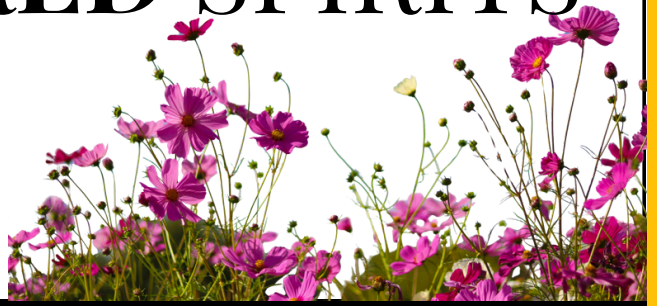




East Salem
CHURCH



EAST SALEM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM PASTOR CHAD

It's hard to imagine that we've already reached the warmer months of summer here in Oregon. How did we get here so fast?!

One of the great things about summertime in the PNW is that we get to enjoy some awesome time outdoors, exploring the grandeur which God has created for us. Whether it be taking a day at the beach, hitting trails in the mountains for some hiking or mountain bike riding, jumping on a Jetski, boat, paddleboard, or inner tube to hang out on the cool waters of our lakes, or simply having a barbeque in the backyard, we have ample opportunity to slow life down a bit, take in the nature around us, find some solo time to refocus, or find some community time to connect. It's one of the reasons I love summertime here. The options are endless.

Of course, this also gives us, the church, an opportunity to also get out and mingle with our community in the great outdoors. Whether it's the Summer Bash, Family Picnic, Church Campout, Camp Meeting, VBS, ACTS Ministry, or simply some good-ole small group time; God has given us the blessing of gathering, serving, and meeting our community.

So, let's do that. Let's use this time to not just recharge, but to connect with our Salem community. Invite friends and neighbors on those hikes and to those barbeques. Invite those you know to our picnic, the Bash, or VBS. See if there are those who would like to attend the meetings up at Gladstone and offer them a ride. Carpooling is a

great way to connect. And, instead of gas money, you can simply ask them to buy you a Pronto Pup while you're there! *(You can even introduce them to your crazy pastor who will be masquerading as a security officer on the campgrounds.)* If you find a neighbor struggling with their yard work, washing their vehicle, or anything else, give them a hand. Take the extra time to show them you see them, and that you care.

This summer, embrace the goodness of God's creation, including those he has surrounded us with.

Pastor Chad



SALEM ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES (SACS)

Reminder that SACS is closed the month of July to enable our volunteers to help at camp meeting and/or spend time with their families. We will reopen on Wednesday, August 5th.

Our number of clients served has increased this year and our storage space is limited, so we are focusing on providing food and clothing for adults and children. We are not giving out any household goods with the exception of bedding and towels.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Please hold your donations until August, so they don't stack up in the church lobby.

Salem Adventist Community Services
1860 Summer St NE, Salem OR 97301 (503) 363-8893



FAMILY LIFE EVENTS



Family Life SUMMER PICNIC

August 2nd @ Noon



Bring your sports gear and come join the fun!

Family Life fundraiser: Baked Potato/Salad Bar, Dessert, & Drink for \$10.

Register
Now



Millersburg City Park
3030 Alexander Ln NE, Millersburg, OR



Family Life

FALL CAMP OUT

RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

- RV Spots
- Tent Sites
- Cabins
- Bunkhouse

ACTIVITIES:

- Hiking
- Horseshoes
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Playground
- Potluck
- Fellowship
- and more...

Don't miss the fun,
register today!

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SEPTEMBER
11-13
CAMP TALOALI
IN STAYTON





Just like Jesus

Near the close of Jesus' earthly ministry, Jesus said, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father," John 14:9 The Bible teaches there is a God and He is just like Jesus.

A chapter titled "Days of Conflict" in the "Desire of Ages" describes Jesus before He began His earthly ministry. Consider some of His wonderful attributes from an early age: Patient and kind, He manifested a loving interest in people with cheerful piety. With wisdom and tact, He spoke words of encouragement.

He hated but one thing in the world, and that was sin. To every temptation He had one answer, "It is written." When criticized for His integrity and stainless life, He remained bright and cheerful. He did not complain or become discouraged. He bore insults with patience.

Hours of happiness were found when alone with nature and with God. He lived with love and respect for his mother and brothers. His presence brought a purer atmosphere into their home.

**THERE IS
A GOD**
AND HE IS JUST LIKE JESUS

He passed by no human being as worthless. He sought to inspire hope. "Often He met those who had drifted into Satan's control, and had no power to break from his snare. To such a one, discouraged, sick, tempted, and fallen, Jesus would speak words of tenderest pity, words that were needed and could be understood. Others He met who were fighting a hand-to-hand battle with the adversary of souls. These He encouraged to persevere, assuring them that they would win; for angels of God were on their side and would give them the victory."

