Niles Four Flags Pathfinders – Pathfinder Fair
by Laura Hutchinson, Pathfinder Director

The Pathfinders went on their first weekend-long Pathfinder Fair from May 18-21. In the past, Fair has been a day long event in Lansing, but this year it was a weekend-long camping trip at Camp Au Sable. On Sabbath, the Pathfinders could attend meetings, do a little homework, and get an honor.

This was also the first time that each club was allowed to have both Basic and Fancy March and Drill teams if they wanted to. Our club chose to have two teams, and our Basic Drill Team was one of the first place winners, and our Fancy Drill Team got second place. We are so proud of each of them for their hard work and extra time spent working on getting it right! A big thank you to Laurel Gaudin, drill instructor, also!

Honors that Pathfinders earned this year include Red Alert, Community Water Safety, Pinewood Derby, Identifying Community Needs, Bats, Outdoor Leadership, Hiking, Beginner’s Swimming, Stewardship, Knot Tying, Basic Rescue, First Aid, Cake Decorating, Serving Communities, Family Life, Bible Marking, and Shells.

Pathfinder registration for next school year will be on Wednesday, August 15, from 4-6 p.m. at Niles Adventist School. Children who are in fifth grade and up can join Pathfinders.
How to Walk into a Newly Renovated Church

Summer is almost here. “What will Niles Westside look like after this summer?” may be a much anticipated question.

We may walk into our renovated Niles Westside Church and gratefully look up at the newly improved lights, down at the lovely new carpet, and sit in the soft new pews as we admire the exquisite wood stage, big screens, new AV system and transparent pulpit. We may admire the renovations without a single thought about the kind of persons we ought to be when WE walk into the new sanctuary. Would the sanctuary be worthy of me, not because of the renovations, but because of a “Beauty of Holiness?” We are invited in Psalm 29:2 to, “Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” and may want to ask the following questions: “Am I worthy to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (what is acceptable clothing for God’s salvation)?” “Am I worthy to give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name (from within my living being)?” “What do I look like, spiritually, when I come into the sanctuary?”

When we walk into our newly renovated church, we also ought to keep perspective of the “Renovation Plans of Heaven” and experience such a desire as 2 Corinthians 5:2-4 describes: “For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.”

Pray and plan for the Holy Spirit to work His renovations of renewal, reformation and revival within our lives as we plan to come clothed with God’s beauty: Holiness.

Blessed Blessings,

Pastor Darrel

The Niles Westside Church is joining with the Niles Philadelphia Adventist Church in serving the needy in the Niles area beginning Wednesday, June 6. We will be working at the food bank next to the Niles Philadelphia Church (1327 Broadway) on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, from 10-12, 11-1, or 12-2, depending on the preference of the volunteers of Niles Westside. We will be helping to unload the trucks and stock shelves also, as well as help with repairs which may be needed from time to time.

If you are interested in serving our community in this way, please contact Peggy Cain at 269-683-6523 or 574-217-5012.

But many of the revivals of modern times have presented a marked contrast to those manifestations of divine grace which in earlier days followed the labors of God’s servants. It is true that a widespread interest is kindled, many profess conversion, and there are large accessions to the churches; nevertheless the results are not such as to warrant the belief that there has been a corresponding increase of real spiritual life. The light which flames up for a time soon dies out, leaving the darkness more dense than before.

Popular revivals are too often carried by appeals to the imagination, by exciting emotions, by gratifying the love for what is new and startling. Converts thus gained have little desire to listen to Bible truth, little interest in the testimony of prophets and apostles.

- True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need
  by Ellen G. White, pg. 18-19
Growing Disciples God’s Way
by David Penno, Discipleship Leader

In Luke 6:40, Jesus asserts that a disciple is one who is becoming more and more like the Master. So as a disciple of Jesus, I am to be maturing in character, thought, and behavior into the likeness of the Savior. The Niles Westside Church has asked me to serve as the Discipleship Leader for the congregation. And this will be my focus: to offer opportunities for members to become more like Jesus.

