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We connect people to Jesus and help God change their lives.



# God Loves The Rohingya People!

by Pastor Nate Crandall

A few years ago we prayed for 12 different unreached people groups, one group for each month of the year. One of those groups were the Rohingya of Myanmar. Due to the persecution from the Myanmar government, the Rohingya have been dispersed in massive numbers to Bangladesh, Malaysia, India, Saudi Arabia, the US, and literally to the far corners of the earth. We have continued to be drawn to focus our attention and efforts toward seeing these people come to know the Lord Jesus.

I was reminded recently just how much the Lord loves these people through a zoom gathering of Christ-followers who also love the Rohingya and are actively working to advance God's kingdom among them. For 2 hours in the morning over a period of three days, between 80 and 100

people joined to share what the Lord is doing among them and to encourage one another in this ministry. It was so powerful perhaps for this reason: these were simple, unassuming people who were united in their love for and dedication to serving the Lord on behalf of people who don't know

Jesus! It's hard for me to describe just how beautiful these people and their interaction was to me. I was deeply touched.

The Lord is at work bringing the Rohingya to himself. We heard testimonies of how the Bible was being translated in their language. Understand that the Roh never had a written language until Bible translators chose the letters and began their work! This is truly amazing! Currently, the gospel of Luke is completed, and you can download it on to your phone. Anybody want to learn Rohingya?



There are too many stories to tell, but one that sticks out is the story of how the Lord has used the pandemic to bring a Rohingya man to Christ! A missionary couple who live in an undisclosed location due to security reasons had to shift their outreach be-

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# The Case for Easter by Pastor Liz Green

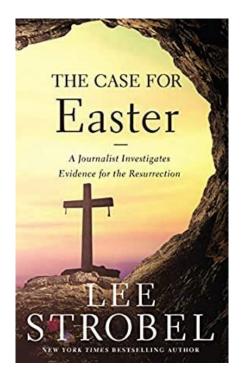
Update on Sabbath School

On March 6th, we will review the **9 Arts Principles** facilitated by Linda Lyke, Melissa Lade and Shanny Snyder.

From March 13 through April 3, we will study Lee Strobel's **A Case for Easter**.

Lee investigates the Bible's accounts of Jesus' resurrection to determine whether the resurrection actually occurred. He explores the "discrepancies" critics have pointed to in the Gospels, looks at the evidence that Jesus' tomb was truly empty, and shows how the eyewitness accounts of those who saw Jesus alive after the crucifixion are credible. Lee shows how the facts pointed to the conclusion that led him from atheism to Christianity: Jesus conquered the grave and rose again!

This class is facilitated by Pastor Liz. Join us on Sabbath mornings at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. Contact Pastor Liz or the church office for details.



# God Loves The Rohingya People!, continued

cause of COVID. As a result they came into contact with a Roh man with whom they shared the gospel. Praise the Lord he trusted Christ! He is now a part of a house church with the missionary couple and with 2 other new believers from a different people group.

I wish I could tell you more, but that will keep for a later time. Just know that the Lord is moving in some powerful ways among the Roh! My hope and prayer is that this love for the Roh which I saw during these zoom meetings would spread in a greater way in my own heart as well as in the hearts of our church family.



The gospel is being preached to the ends of the earth! This is where it's at! May God work in us, so that we will be faithful in his work of expanding his kingdom!!

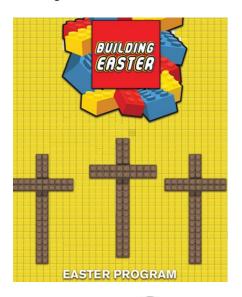
# Building Easter - March 24th at Awana

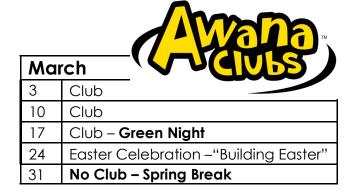
by Angie Mullen, Director of Children's Ministry

Building Easter is a program for kids that includes a play, songs and readings to help us celebrate the most important event ever in history - the Easter story. Easter is a story full of color, from the green of the Garden, to the blackness of night, to the red blood Jesus shed for us. At each point in the Easter story, there's a lesson we can learn. Jesus wants us to give him our sadness, our fears, our sins, and our lives. He died so

he could take all these things and give us a heart white as snow!

