

# get connected

We connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples.



## Do You Need Spiritual Coaching?

By Pastor Nate Crandall

One of the things I like about the original twelve disciples is that even though they walked around with Jesus for three years, they still had problems! It's good to know that I'm not the only one who feels like I don't have it all together – even after following Jesus for 40 years. Do you have this whole disciple thing locked down? What kind of nagging questions do you have in your walk with Jesus? Do you wonder why you continue to face the same kinds of problems time and time again? I know I do. Do you ever wonder about your calling? Have you thought, “Am I doing this Jesus thing right?”



We all have questions like these, and that's why it is so helpful to have someone who can walk side by side and ask us good questions that make us think. It's good to receive feedback and a fresh perspective that helps get us unstuck. If any of this is resonating with you, then allow me to suggest that you could really benefit from some spiritual coaching.

The apostle Paul was a fabulous coach for Timothy. He was like a loving father: **“To Timothy, my true child in the faith.”** (1 Tim 1:2) He gave clear instructions: **“As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain**

**at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies.”**

(1 Tim 1:3-4) He devoted himself to preparing Timothy for his ministry: **“I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God.”** (1 Tim 3:14-15) He expected Timothy to exercise his gift of leadership in the church: **“Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.”** (1 Tim 4:11-14) Through his coaching, Paul helped guide Timothy into the place of successful ministry.

Just like Timothy, we all need coaching to help us step into the calling and thrive in the relationship that the Lord has for us. Let me encourage you to take a step

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# PULSE Church Health Process *by Pastor John Pethtel*

Last June during our congregational meeting, our church voted to engage in the PULSE Church Health Process through the SDB General Conference and that the Trustees will serve as the PULSE leadership group.

The trustees met in September to discuss our first steps in PULSE. It was decided to pursue a review of the ministries and programs of the church in relation to the vision, mission, and values of the church. This will gradually occur over the first two quarters of 2025. President Neil Lubke and Operations Pastor John Pethtel will help lead this ministry review. Everyone will be asked to participate and we

are looking forward to sharing a summary of the results with the congregation at our June 29th congregational meeting and through the newsletter.

A brief description of the PULSE Church Health Process is:



*The PULSE Church Health Process (hereafter referred to as PULSE) will provide our church with a process and tools to assess and improve its leadership and health on a regular and periodic basis.*

*PULSE is an intentional process to be journeyed through with a guide (PULSE facilitator) as a covenant community. This process is designed to focus on four key elements in healthy churches by providing time for evaluation of ministries, strategizing and planning for God's more preferable future, prioritization of goals, strategizing, praying and listening for God's revealed will, joining God in the work that He is already doing, and executing the mission that God has given the local church in their immediate context. This process is meant to be cyclical (revisited on a regular and periodic basis).*

## Spiritual Coaching

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forward this month that could impact your journey as a disciple in powerful ways. You don't need to make a long-term commitment. You don't have to pay any money. Simply sign up with me for a one hour spiritual coaching session, and let's help you take your next powerful step in your walk with Jesus. Text me at 608-322-8824 or shoot me an email at [pastornate@miltonsdb.org](mailto:pastornate@miltonsdb.org).

## Camp Wakonda 2025

**Camp Discover**  
(grades K-3)  
**June 23-27**

**Intermediate Camp**  
(grades 4-6)  
**July 6-11**

**Collision Camp**  
(grades 7-12)  
**July 13-20**

**Registration opens April 5th**

## The New City Catechism

Milton SDB Discussion



### **New Sabbath School Class** **Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.**

Beginning on Sabbath, March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a new Sabbath School class centered around the book *The New City Catechism*.

This material teaches basic theology through a series of questions and answers and is meant to help us reflect on what the Bible teaches about key topics. We invite you to join us!

Some copies of the materials have already been distributed, but if you need information about getting a copy, please connect with one of the pastors!

# Let there be Cake: Celebrating Jeremy's Accomplishments

We have a National Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Fame Recipient in our midst! Jeremy Lade is receiving this prestigious award in Virginia with his wife Melissa on April 12. Come enjoy a piece of cake with Jeremy to celebrate, directly after church in the Welcome Center/Parlor on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Here is a quick summary about Jeremy: [https://www.nwba.org/news\\_article/show/1330935](https://www.nwba.org/news_article/show/1330935):

Jeremy "Opie" Lade is a Paralympic wheelchair basketball

player and head coach from Oconto, WI.

