Niles Caterpillars Adventurer Club News
by Laurel Gaudin, Director

September was a fun month! We had two families that were able to attend Adventurer Family Camp in the North Woods at Camp Au Sable. We earned our Camper Award by helping to set up our tents, build fires, cook meals, learning important rules for camping, helping to put away camping materials, and memorizing Psalm 34:7. We also enjoyed many things in nature. Our camping neighbors found a walking stick and a baby mouse that we got to look at, and Louise Demler found a baby painted turtle in our campsite that we got to share with our camping neighbors!

On Sabbath, we had church all together in the Pathfinder/Adventurer Pavilion. We sang fun songs and watched the story of the Fiery Furnace acted out by Adventurers. Then after lunch, we got to do fun activities with our family like go on a treasure hunt, go to the nature center, make family totem poles, make a turkey out of pine cones and feathers, or watch a nature slide show/quiz. After that we had vespers all together around a camp fire, and Pastor Craig taught us James 4:7 and how to juggle!

After vespers, our Adventurer District Leaders gave us Camp Au Sable Kettle Corn (YUM!), and we got to go on a wagon ride. We sang lots of songs on the wagon ride too. On Sunday we had one last worship all together, then did fun field games like the obstacle course, hoop toss, bucket toss, ball toss, and three-legged race. Then we played tug of war! After that it was time to pack up and go home. All together there were 160 people there, and they hope to have at least 200 next year. Our club's goal is to have at least four families go next year. Next year's camp dates are September 7 – 9, 2012. Mark it on your calendar and plan to join us!

In our September meetings, we started doing our class work to earn our pins at the end of the year. We also earned our Artist Award during one of the meetings, which was a lot of fun. We made posters with paints, invitations with colored pencils and markers, and pictures with potato prints. The invitations were sent out for our Family Blessing Service, and the posters were used for the Pathfinder Car Wash and Adventurer Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Fundraisers.

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What does the word “fall” really mean to you?
It certainly embraces multi-images, some positive and others negative. Consider the following biblical images:
The very first image in scripture is when God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, Genesis 2:21; We talk about the Fall of Man when we sinned in Eden; God also caused the ten plagues to fall on Egypt; Jesus said in Luke 10:18 that he saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven; the classic warning of Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall”; the typical image of falling by the sword, Babylon fallen in Revelation 14, etc. These are but a tiny glimpse of the many biblical images we get from the word “fall.”
Consider that there is such a tension, or irony, in every ‘Fall’ season, which, officially, has already begun. For us it was the reddish-green blueberry leaves that told us that the temperature had begun to fall at night. The forest behind our house has begun the slow decent of every leaf as they all fall dying to the ground. We have become so accustomed to death. Yes, we do love the rainbow colored trees, and at that colorful moment, we don’t want to think about the promise that the trees will soon be stark naked and exposed as death evidences itself in heaped leafy piles everywhere.
I love the image of “fall” in Psalm 37:23, 24: “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.” The best thing about this “fall” is the promise that God still upholds the fallen. Let us remember that, “The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan.” Desire of Ages, p. 311. I invite you to let Jude be your encouragement this “Fall”:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel!”
Romans 10:15. Week by week throughout the year, our pastors faithfully leave a “footprint” in our lives as they share the Gospel from the pulpit and through friendship. Here at Niles we are blessed to have Pastor Darrel and Pastor Bill as our pastors. Their ministry permeates throughout our church, whether it is Sabbath morning worship, work bees, school worships, Bible studies, board meetings, social activities, or at times of personal or family crisis. Both Pastors Darrel and Bill work hard to minster to the diverse needs of this church family.
October is Pastor Appreciation Month and our opportunity to say thank you to these men for their faithful servant leadership to this congregation. I would encourage each of you to take a moment to say thank you to our pastors. “Thank you” could be a word of affirmation shared in the hallway on Sabbath morning, a thank you note, taking time to pray for them or with them, offering a helping hand or maybe something more tangible. Most importantly let them know how their efforts have made a difference in your life.
- Sue Fattic, Head Elder

We must no longer remain upon the enchanted ground. We are fast approaching the close of our probation. Let every soul inquire, How do I stand before God? We know not how soon our names may be taken into the lips of Christ, and our cases be finally decided. What, oh, what will these decisions be! Shall we be counted with the righteous, or shall we be numbered with the wicked?
- True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need by Ellen G. White, pg. 13
Meet Our New Members

Tschetter Family
by Gina Meekma with Joyce Tschetter

Scott & Joyce Tschetter live in Niles with their children, Grace Busch (7) and Finnian (14 months).