Through the Scriptures, play and music, kids will learn the meaning of Easter. Jesus died to set us free from the worries and sins of this world, and he wants us to give him our heart! This is a story that MUST BE TOLD and we can't wait to share it with our Awana clubbers.





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# What Is the Milton Youth Coalition? by Jon Cruzan

The Milton Youth Coalition (MYC) is a group of dedicated individuals that are interested in making a positive difference in the lives of Milton's youth. Our focus areas include improving mental health and wellness in youth, preventing the use of illegal substances among youth, and promoting safe and appropriate use of social media to reduce cyberbullying and/or sending/receiving sexually explicit photos among youth. Some of

our recent success include distributing over 100 home medication lock boxes within our community, participating in a countywide campaign called *Small Talks* which encourages parents to talk with their young children about alcohol, and developing an action plan to address youth vaping nicotine.

We are always looking for new members to join us. At this time, meetings are held virtually on the second Friday of every month from 8:30 am – 10 am. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Verlene Orr at 868-9651 or <a href="mailto:orrv@milton.k12.wi.us">orrv@milton.k12.wi.us</a>. Follow Milton Youth Coalition on Facebook and Twitter: @MiltonWIYouthCoalition

Angie Mullen and Jon Cruzan, as members of MYC, represent our congregation in this important community work.

# **Prayer Focus - Bible Translation**

by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

Romans 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?

At the zoom conference on worldwide Rohingya ministry, Linda Lyke, Pastor Nate and I rejoiced to hear of progress on translating the Bible into Rohingya.

LORD, bring your word to the Rohingya in their language. Guide and encourage the translators. Bring native speakers to help translate and review the work. Provide the necessary financial resources. Let your word flow forth to this unreached people.

#### The English Bible

John Wycliffe prepared handwritten English language Bible manuscripts in **1380**.

The pope was so infuriated that 44 years after Wycliffe died, he ordered his bones dug-up, crushed, and scattered in a river! John Hus, who



John Wycliffe

continued the translation work, was burned at the stake in **1415** with Wycliffe's manuscripts used for kindling.

Fast forward 100 years (100 years!) to the time of Columbus. In **1496**, John Colet (who we have never heard of, right?) defied tradition and read the New Testament aloud in English at Saint Paul's Cathedral in London. People were so

hungry to hear the scriptures in English that over 20,000 people packed in the church and at least that many more outside.

Opposition continued – in **1517,** seven people were burned at the stake for the crime of teaching their children to say the Lord's Prayer in

English rather than Latin.

In **1525** William Tyndale printed the New Testament in English. Possessing a copy was a capital offense. Authorities burned copies whenever they were found, and in **1536** Tyndale himself was burned at the stake.

Colleagues continued his work and in **1539** copies of the first complete Bible in English (14 inches thick!) were distributed to churches. They were chained to the pulpit. Because many were illiterate, a reader would be hired to stay with the Bible.

Better sources and continued dedication led to the Geneva Bible in **1560** – the Bible with study notes used by the pilgrims. In **1589**, 200 years after Wycliffe, the Catholic Church surrendered their fight for "Latin only" and authorized an English translation. Not long after that the Authorized or King James translation was completed in **1611**.



Geneva Study Bible

acticva Study Dible



How grateful we are to have God's word in English - our native language, the one that feels natural, that we think in, dream in, pray in. It seems so normal that we cannot imagine life without it. Yet not that long ago people were dying to make the Bible available in English.

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# 2021 Operation Christmas Child March Items

Here is a list of items to donate for Operation Christmas Child for the "item of the month." However, if you see an item at a bargain price, grab it. Place items in the trunk in the back stairway.