I like to view the process of growing as a disciple as involving two main areas of development. First, a disciple should have a passionate devotion to Jesus Christ. This devotion is developed and expressed in a meaningful prayer life, a serious devotional study of the Bible, sharing with others what Christ has done for me, and heartfelt worship toward God.

The second area of discipleship is our call to minister to other people. The Holy Spirit has gifted each believer with spiritual gifts and passion for a certain area of ministry. Discipleship involves the use of these gifts to serve others. God has designed us to work in the church to encourage and bless someone else.

This Fall, I will be planning opportunities for members to grow and develop in these two areas of discipleship. I will also be encouraging members to focus on this vital aspect of their walk with Jesus throughout the year. I hope that we can grow together, and allow the Lord to use us to accomplish His work, to His glory!

Renovating Niles Westside
by Pastor Darrel le Roux

Summer anticipation this 2012 includes church renovation.

Before we reach the anticipated end, we have a journey to go through as a church family. I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider this renovation journey as a gifted opportunity that we, a large church family, receive to renew more than just our sanctuary, but also our living together.

Renovation is scheduled to proceed on Sunday morning, July 22, the day after our VBS Sabbath. We will need everyone who is able to volunteer their time to sign up for a specific job (watch announcements for details). We also anticipate worshipping in the school gym for three Sabbaths, on July 28, August 4 and 11, and are planning to have totally changed service programs that are designed for including families and individuals. There will only be one divine service for the four Sabbaths that we undertake our renovation journey. We further plan to have a special breakfast on Sabbath, August 18, and will walk over from the school to the sanctuary for our first divine service in the newly renovated sanctuary together.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Darrel, JB Garrett or Sue Fattic for any more information you may need concerning the anticipated church renovations. You are kindly requested to practice self control by not venturing into the church for any peeking at the progress during the renovations, mainly for work progress and insurance purposes, as sharp equipment and obstacles may be hazardous for the duration of the renovations.

Right now you can participate in prayer, business meetings, and sign-up lists for the renovations that we are soon to embark on, while personally inviting others to the Sabbath Celebration on August 18. We invite you to contact your friends, family, and especially anyone who used to worship at Niles Westside, or had any relationship with us in the past, to join this special Celebration.

June is coming in softly and pleasantly with this beautiful weather. Camp meeting is just around the corner, and many of our church family are going. Please remember to turn in any videos or books you have checked out.

This month we have Adventures in Odyssey as our feature. You can find it in the youth section in the first row. The stories are all faith-based, and all the stories have clear morals. I find myself listening on the radio to the show when it comes on at night. I am reminded of the scripture 2 Timothy 3:15: “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” The lessons taught on the CDs and DVDs are incredible, dealing with relationships, and interacting with our fellow brothers and sisters of all ages and situations. The lessons and morals are laid out so plainly, “even a child could understand.” So come and listen like a child—I promise you will enjoy it.
Niles Caterpillars
Adventurer Club
May Wrap-Up
by Tami le Roux

Wow! Can you believe that we’ve completed our first year of Adventurers? It was so fun that my kids are excited for next year already.

May started off with our Investiture Service, which was combined with the Pathfinders, where we received all the awards we have worked on in class and during our meetings. Each child is so proud of every Award they earned. Everyone enjoyed the cake and ice cream provided by the Special Events team after the service as well. A BIG thank you to JB Garrett and the Peaks for coordinating that for us . . . Yum!

NAS teacher, Amanda Boothby, helped us wrap up our Fitness award by timing, setting up and spotting the Adventurers as they went through the trials of the Presidential Challenge. And NAS teacher, Heidi Beardsley, assisted while we watched out of her classroom window for birds. She helped us identify the birds and told us what they like to eat. Thank you NAS for all you did to make our year go smoothly.

Also, we completed one other award, the Tin Can Fun award, where we discovered the earliest use of tin, and food preservation in Bible times, and made tin can telephones. Each Adventurer donated cans too, to foster a caring and sharing attitude.

For our last meeting in May, we had our Year End wrap-up party, where we shared a haystack potluck and yummy deserts, and played games with balloons and had a great time! A big thank you to Farrin for helping us to collect our paint chip "petals" and complete the rainbow of fun for the party—you made the games fun and special.