In 2002, he won a gold medal at the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) Wheelchair Basketball World Championships.

At the World Championships in Amsterdam in 2006, Opie helped Team USA win a silver medal. He

also represented Team USA at the Paralympics in 2004, 2008, and 2012, winning a bronze medal in London.



From 2008 to 2018, he coached the UW-Whitewater men's team, guiding them to six national championships. He is passionate about providing young players with the same opportunities he had through wheelchair basketball.

## Serving at GIFTS in March:

Have you ever served food to the men at the Janesville GIFTS Men's Shelter? This spring, our church's days to provide meals at the GIFTS Men's shelter are March 17, 18 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Serving the meal to the men is truly a blessing. If you haven't tried it yet, sign up and you too will be blessed!

The GIFTS Men's shelter in Janesville has served unsheltered men in Rock County since 2007. GIFTS Shelter is open 24/7, 365 days of the year to serve and transform the lives of unsheltered men in Rock County.

Details and sign up at the Welcome Center to participate by donating food for our meals or for serving the meal. Thank you for your participation in a project that truly impacts the men in filling their stomachs and their spirits.

## Collision News

Collision has been thriving as we continue growing in faith and service! We recently finished our deep dive into the book of Acts, exploring the early church's mission and how it inspires us today.

Our Collision Sabbath was a huge success, with students leading worship and sharing testimonies that reflected God's work in their lives. We also had the privilege of participating in the CWI Meal Packing Event, helping provide meals for those in need.

Since September, we've been collecting a monthly offering to support a 5-year-old girl named Sadiya, who speaks Bengali, and we're excited to continue sponsoring her.

As we move forward, we're eager to keep serving, learning, and making an impact together!

## Summer Missions Scholarships

Summer missions scholarships are available to anyone participating in a short-term missions trip, including Koinonia. Please contact the Church Administrator for more information or for a scholarship form.



- 1 Frank & Liz Green
- 1 Grace Nickel
- 4 Ken & Mickey Johnson
- 8 Paul Green
- 8 Warren Nickel
- 21 Paul Anderson
- 23 Emy Bornemann
- 26 Sue Cruzan
- 26 Marian Anderson
- 27 Ron Bennett
- 28 Larry Schultz
- 29 Linda Lyke
- 31 Paul & Marian Anderson

# March Bulletin Board

## Scripture Memory Program

Each year, the SDB General Conference elects a new president. That president as part of their duties chooses a theme the coming year, including a list of Scriptures which fit with their theme! This year's Conference President, Tom Davis from Marlboro, NJ, has selected "Shouldn't It Be Obvious" as his theme for our sessions in 2025 in Kenosha, WI.

*Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. James 2:13 ESV*

*Hiding  
His Word  
in my heart*



Mac & cheese,  
Granola bars,  
PB & J, individual  
pudding & fruit  
cups and crackers,  
ramen noodles

## Men's Chorus

March 15  
Rehearsal at 8:00 a.m.  
Singing at 10:30 a.m.

## Ladies Sit 'n Sip

Tuesday, March 11  
9:00 a.m. at Sharla's.  
*Ladies are invited to come for a  
time of relaxing and fellowship!*

## March

5	Club
12	Club
19	Club – Paint Night
26	Club – No Club – Spring Break



## March

3	Roller Skating w/ Koinonia Youth Ministries
5	4:30 Bible Study – The Ice Shantea 6:30 Collision
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19	4:30 Bible Study – The Ice Shantea 6:30 Collision
26	Spring Break



## March Children's Church

**March 1**  
**Unit 25: Session 4**  
Jesus Warned About Not Acting  
Matthew 25

**March 15**  
**Unit 25: Session 3**  
Big Truth Session:  
Jesus is our Perfect Prophet  
Deuteronomy 18




## Focus on Funds

as of January 31, 2025

General Fund Balance	\$25,371.05
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$27,530.44
Jan. Undesignated Inc.	\$16,931.95
Jan. Total Income	\$21,559.54
Jan. Expenses	\$27,464.58
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 90.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 6,524.38



# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
							
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30	31 8:00 TOPS 9:00 Classical Conversations	Spring Break Week - No Awana/Youth Bible Study/Collision					
		7:00 Scouts					



**March  
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This is the  
LORD's doing:

*it is marvelous  
in our eyes.*

**PSALM 118:23, ESV**

### **Online Worship**

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel.  
Go to <http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline> for the link.  
We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.