#### March:

**Non-Liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, small tissues, mild bar soap, wash cloths, brushes/combs, fun band aids, lip balms

**Extra Accessories:** hair clips, bows or ties, girls' bling, watches, toy jewelry, stickers, lipstick, compact mirrors, children's underwear or shoes

Our church's 281 boxes, packed in November of 2020, were shipped to Georgia, a former Soviet republic in Eastern Europe! It's on the Black Sea, borders Turkey, Russia and Armenia. Samaritan's Purse shares a story from that region:

Located on the eastern edge of the Black Sea, Georgia is most notably marked by the Caucasus mountains. Children in this nation began receiving Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 1997 and many have also participated in our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, since it was launched here in 2010.

After a church in Georgia hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for 150 unreached children, a 13-year-old boy named Luka

approached one of the ministry partners named Muraz to hear more about the Lord.
"I saw hunger for God in his eyes," said Muraz. Luka said he saw that the ministry team loved each other and he wanted to experience the same thing. Muraz invited him to The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship course, but



grew concerned after two weeks when Luka did not come. He later found out that Luka had been hit by

a car and was in the hospital. Muraz visited him and his mother there and through his witness, the mother accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior! In his hospital bed, Luka also prayed to receive Christ shortly before he died.

# Prayer Focus, continued

LORD how thankful we are for these courageous people who gave their time (and their lives) for over two centuries to make your word accessible to us.

# Other Languages Need Scripture

We are blessed with readily available translations – but many are not. Of the 7,000 languages spoken in the

world today only 700 have the entire Bible. Just one in 10. Another 1,500 have the New Testament. Translation is underway for 2,700 more (including Rohingya!).

But do the math! That leaves many thousands of languages without scripture and with no work in progress. Over 1.5 billion people speak these languages. To hear God's word they need to learn another language or have someone who translates it for them a verse at a time.

LORD, we lift up the work of Bible translation. We pray that you will make your word available to all people, everywhere. Call people to do the work. Provide the resources they need. Guide every step. Show us how we can help. Let your glory be over all the earth.

# The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations

Give the Gospels a fresh look and notice how intentional Jesus was with individuals he encountered. In fact, he developed a reputation for spending time with outsiders. Preaching and proclamation were significant in his ministry, yet he spent the vast majority of his time on the road with

twelve men who were slowly coming to understand who Jesus was. They were taught, but they also caught how Jesus made disciples.

They learned from him how to engage spiritual seekers and walk with them on the discipleship journey. So can Christians in the 21st century. So can churches. So can we!

#### THE 9 ARTS OF SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

#### You can think of the nine arts in groups of three:

Getting Ready: Noticing, Praying, Listening

**Getting Started**: Asking Questions, **Loving\***, Welcoming **Keeping It Going**: Facilitating, Serving Together, Sharing



# \*Featured Art: The Art of Loving by Melissa Lade

Open your hearts and listen for the love God has for you in this Bible verse from The Message. "Long before God laid down the earth's foundations, He had You in mind, had settled on you as the focus of His love, to be made whole and holy by His love. Long, long ago, He decided to adopt you into his family through Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1:4-5). Just imagine God thinking about and loving you for millions or billions or trillions of years before He created you, with a plan to make you holy and adopt you as His child! God is love! He poured out His love on us and that love is to overflow from us to others in tangible ways. Love is what is needed to make the other eight Arts of Spiritual Conversations work. Without love, our attempts to notice, pray, listen, ask questions, welcome people, facilitate well, serve with others and share God's story. will all fail. Love is the starting

point for sharing the good news about Jesus.

How can we apply this in every day life? We should look to God as our example! Romans 5:8 says, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners. Christ died for us". God didn't just appoint a committee of angels, create a mission statement and write smart goals. No, God was intentional, sacrificial and took action when He pursued us in love. He loved us when we were unlovable. So, this means we love people who have different political views or religious affiliations, the people who cut us off in traffic or bully our children, and people who gossip, disrespect or reject us.

An example of what this would look like: When we love others, "we can begin to build trusting friendships and earn the right to engage in spiritual conversations with people outside of our churches". I'll give a per-

sonal example. I knew someone who had to put their dogs down because he bit another dog. I didn't have a close relationship with her, but decided to make some cookies and put them in their mailbox.