Joyce is from Maryland and moved here in 1989 to go to Andrews University. Scott is originally from South Dakota and came to this area about seven years ago, also to go to Andrews.

The Tschetters recently transferred from Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) since Grace is in first grade at Niles Adventist School, and they live only two blocks from the church.

Scott is currently unemployed but has worked in manufacturing. He has a religion degree from AU and started the mechanical engineering program. He is skilled at cabinetry and all types of woodworking, and has remodeled their entire house from the studs out. Joyce is currently a stay-at-home mom. She has a degree in Horticulture from AU but worked as a veterinary assistant for more than fifteen years.

Joyce used to have time to scrapbook, but now she keeps busy with Finn. She loves reading, baking, and music. Scott enjoys gardening and woodworking. As a family, they enjoy biking, walking, and other outdoorsy stuff. Grace is currently horse-crazy and loves her trampoline. Finn loves to be the center of attention.

Scott and Joyce have been married for two years. They met at a small group at PMC.

Welcome to the Niles Westside Church Family, Scott, Joyce, Grace and Finn!

Adventurers continued

The Krispy Kreme Fundraiser was a smashing success! We set up our table in the Niles Advance Auto Parts’ entry. As people came in, we welcomed them and asked if they would like to buy a doughnut. We also took turns holding the signs and umbrellas outside, as it was cold and rainy. Some people came in to the store just because they had seen our signs and wanted doughnuts. We made more than $120! Thank you to all the church members who came out to support us as well! We were scheduled to be there from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., but packed up at 1:30 because we had sold all of our doughnuts! Praise the Lord for His blessings! Our next fundraiser will be selling Dutch Mill bulbs. Starting October 3, you can order bulbs for fall planting from an Adventurer. For more information, contact Laurel Gaudin (lagaudin@yahoo.com). We will also have a booth at the NAS Fall Festival on October 30.

We hope to see you all at our Family Blessing Service on Friday, September 30, at 7 p.m. We will have a short Induction Service during the 11 a.m. service at church on October 8, and will be visiting the Corn Maze with the Pathfinders on October 16. Our first official meeting of the Adventurer Family Network will be October 24, and the Adventurers will be earning an award that night. Thank you again for all your support. Have a happy and safe October!

Fight truth decay; study the Bible daily.
–Anonymous
It’s time again to start thinking about Can Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets. Both the Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs will be passing out bags on Sabbath, October 29. We will pick up can collection on Sabbath, November 5. If you know of a family in need, please give their name to the Pathfinder Director, Laura Hutchinson, or Adventurer Director, Laurel Gaudin. Thank you!

Unlocking Revelation

Unlocking Revelation is a weekly Bible study to be conducted in the Conference Room at River Crossing Center, 100 West Ferry Street, Berrien Springs, Michigan, beginning on Tuesday, November 1, at 6:45 pm.

The class will study the book of Revelation verse by verse, and will allow the Bible to be its own interpreter. Dorothea Sarli, who attended a previous lecture by this instructor, says, “This study opened my eyes to simple things I had never noticed before about verses I had read many times. Now I have a much better grasp of what they really mean.”

Instructor Dojcin Zivadinovic is a PhD candidate in Church History at Andrews University. Dojcin is an outgoing and dynamic speaker that encourages the audience to respond and to think creatively. He believes that the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation can be understood by everyone if correct principles of interpretation are employed.

For more information or to pre-register, please contact Dorothea Sarli at 269-684-3590 or dsarli@melwade.com.

Upcoming Pathfinder Events

Weekly Meetings - Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Corn Maze (with Adventurers) - Sunday, October 16

Pass out bags for can collecting - Sabbath, October 29

Pick up cans - Sabbath, November 5
† Farewell to our Friends!

Gary & Tammy Kelley to Calvary Road Community Church, Niles, MI

Michael & Jody Villwock to Calvary Road Community Church, Niles, MI

Paul & Tonya Vivier to Auburn City Adventist Church, Auburn, WA

Prince Mangena to Niles Southside Adventist Company, Niles, MI

† Nominating Committee Report:
Luis & Cathy Leonor – Social Committee Leaders

† Sunday Sunup Runners: Have you ever wanted to start a running program? Or are you a runner who would like to exercise with others? Interested in training for the Niles Thanksgiving Day Run? Bring a friend and join us Sunday mornings at 8 a.m., beginning Sunday, October 2. All fitness levels welcome. RSVP to Marga Prouty at 269-605-9318 or carrot.tops@gmail.com.

† October’s fellowship lunch will be on Sabbath, October 8, after second service, in the school gym. Please bring extra food and join us!

