙ No School: Memorial Day, May 26
⊙ Last Day of School: June 4 (Noon Dismissal)

Inside this issue:
Thankful Sentence Stems  1
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**Bio Poems**

**Zofia**
Fun, happy, sweet  
Lover of my Mom, Dad and God  
Who is able to swim  
Who feels happy at the zoo  
Who wonders what Jesus looks like  
Who fears my goat  
Who would like to ice skate  
Who dreams about being in Heaven

**Mahely**
Fun, loving, joyful  
Lover of stars and rocks  
Who is able to help you  
Who feels peace  
Who wonders when Jesus is coming  
Who fears Satan  
Who would like to sing

**Alexandra**
Loving, kind, helpful  
Lover of spring flowers, singing birds and going to school  
Who is able to hear nature  
Who feels excited and peaceful when hiking in the woods  
Who wonders if there are other creatures in the universe  
Who fears getting an "F"  
Who would like to swim with a shark  
Who dreams of ice queens, flying and talking to animals

**Taeyeon Lee**
Fun  
Lover of playing sports  
Who is able to know about Jesus  
Who feels happy about someone  
Who wonders when Jesus will come  
Who fears the dark  
Who would like to play sports  
Who dreams about Jesus coming again

**Kelsey**
Energetic, funny, silly  
Lover of all cats  
Who is able to be very flexible  
Who feels happy with my mom  
Who wonders about catching a bird  
Who fears the dark  
Who would like to be a really fast runner  
Who dreams about finding a really big oyster with a pearl inside

“A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
but harsh words stir up anger.”
*Proverbs 15:1*
Bio Poems cont...

Juliana
Splendid, fun, loving
Lover of all dogs
Who is able to feed the cat
Who feels joyful
Who wonders when Jesus is going to come
Who fears monsters
Who dreams of swimming with a dolphin

Zachary
Dependable, faithful, cooperative
Lover of music, violins, and dogs
Who is able to play by ear and read notes
Who feels wonderful when running
Who wonders what Heaven is going to be like
Who fears of natural disasters
Who would like to go to the moon in space
Who dreams of Jesus soon coming

Emma
Fun, loving, helpful
Lover of dogs, cats, cows and otters
Who is able to go canoeing
Who feels good and happy
Who wonders about the world
Who fears being mean
Who would like to swim with sharks
Who dreams of going to the ocean

Timmy
Fun, dreamer, dramatic
Lover of dogs, otters, foxes, and my tree house
Who is able to go to Washington City, Texas and Germany
Who feels good, happy, and smart
Who wonders about raccoons and spiders
Who fears the dark and the closet
Who would like to climb, swim, and learn about foxes
Who dreams of dragons, robots and space

Cassandra
Dreamer, ambitious, caring
Lover of awesome otters, sneaky foxes, and good friends
Who is able to imagine and make up stories
Who feels secretive
Who wonders if I could make animals talk back
Who fears that there is not enough land for animals
Who would like to be an otter specialist
Who dreams of DRAGONS!

A Devotional Thought by Zachary Parker

Birds are a special animal. What makes them really special is that they can fly. Well, most of them can. The best thing about any animal is that they were created by God. One spiritual thought you can take from learning about birds, is that they are mentioned in the Bible many times. One of the stories that I always think of is Elijah. One night Elijah was laying in his bed when God spoke to him. He told him that the people were so wicked in Israel that he wanted Elijah to tell the King that there would be no more rain until they turned to God. After Elijah told the King, he ran away. Right away the King sent soldiers to look for him. Elijah went to a brook where a raven would come every morning and evening. God used birds to feed Elijah and that means if the birds can do big jobs for God then we can too.

“Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon”

Philippians 4:5
Dear Church and School Family,

I have a few reminders for you... We are still collecting cottage cheese, sour cream, butter, and yogurt containers for planting. Also, you can send in your old printer cartridges and we will recycle them. Last but definitely not least, don’t forget to bring in your Box Tops.

It is hard to believe that this school year is almost over. We have had a great year. In January we welcomed two more students. Please continue to pray for our school as we look forward to the 2014/2015 school year. Thank you for all you do and for supporting our church school.

Sincerely,
Ashley Johnson