A few years later I joined in facilitating Spiritual Conversations. An assignment of ours was to invite people to attend our group. I decided to invite this neighbor. When I knocked on her door, she said the only reason she would let me in and talk was because I gave them cookies when they were grieving their dogs. Honestly, I didn't even remember this but it obviously impacted her. By a small act of love, she trusted me to start having spiritual conversations with her. We have opportunities every day to demonstrate God's love to others and we have no idea how God will work in their hearts through it! We will not always feel love, so it's important we ask God to help us love all others, like He loves us.

# Learn from the participants in the 9 Arts Grow Group (Fall 2020)

by Cindy Greene

Some of the participants in the 9 Arts Grow Group last fall wrote about the impact of the class. Cindy Greene shares how various arts, including the Art of Loving, reflected on her relationship with her children and her neighbors.

"Studying the 9 Arts as a group has been very helpful to realize that others in my life have similar struggles. I especially benefited from one group member sharing how the 9 Arts were making a difference for her as she homeschools her grandchildren. I also homeschool and I have a hard time remembering the significance of discipling my own children. I always seem to get distracted by thinking I should be doing what other people do, and end up missing my chances to truly notice, listen to, and therefore pray more specifically for my own children.

I have also long wanted to love my neighbors the way the Bible says to and have prayed that God would show me how. I have had a lot of shame and confusion surrounding reaching out because there have been many mixed messages and a sense that I wasn't a real Christian

if I didn't act like someone I was not. Times when I tried to be "obedient" to this ended in embarrassment and guilt. As there has been more recognition of this in the last several years, I have begun to feel relief and it has renewed my desire to disciple those God has already placed in my life and those He continues to bring. The 9 Arts have helped me to see the validity of and rest in coming alongside of God's work rather than trying to create something on my own.

My husband and I have been wanting to build relationships with our neighbors since we moved to our current location about two years ago. Our "neighborhood" is rather spread out with most houses at least a half-mile apart, so it is not natural to cross paths on a regular basis. We'd been trying various things with some results, but I had a hard time staying motivated consist-



ently and felt guilty and frustrated by this. When I read the 9 Arts, the arts of noticing and praying really stood out to me in regards to our neighbors. I have since been practicing this on an almost daily basis for several months and my perspective is worlds different. I have realized how quickly I stereotype people which creates a barrier right from the beginning. I now have much more trust in God's overall plan and feel released to allow each opportunity to be what God wants it to be rather than my own idea of a "successful" interaction. I am also consistently eager to make connections and have seen how God is working when I never would have connected the dots before."



#### An idea for an OCC shoebox gift:

Save 10 Culver's kids meal coupons and trade them in for deflated playground or soccer balls. Adults can get kids meals too! And custard comes with it!

# Jan Teat's Q Place Update Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

I have reached out to unbelievers in small groups for 45+ years, but 20 years ago I joined the Q Place staff and started training many other Christians to do what I love to do. Your partnership is multiplying Christians who are starting groups where people can come to know Jesus!

This past year has been a time of social isolation which could hinder the ability of Q Place groups to meet BUT it has also been a year of adapting to new formats and there are even more opportunities! Most Q Place groups are now meeting through online platforms. Some Christians are starting groups with relatives and friends who live in other states and even in other countries!

# Coaching Christians to Start Q Place Groups

More Christians than ever are coming into Q Place Coaching to learn how to start a group for spiritual seekers. I manage all of the coaching groups, and our current coaching groups are full! The twelve participants in my group come from California, Minnesota, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Maine, & Ontario. In this 7-week interactive training, Christians learn how to prepare, how to invite, what to do at the first meeting, and what resources are available to use in their Q Place groups.

Mike loved Q Place Coaching so he invited his daughter to join so they could start a Q Place group together. She is a pediatric gastroenterologist with many unbelieving friends in the medical field and community. They decided to start a group in March but realized that they wanted a third trained co-facilitator, so Mike invited a friend to join him. (Mike's third time through coaching!)