† Beginning Sabbath, October 8, Pastor Bill’s Sabbath School class will be doing a chapter by chapter study of the books of Daniel and Revelation. This will be only on the weeks he is not in Chikaming. The dates for October are 8, 22, 29. Anyone who wishes may join this class, which runs from 9:30 - 10:45 and meets in the school.

† Prophecies Decoded, Net 2011: Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning on Friday, September 30, and ending on Saturday, October 29, at Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs. For more information, go to www.propheciesdecoded.com. (Videos will be uploaded to this site after they air.) The series will also air on the Hope Channel, DIRECTV (ch. 368), and on www.hopetv.org during broadcast times.

† Leadership Workshop: All church and school leadership, which includes all departmental heads and assistants, please take note of this important workshop on Sabbath, October 15, starting with fellowship lunch and going until supper in our cozy school gym. Watch the bulletin for more details, but schedule the date on your calendars so you can plan to attend.

† Bonfire Social: At the Chapel in the Woods, date TBA. Watch the bulletin and the e-mailed Weekly Update for further information.

† Adult SS Council Meeting: Sunday, October 16, at 9:30 a.m. at the Prouty’s house (1251 Niles-Buchanan Road, Niles). Breakfast is provided. Adult SS teachers should RSVP to Alex Prouty at hadrada1066@gmail.com or 240-291-1379.

† Women’s Night Out: Thursday, October 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Olive Garden in Mishawaka. Contact Kathy Dockerty to RSVP (269-782-8567 or kadockerty@yahoo.com).

† Mission Trip to Honduras: We hope that you plan on experiencing a trip with a mission in March 2012. The Maranatha project is to build five One Day School Classrooms, fully equipped with desks and sidewalk. Experience leaving a fully functional facility that would reach that community for eternity. Each completed classroom costs $10,000, so even if you can’t participate with one of the crews in erecting the classrooms, you can contribute to making it happen financially. Roy Kingman will be taking a site trip mid-October and more information will be available soon. Watch the bulletin for updates or feel free to contact Roy Kingman or Bob Benner.
We bring our children to Jesus to be touched by His love, trained for service, and educated for Heaven.

Labels for Education/Box Tops for Education/Spartan Bar Codes: Please keep collecting and turning in Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, and Spartan brand bar codes. We have collection bins in the hallway at the school and church for them. For some of them we get cash, and others we can use to select items from a catalog that will help the school and students.

If you have a Meijer rewards or swipe card, the school’s code is 174333. Thank you for all of your support!

Gift Cards Fundraiser: The next orders are due on Monday, October 3 and 17, by 3:45. Did you know that friends and family can order gift cards, too? They just fill out an order form, turn it in with their money, and they could be supporting our school, helping a child’s tuition, and keeping them on budget all at the same time! Contact the school or go to www.glscrip.com for a list of participating businesses.

**Noah’s Ark theme**
Come in costume of your favorite animal!

- obstacle course bounce house
- hayride
- face painting
- food
- fun games
- and more!

Help is needed! Contact Cathy Leonor at 269-357-3132 or cathyleonor@yahoo.com if you can help. Thank you!

Blood Drive

Thursday, October 6, from 2-7 p.m.
at Niles Adventist School

Call the school today and sign up to help save a life! Walk-ins are also welcome.

NAS families enjoyed a potluck supper, games and worship at Weko Beach on September 9.  

*Photo by Denise Kidder*
Upcoming NAS Events

LIFT (Lifestyle Improvements for Teens) - October 2-5 - Camp Au Sable

Blood Drive - Thursday, October 6 - 2-7 p.m.

No School: Fall Break/Teacher Training - October 10-11

School Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 11 - 7 p.m.

Bible Lab (Picking Walnuts) - October 13

Fire Department Visit - October 14 - 9:15 a.m.

Achievement Testing Week - October 17-21

Picture Day - Tuesday, October 25

Bible Lab (Leaf Pick-up) - October 26

1st & 2nd Grade Music at Westside - Sabbath, October 29 - 11 a.m.

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 30 - 4-7 p.m.

No School: Teacher Inservice - October 31


The first and second graders learned about horses and even got to ride them on a field trip to Laughin’ Place Stables in Niles on September 21.