In short, Adventurers was a hit this year because of each student’s focus, parental participation, class teachers’ dedication, and school facilitation. Without each of you, we could not have finished the year.

As we all look forward to the summer, we would like to remind you that registration for next school year is on Wednesday, August 15, from 4-6 p.m. at Niles Adventist School. Adventurers is open to children grades 1-4. From September 7-9, there will be an Adventurer family camp out at Camp Au Sable, so plan now to attend!

Niles Westside Garden News
by Chiare Frazier

Happy June everyone. The garden is planted, the fence is up, and the water is on. What more could we ask for? God is good. It is such a blessing that we can plan, plant and grow our own food, and we can tend that garden on our own schedules. We had lots of help this year. A big THANK YOU to all who have supported our efforts, with either their time or prayers. In just one week, the zucchini seeds were up and growing. It was a little unnerving but very precious to see a beautifully large female deer watching us out in the open along the tree line while we were working and planting over Memorial Day weekend. Sam Hutchinson and Pastor Darrel le Roux were there until 10 p.m., putting the fence up to make sure that our hard work did not become that precious deer's buffet. A special thank you to both of them. There is still time to join the garden. The cost is only $40 a year and your time. The more people involved, the less time we all put in. Contact Gaye Hutchinson at wickedgoodmom@hotmail.com or visit our website at www.facebook.com, and search for Niles Westside Garden.

Vacation Bible School
July 16-20, 2012
9 - 11:45 a.m.
at Niles Westside Church

Online registration is now open at www.nileswestside.org/vbs.html.
Please preregister, and invite your friends and neighbors to register and attend!

Registration forms are available in the hallway at church also.
Welcome New Members!

Dan & Laurie Johnson from Holly Adventist Church, Holly, MI
Gregory Barney Sr, Gregory Barney Jr, and Elisha Barney from Highland Avenue Adventist Church, Benton Harbor, MI
Roger Edington from Spanish Adventist Church, Berrien Springs, MI

Farewell to Our Friends:

Steven & Karen Swenson to Village Adventist Church, Berrien Springs, MI
Linda & Melvin Ringer to Fairplain Adventist Church, Benton Harbor, MI

Nominating Committee Report:

NAS Board Member-at-Large: Gina Meekma (2012-2015)
Personal Ministries Team: Donovan Bredenkamp, Leader. Kaoma Chende; Nicole Koenigshof; Ray Constable; Janelle Bennett, Secretary
Add to Audio/Visual Team: Nathan Horvath
Add to Kindergarten 2 Team: Nicole Koenigshof (2012-2013)
Add to Primary Team: Erica Hippler (2012-2013)
   Andrews Academy Council (2012-2015):
   Susan Curtis, Robert Benjamin Sr, Pastor Darrelle Roux

Belated Birthday Wishes to Frank Riley (April 28), Jackie Barney (May 17), and Elisha Barney (May 20)!

Baby Dedication: Finian Scott Tschetter was dedicated on May 19. Joyce & Scott Tschetter, Grace Busch, and Finn recently moved to Camp Au Sable, so please keep them and their ministry there in your prayers. Their family will be missed at Westside and NAS!

Pray for Our Missionaries:
Cliff & Amy Shameerudeen have moved to Trinidad to be missionaries to the Hindus. Please keep them and their son Peter in your prayers as they go about this important work.

Rocco, Dorothea, Adrian and Nathan Sarli have moved to Tennessee, where Adrian will attend Southern Adventist University. They will be missed!

Congratulations to Our Graduates! Owen Cook (Kindergarten, Village Adventist Elementary School); Kalvin Koenigshof (Kindergarten, James Ellis Elementary); Valeska Frazier (Cum Laude from Clay High School, accepted at Academy of Arts University in San Francisco); Valerie Curtis (8th Grade, Ruth Murdoch, with $1000 merit scholarship to Andrews Academy); Jessica Dennis (Berrien Springs High School); Adrian Sarli (Home School High School); Anke Pagaja (ASN in Nursing, Ivy Tech Community College); Karla Dennis (LPN Certificate, SMC); and Elise Peak (Associates in Psychology, SMC).