# Training Churches in the 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations

Q Place developed the 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations curriculum to help Christians build relationships with people that they can invite into groups, and I train churches to use the curriculum. Recently I led an online workshop for 5 pastors and 5 church leaders. I was especially inspired by the following responses:

We all need training in how
Jesus related to people. We
don't live in a Christian culture anymore. The church
needs these 9 skills as a preevangelism outreach. I want
to be a catalyst to get this
going in my church.
(26 years as missionary in
China, now living in Texas)

I was given the 9 Arts book from a colleague who raves about the book. It really changed my life and directed me towards Q Place and in finding materials that have facilitated me in mentoring spiritual journeys with those in recovery from addiction.

[After we went through the 9 Arts "Listening" module together in the workshop] "I love this module! All my neck



Monthly training of Volunteer Catalysts. Catalysts move Q Place forward in their areas.

hairs are standing up because this is everything I've been looking for and hoping to take with me in the next couple of months to start leading these groups. I'm excited to dive into these materials. They will be helpful in conversations." (Seminary student in IL, served as pastor for 3 years, mentors others to facilitate small groups for addiction recovery)

These are missional skills people need in society today to engage with people. I just love this! I can't handle it! (Seminary student in Texas)

My goal is to preach a message on integrating faith into the workplace. Then the plan is to start a six-week Sunday School class using the 9 Arts practices. I want to start a quarterly group that looks at how to integrate faith at the workplace. (Middle school teacher who is also ordained)

Ministry takes a team of people. Thank you for being a key part of my team!

# **World on Mission**

by Linda Lyke, Outreach Coordinator

In "World on Mission" each month I share a bit about what we learned in the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class – because God calls ALL of us to have a part in his mission. What is his mission?

> "God is on mission to be loved, served and worshiped by people from all humanity." (Perspectives Study Guide -PSG, pg 4)

We can learn from Lindsey's Perspectives Story... (excerpt from 01/21/21 Perspectives newsletter)

Right after college, Lindsey went on the mission field in the Middle East.

Here are her words:
"The first thing that... helped me radically change my thought of mission and of God's purpose and glory came from the article "Beyond Duty" by Tim Dearborn in lesson two. He talks about how our work has to be out of

deep hope that God is accomplishing his purpose. It has to be out of this place again, of deep hope, of Revelation 7:9, all tongues, tribes, and nations, instead of out of obligation.

And... I went overseas out of obligation. I went thinking, "This is what I have to do. If I don't, all these people are going to go to hell." And it really was a burden

on my shoulders. By my third year, I was suffering from compassion fatigue and burnout, because I couldn't do it all. And in just those first two lessons of Perspectives, it refocused my perspective. It's about God and what He is doing, what His purpose is, how He is and will fulfill that purpose and promise.

That really took that pressure off me. I thought, 'Oh God, I've

been so me-focused about what I could do. You're the one who is actually working and you're going to complete it with or without me.' Dearborn has an amazing quote that says,

'Mission is ultimately not a human response to a human need. The Church's involvement in missions is its privileged participation in the actions of a triune God.' It is something that I'm invited into and not quilted into."

Never cease to pray about your role in the Great Commission:

Matt 28:19-20a Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.



# How can you be involved in world missions right from your own home? by Linda Lyke

I've asked God that my life would better reflect his son Jesus'. I am so often praying for my needs and my concerns. Jesus' prayers were mostly "outward" prayers, for others. God has a heart for the nations to know him and we can be co-laborers with Christ in this effort. One powerful way is through prayer.

Choose one or two of these opportunities to pray for peoples of other nations to come to know him:

Operation World: <a href="https://www.operationworld.org/">https://www.operationworld.org/</a> Joshua Project: <a href="https://joshuaproject.net/">https://joshuaproject.net/</a> (I have the Joshua Project app on my phone; every day they feature an unreached people group to pray for)

Prayercast: <a href="https://prayercast.com/">https://prayercast.com/</a>

Devon Oasis: <a href="https://www.devonoasis.org/">https://www.devonoasis.org/</a>

Pray4Roh.org: <a href="https://www.pray4rohingya.org/">https://www.pray4rohingya.org/</a>

# **Stories of Impact: CROSS Conference**

Since the Cross Conference was virtual this year due to the pandemic, the young adults held a "watch party" at Camp Wakonda. The group consisted of 23 young adults from Milton SDB, River Hills Community Church, Intervarsity students from UW Madison, and students from Moody Bible Institute among others. In total, there were approximately 10 churches represented

by those who attended. The Lord had each young person at this watch party on purpose, and worked so mightily in each heart.