Bob Horvath talked about his job taking x-rays on Career Day on September 22. Other presenters were Alex Prouty and Nicole Koenigshof.
October Calendar of Events

1st  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  ................. 8:30 a.m.
    Thank God...Praise Service  ................. 11 a.m.
    Sound of Rain  ........................ 6:30 p.m.
2nd  Sunday Sunup Runners  ................. 8 a.m.
3rd  Women's Bible Study  ........................ 10:30 a.m.
    Adventurers (gym)  ................. 6 p.m.
4th  Elders Meeting  ........................ 7 p.m.
    Midweek Manna  ................. 7 p.m.
5th  Pathfinders (gym)  ........................ 6:30 p.m.
    Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
6th  Blood Drive at NAS (gym)  ........................ 2-7 p.m.
7th  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  ................. 8 a.m.
    King's Heralds Concert  ................. 11 a.m.
    Adventurer Induction  ................. 2nd service
    Fellowship Lunch (gym)  ........................ after 2nd service
    Sunshne Band at Riveridge  ................. 2:30 p.m.
    Sound of Rain  ........................ 6:30 p.m.
8th  Sunday Sunup Runners  ................. 8 a.m.
    Social Committee Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
9th  No School - Fall Break  .................
10th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    School Board Meeting (NAS)  ................. 7 p.m.
    Midweek Manna  ................. 7 p.m.
11th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Pathfinders (gym)  ................. 6:30 p.m.
    Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
12th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  ................. 8:30 & 11 a.m.
    Leadership Workshop (gym)  ................. 1-8 p.m.
13th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Sunday Sunup Runners  ................. 8 a.m.
    Adult SS Council Mtg (Prouty's)  ................. 9 a.m.
    Deaconess Meeting  ................. 10 a.m.
    Corn Maze - Pathfinders & Adventurers  .................
14th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Women's Bible Study  ................. 10:30 a.m.
    Adventurers (gym)  ................. 6 p.m.
15th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Finance Committee  ................. 7 p.m.
    Midweek Manna  ................. 7 p.m.
16th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Pathfinders (gym)  ................. 6:30 p.m.
    Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
17th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Women's Night Out - Olive Garden  ................. 5:30 p.m.
18th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  ................. 8:30 & 11 a.m.
    Sound of Rain  ................. 6:30 p.m.
19th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Newsletter Items Due  .................
20th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Sunday Sunup Runners  ................. 8 a.m.
    Adventurers (gym)  ................. 6 p.m.
21st No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Church Board Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
    Midweek Manna  ................. 7 p.m.
22nd No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Pathfinders (gym)  ................. 6:30 p.m.
    Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
23rd No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  ................. 8:30 & 11 a.m.
    Music by NAS  ................. 2nd service
    Couples Corner  ................. 4:30 p.m.
    Pathfinders/Adventurers Pass Out Bags to Collect Cans
    Sound of Rain  ................. 6:30 p.m.
24th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Second Worship Service  .................
    First Worship Service  .................
    Sound of Rain  .................
    Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.  Saturdays, 6:30 p.m.
    Sabbath School  .................
    Midweek Manna  .................
    Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.  Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
25th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    Prayer Meeting  .................
26th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    NAS Fall Fest (gym)  ................. 4-7 p.m.
27th No School - Teacher Training  .................
    No School - Teacher Inservice  .................

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Birthdays

Maria Stears  1  Marilyn Duis  14
Steve Swenson  2  Laurie Nyale  16
Edward Beitzel  2  Karen Swenson  17
Drew Evans  3  Leilah Coe  17
Donald Harris  3  Cali Demler  18
Karen Hemminger  3  Deven Ellis  18
Myung Kim  4  Randy Nims  19
Haley Cherry  4  Kimberly Bom  19
Richard Huff  5  Justin Howell  20
Garikai Moyo  5  Esther Jones  20
Jack Hill  6  Donna Stout  20
William Shupp  7  Daniel Hutchinson  21
Tom Stiles Jr  7  Rudy Nemethy  21
Nancy Sears  7  Dorothea Sarli  21
Kayleigh Staniszewski  7  Douglas Taylor  21
Penny Hainey  8  Suzanne Gonzalez  21
Donna Wamsher  8  Kenneth Sears  21
Paul Williams  9  Jamie Howell  22
Dallas Ellis  9  Ashlynn Loenser  22
Krista Ellis  9  Barbara Wright-Bom  22
LeAnna Herbel  9  Brian Shell  22
Roger Hobson  9  John Kring  22
Pamela Beitzel  9  Rocco Sarli  22
Sonya Granvold  9  Nathan Sarli  22
Soneni Makumbe  9  Rodrick Snow  23
Steven Mann  10  Louise Demler  24
Layton Peak  10  Jim Nave  24
Jessica Nave  11  Robert Benjamin Jr  25
Timothy Wright Jr  11  Rebecca Cross  25
Janelle Bennett  12  John Kring  25
Lana Lechner  12  Rocco Sarli  25
Erin Dockerty  13  Nathan Sarli  25

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