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Lake Union HERALD

AROUND THE UNION



Lake Union Pledges One Million Dollars to Attract New Teachers and Pastors

In a bold move to attract qualified new teachers and pastors, the Lake Union Conference is pledging one million dollars for incoming Andrews University students to pursue careers in teaching and pastoral ministry. Beginning in the fall 2024 semester, scholarships will cover four years of study in either of these two fields.

Driving this initiative is the decreasing number of students pursuing careers of critical importance to the church. "We are seeing a real need to recruit more teachers and pastors," said Ken Denslow, president of the Lake Union Conference. "As educators move or retire, we notice it is increasingly difficult to fill these roles. There are young people who would be open to the call of being educators and pastors, but cost gets in the way."

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Amid Threats to Religious Liberty, Messages of Warning and Hope

What did Adventist church leaders, including co-founders James and Ellen White, along with Joseph Bates, do and say as they wrestled with thorny issues of their day? How did they, along with other early pioneers, seek to connect with their community? These were among the questions at the heart of the two-day Lake Union public affairs and religious liberty summit held April 5-6, 2024, at Battle Creek's Historic Adventist Village, under the banner "Early Pioneers and Civic Engagement."

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Historically African American Congregation Launches Spanish Language Worship Experience

In a poignant testament to resilience and faith, the launch of Shiloh en Español at the Historic Chicago Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church marked a significant milestone on April 13, 2024. Nestled in the heart of Chicago's South side, Shiloh has stood as a beacon of hope for nearly 120 years, serving a predominantly African American community. However, amidst the shifting demographics of recent years, a new wave of immigrants from Central and South America, fleeing political turmoil and violence, found themselves seeking refuge in this urban landscape.

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Indiana Campground Prime Spot for Eclipse Watchers

On April 8, 2024, 100 people stood on the campgrounds of Timber Ridge Camp in Spencer, Indiana with their eyes raised to the heavens. Eight seconds into 3:04 p.m., they began the 30-second countdown, till they all cried “Glasses off!” and gazed at the total eclipse.

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New Illinois Communication Director Named

The Illinois Conference Executive Committee voted on April 11, 2024, to appoint Pastor Matthew Lucio to the role of Assistant to the President for Communication, effective June 1.

Pastor Matthew has served the Peoria Church for more than six years and founded the innovative “Peoria Adventists” digital church initiative. Matthew will work closely with President John Gryns to expand conference communications and assist local churches with digital mission work. Join us in lifting up Pastor Matthew, his wife, Laura, and their two daughters, Aerith and Arwen, in prayer as they prepare for the next phase of ministry.

[Source: [Illinois Conference Facebook](#)]



Register for ASI Lake Union Spring Fellowship

Join the ASI Lake Union chapter for their annual Spring Fellowship this Apr. 26-27, 2024, at the Metropolitan Adventist Church in Plymouth, Michigan.

Enjoy listening to keynote speaker, Ivor Myers, who is co-host of 3ABN's program Salvation in Symbols & Signs, and senior pastor of Living Manna in the Northeastern Conference. Seminar speakers are author, speaker, health educator and former director of Lifestyle Matters Vicki Griffin and South Bend Berean Transformation Center pastor Claval Hunter.

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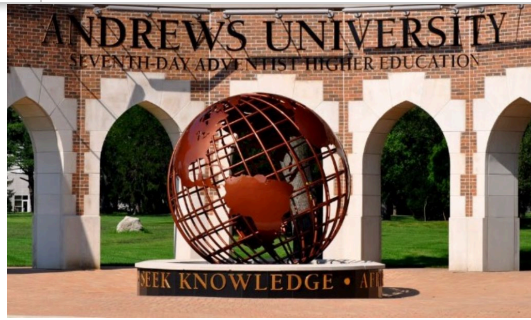
Administrative Assistant for the Lake Union Conference Education Department. Full Time Hourly Position

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- Experience in written and oral communication across multiple levels of an organization
- Skilled and comfortable in use of a variety of technological platforms and applications, including proficiency in MS office & Adobe Suite and Web-based applications
- Possesses a high level of organizational skills and the ability to work independently
- Responsibilities include preparing and submitting reports, maintaining appropriate filing systems and records
- Participating in executing preparations for meetings, workshops/trainings/conventions and more
- Maintaining records across multiple platforms including electronic/web-based

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The Hopeful is the true story of a community whose lives were transformed as they learn what it means to truly wait for Jesus. This sweeping drama, set in 19th-century New England, invites audiences of all ages to imagine how hope can change the world. In select theaters, April 17 & 18. [View Trailer Here](#) | [Tickets available now](#)



Join Lake Region Conference at the Oakwood Resort in Syracuse, Indiana, on April 19-21, 2024, as the main presenters, Dr. David & Dr. Beverly Sedlacek, share strategies on strengthening your connection with your spouse, effective conflict resolution skills, and approaches to deepening intimacy.

[Register to attend.](#)

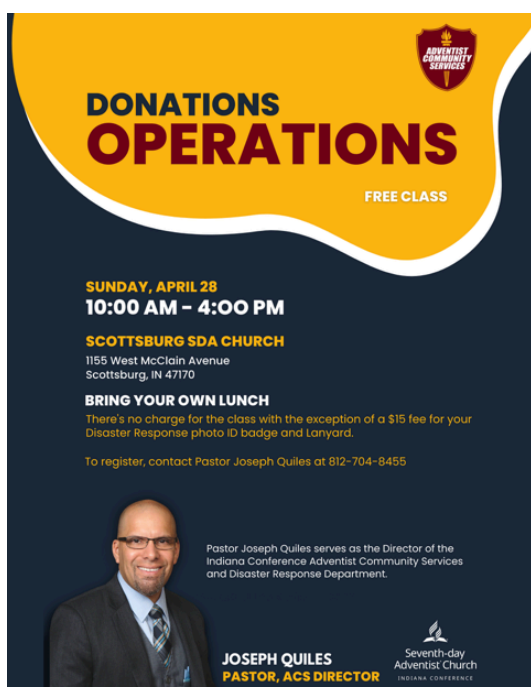
For more information, contact family@lrcsda.com.



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Are you ready when a natural disaster strikes?

Get prepared with the Indiana Conference Community Services and Disaster Response department, on Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Scottsburg Adventist Church. There's no charge for the class, with the exception of a \$15 fee for your disaster response photo ID badge and lanyard.

To register, contact Pastor Joseph Quiles at 812-704-8455.

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What's inside the *Herald*



April 2024

This month's issue features Adventist education and the importance of the the early years of childhood education.

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Fifteen high school seniors from across the Lake Union received \$225 scholarships during College Day activities at Andrews University in April of 1970. Basic requirements for the awards were a grade point average of 3.75 or better on a 4.00 scale and acceptance by Andrews University.

Pictured left are Chip Chaffin and Ray Schaeffer, Adelpian Academy; Bruch Lee, Jr., Sherry Bom, and Paul Lippi, Andrews University Academy; Gail Zager and Julia Drake, Battle Creek Academy; Elaine Baum, Broadview Academy; Geri Burt and Pam McClellan, Cedar Lake Academy; Judy Little, Indiana Academy; Bob Barker, Wisconsin Academy; Colleen Cox, Stoughton Wisconsin High School; Judy Lohff, Wisconsin Academy; and Sandra Shepherd, Winslow Indiana High School.

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