Here are testimonials of specific ways that the Lord worked through this Conference.

"The Cross Conference was great! John Piper's sermon was my favorite. God's glory has been on my heart a lot lately and John Piper's message went along with that very well. I would say the way the Cross Conference impacted me most, is that I am now actually considering missions as an option. I spoke with Pastor Steve Krug at River Hills Community Church about missions and he encouraged me to speak with the missions team which I plan on doing soon." -Douglas Hellmich

"After CROSS20 I am even more convinced of the good work that the Lord is doing through this conference. I left feeling so encouraged by not only a renewal within me, but an igniting of a fire within many young people around me. I am leaving the Cross conference with a determination to keep missions at the forefront of my mind-to dedicate myself to a local church, to seek out where the Lord might want to send me, to actively give and prepare now, and it is so encouraging to be surrounded by people who want to do the same." - Bethany Crandall

"During Cross, I was reminded of our call as Christians to proclaim God's name across the earth. As I looked toward graduating from college this spring, I was convicted of the ways I had made my future career plans for myself, instead of for God and His kingdom. I felt called to give God my "Yes!" to missions, and allow Him to close the door if that isn't where He is leading me." - Rebecca Schmitz



Trying to get to the Cross watch party in time and had a bit of a snag.

But the Cross watch party that watches together digs people out of ditches together.

"Cross 2020 impacted me in a sort of unexpected way. I was invited to the watch party at the last minute and had no idea what I was really getting into before I arrived at the conference. Honestly, had I really known that it was about missions I probably would've sat out because I didn't really think missions was right for me. However, I am very glad that I was able to attend. I learned so much about missions and the importance of them and the conference helped me to bring missions through the church to the front of my mind. One important thing I learned is that being involved with missions doesn't mean you have to go across the world and reach people who don't know the gospel. While that is the goal, being a "sender" as they called it at cross conference is also super important. While I didn't necessarily feel called to be a "goer" in missions, the conference helped me see that I can still assist in sending others out to spread the good news." -Lucas Koepke

# Wilderness Blessings by Barb Green, Parish Nurse

For many of us. It has been a year of walking in the wilderness. Covid 19 has been a major factor in this phenomenon but there are many other factors also: death, illness, broken relationships, loss of life as we have always known it. For our family, the wilderness began in late summer, when I began to have mobility problems. I have been diagnosed with inflammatory muscle disease. This has changed our life from one of a healthy active lifestyle, to one basically confined to our apartment. As I have had time to reflect on the changes we are experiencing I realize that not only are we not in this alone, but there are blessings to be found and reflected on. That is my focus for this article.

In July 2019, we moved from our home in Janesville to Fairhaven, a senior residential facility in Whitewater. We had talked about doing this for several years but not as quickly as we did. However, the timing became right, our house sold quickly and we moved. Little did we know that 18 months later, we would need the services offered here. Every morning we thank God that we moved when we did.

One of the advantages of being at Fairhaven is that we have supportive staff to help us through situations that we might have had trouble sorting through ourselves. The speed with which we were able to find excellent medical care over and over again,

tests were moved up and we saw doctors and got results quicker than anticipated continues.

In addition to services we have made many new friends. These lovely people have showered us with blessings. Nearly every day I find a card or letter or something to eat outside our door. If the apartment door is open. someone will stop in and say hello. One friend who I found out early on does not believe in God left me a book of prayers and told me she was praying. Although isolated because of the pandemic, we are not alone.

My inability to carry out some of my responsibilities here has allowed other people to find a place they can serve. I had been accompanying hymns for devotions weekly. I can no longer do this because of my muscle problem. A neighbor has been able to step in. It's a perfect place for her since her husband has been moved to skilled nursing. She is delighted to be able to have time to play the piano.

We have a small Seventh Day
Baptist group here at Fairhaven. When we are able, we meet together in our apartment to watch the Milton
Church service on line. This is a joy for all of us. Lately we have not been able to congregate. Our church family in Milton has been more than supportive. We received flowers at Christmas and Valentine' cards from Awana.