Fellowship Lunch: Sabbath, June 9. The Social Committee is planning a picnic potluck by the school. Please bring extra food, lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on, and a change of clothes so that you can enjoy a true picnic with our church family. Tents will be set up to provide shade. Afterwards, you are welcome to walk on our trails in the woods.

Ong Sisters Vespers Concert: Sabbath, June 9, at 8:30 p.m. at Niles Westside Church.

Tasty and Healthy - Indian Style—A Natural Foods Cooking School: Thursday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the Office of Dr. Richard Beckermeyer (123 Marmont St, Niles). Hear about the latest scientific evidence for improving your health with foods. See active demonstrations with fun, tasty, and healthful Indian fare. Take home tasty, vegetarian Indian recipes. Taste samples of everything we demonstrate. Join us for this exciting seminar along with Special Guest, Minu Johnson. Fee - Freewill donations will be accepted. Call 269-683-6461 to register. Bring a friend!

VBS: Many volunteers are needed for VBS, which will be the mornings of July 16-20. Please contact Erica Hippler (jande_hippler@yahoo.com or 269-876-7690) or Gina Meekma (gmeekma@gmail.com or 269-845-8870) if you would like to help.

Women’s Night Out: Sunday, June 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Prime Table (Niles). Please RSVP to Kathy Dockerty (269-782-8567 or kadockerty@yahoo.com).
Now Registering for the 2012-2013 School Year!

Those interested in registering for next school year should do so as soon as possible since we have a lot of interest and limited space. Registration forms are available on our web site or from the school office. Note that summer office hours are limited. Call the school for more information.

There is a $25 discount on the registration fee if you register by July 16. School starts on August 20.

Congratulations to Our Kindergarten Graduates!
L to R: Callie Carlsen, Ama Amponsah, Lauren Leonor, and Kate Hill

Photo by Heidi Beardsley

NAS students participating in the Spring Concert on May 17. They did a great job! A big thank you to Mrs. Kent, our awesome music teacher!

Photo by Don Hales

Congratulations to Our 8th Grade Graduates!
L to R, Back Row: Vumile Ncube, Joseph Bradley III, Aaron Schultz. Front Row: Sonya Granvold, Kendra Ellis

Photo by Michael Jakobsons

Upcoming NAS Events

Last Day of School (noon dismissal) - Friday, June 1

School Board Meeting - Monday, June 4 - 7 p.m.

School Board Meeting - Monday, June 25 - 7 p.m.

Early Registration Fee Discount - Pay by Monday, July 16 - Save $25

School Cleaning Bee - August

Registration - Wednesday, August 15, 4-6 p.m.

First Day of School - Monday, August 20
June Calendar of Events

1st
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
Last Day of School at NAS - noon dismissal

2nd
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Pathfinder Honor Outing (beach)

3rd
Church Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Church Business Meeting 6 p.m.
Children’s SS Meeting 7 p.m.

4th
Health Expo Training (gym) 6:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting (school) 7 p.m.

5th
Health Expo Training (gym) 4:30/6:30 p.m.
Elders Meeting 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna 7 p.m.

6th
Health Expo Training (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Praise Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

9th
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch (by school) after 2nd svc
Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor 2:30 p.m.
Ong Sisters Concert 8:30 p.m.
Wedding Rehearsal 9:20 p.m.

10-24 Pastor’s at Camp Meeting
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
Wedding (Church in use)

11th
Women’s Bible Study (Childcare provided) 10:30 a.m.

12th
Midweek Manna 7 p.m.

14th
Cooking School - Indian Style (Beckermeyer’s) 7 p.m.

15-23 Camp Meeting (Cedar Lake, MI)

16th
Andrea Jakobson, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.

17th
Happy Father’s Day
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.

19th
Finance Committee 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna 7 p.m.

22nd
Newsletter Items Due

23rd
Walt Williams, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.

24th
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
Women’s Night Out - Prime Table, Niles 5:30 p.m.

25th
Women’s Bible Study (Childcare provided) 10:30 a.m.
School Board Meeting (school) 7 p.m.

26th
Church Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna 7 p.m.

30th
Communion - 1 service only 11 a.m.