Technology has become such

an important part of our lives. During this time we are able to attend Sabbath school, church service, business meetings, staff meetings and other events online. This not only helps pass the time but keeps us in touch with the world.

Focusing on Jesus is a goal for all of us. This always seems to be a future goal. With time on my hands, I am able to do this more.

Family - I would be remiss if I neglected to mention a very important part of our blessings. When our parents passed away 20 years ago we made an intentional effort to stay in touch as siblings since we were scattered all over the country. This required some planning and has included emails, phone calls, cards, gifts and summer reunions. At this time in our lives the support of siblings, children, grandchildren and friends who are like family is extremely important. I have the best husband/caregiver anyone could ask for. I thank God for him.

Overall, even though this article doesn't focus on a health issue as it usually does, I believe that it is important. We are all struggling. We are all in this together. We need to encourage one another, pray for one another and remember that God is in control. I challenge you to find your blessings in this wilderness walk.

# **Bulletin Board**



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# Aidan Green

# Restored for a Purpose

SDB Conference Theme 2020-2021 Scripture Memory Verse Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up. Psalm 71:20

# Let's Celebrate the Bride to Be

# Bethany Crandall

## Card/gift shower only

Please mail cards/gifts to 712 E. Madison Ave. Milton WI 53563 or drop them off at the church by March 13th.

Bethany and Austin Hegle will be married on May 22nd. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

#### **GIFTS Men's Shelter**

Our week to provide meals at the GIFTS Men's Shelter is April 19-22. Watch for the sign up in the coming months so you can participate by donating food for our meals.

# Let's celebrate the Bride to Be

# Elizabeth Camenga

Saturday, March 27th at 2:30 p.m.

### Virtual only

Webex.com Meeting #: 120 034 7485 Password: 7P2qpPjQ3Jm No account or app is needed.

Gifts/cards can be sent to 5040 Walnut Grove Road Milton WI 53563 or dropped at the church by March 26th.

Elizabeth and Tim Lawton will be married on May 2nd. They are registered at Zola, Target and Menards.

# Group Meetings via zoom



Event	Day	Time	Host zo	O
Men's Study	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Pastor Nate	
Ladies Sit 'n Sip	Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Janet Butler	
Men's Study	Weds.	6:30 a.m.	Pastor Nate	
		(meeting a	t Sharla's)	
Ladies Study	Weds.	9:30 a.m.	Renee Sanford	l
Ladies Study	Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Pastor Liz	

Contact the event host listed or the church office for information on how to connect.

# Capital Campaign Update

As of Jan. 31, 2021 Starting Balance \$ 2,505.00 Total Income \$71,297.74 Total Expenses \$60,655.42 Fund Balance \$13,147.32

# **Focus on Funds**

as of Jan. 31, 2021

General Fund Balance \$24,090.53 Cash at Mem. Fund \$67,756.46 Jan. Undesignated Income \$14,338.98 Jan. Total Income \$21,009.79 \$16,707.11 Jan. Expenses **Denomination Giving YTD** 375.00

# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Fri		Sat
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	8:00 TOPS – Library 7:30 Men's Bible Study – zoom	9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip – zoom	6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - zoom 6:25 Awana 6:36 Collision - Camp Wakonda	9:30 Women's Study - zoom	Bible			9:00 Sabbath School – zoom 10:30 Worship – Sanctuary and YouTube
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14	15	16	17	18		19		20
9:00 Trustee Meeting – zoom	8:00 TOPS - Library	9:00 Ladies GLC- zoom	6:30 Men's GLC – Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's GLC	9:30 Women's - zoom	GLC	LC		9:00 Sabbath School – zoom 10:30 Worship –
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	7:30 Men's Bible Study – zoom	SPRING BI	REAK					



# March 2021

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### **Communications Coordinator:**

Joel Osborn



# **Online Worship**

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel.

Go to <a href="http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline">http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline</a> for the link.

We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.

If you prefer, you can go directly to

<a href="https://www.youtube.com/theconnectingchurch">https://www.youtube.com/theconnectingchurch</a>