There is a God and He is just like Jesus. By His grace and power, may we be more like Him in our homes and families, our Church family, and in our community!

Rick Casebier

Member Care and Prayer Ministry

Summer Time



Summer is the season of varying routines. It is a time for family vacations, day trips to enjoy the beautiful summer weather and God's creations, and changes for the new graduates. Church attendance can drop each Sabbath up to 30%, so many ministries utilize this time to rest and recharge before the fall season begins.

Just because the word "hiatus" is used quite often in our bulletin during the month of June, we still have several summer events planned. Here are a few things we have on the schedule this summer.

- Community Basketball ~ Wednesday's 7:00 PM
- Gladstone Camp Meeting ~ July 14th - 18th
- Vacation Bible School ~ July 27th - 31st
- Family Life Summer Picnic ~ August 2nd
- End of Summer Bash ~ August 23rd

More information in this newsletter or on the church website

**CHURCH
MERCH**



Did you know East Salem Church has a virtual store? You can purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, mugs, and so much more. The colors and sizes can be customized and the items will be shipped directly to your home.

You can access the East Salem Church store via our church app, website, or using the QR Code above.

CHURCH APP



Stay up-to-date with the East Salem Church app

Available on: Google Play, Amazon Appstore, iTunes App Store, or Roku Channel Store.

Coming Soon

East Salem is looking forward to two soon-to-be-born babies joining our church family!

There is nothing quite like the arrival of a newborn to remind us of the beauty, hope, and wonder of God's creation. As it states in Psalm 127:3 *"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him."*

On May 17th there was a baby shower for Nathan and Martha Loewen. The little girl they are expecting is their first child. Let us surround this couple with love and prayers as they begin this exciting new chapter. Remember *"Every good and perfect gift is from above."* James 1:17.

Here are a few pictures from their shower:



We also had the opportunity to have a baby shower for Josh and Julie McKinney. They have been blessed with two little girls Joanna and Joy, who enjoyed the gift opening part of the baby shower.

Josh and Julie will soon be bringing into their family a baby boy. This little boy will be welcomed home by their big sisters. Keep this growing family in your continued prayers.

Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Psalm 112:2

Here are a few pictures from their shower:



Bible Study

We have several Sabbath School Classes available for all ages. Whether you are a Bible scholar or reading it for the first time, you are welcome to come and share in the experience of knowing God better through Scripture.

For more information on any of these classes, contact the church office or come in on Sabbath morning and join a class. You will be welcome!

In addition to our Sabbath classes, we have additional small group studies (beginning in the fall) and online options. Check out some of our favorites on our website, like: Truth Link, iBelieve Bible, or A Picture of God:

www.eastsalemchurch.org/bible-study.

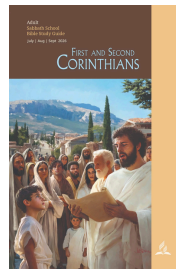
SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

ADULT QUARTERLY STUDY:

This adult class study's the Bible along with the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* in a small group setting. *Meets in the Chapel with music starting at 9:45 AM and study beginning at 10:00 AM.*

* FIRST AND SECOND CORINTHIANS

Sabbath School Quarterlies for the 3rd quarter of 2026 are now available. We ask for donations to cover the cost of \$ 4.15 per book. Just put your payment in a tithe envelope, write in your name and mark it "Sabbath School Expense".



Large print quarterlies are available for those who request them for the cost of \$8.00 per book. Also, available are the Ellen G. White Notes, "helps" to the quarterly, for \$6.45. Just contact Debbie in the church office to order your copy.

Free Option: If you choose, you can get the quarterly online for FREE through the General Conference website at: <https://absg.adventist.org>.

If you are able to help with the cost for others, make a donation to the "Sabbath School Expense" fund. If you need assistance with the cost of your quarterly, speak to a pastor or elder who will make sure you receive a copy at no charge.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives. I
2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

THE SANCTUARY:

Want to know more about God's way? He tells us where to look: "Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary" Psalm 77:13. Please join us as we take a deep dive into "The Sanctuary". *Meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM. This class is facilitated by Lori Hathaway.*

DANIEL EXEGETICAL STUDY:

Reading the Bible is very boring! This is a common refrain made by many people. Our class attempts to address this issue. By walking in the sandals of the Bible authors, we explore in depth the linguistics, culture, geography, context, characters, history, and much more. By applying our study techniques to current times, the relevance and understanding makes the Bible come alive. Join us! *Meets in the Library starting at 9:30 AM. This class is facilitated by Gene Starr.*

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SABBATH SCHOOLS:

We offer age-appropriate Bible classes for all kids and youth from ages 0 - 18. These engaging, gospel-centered lessons designed to help the next generation build a strong spiritual foundation. *These classes start at 10:00 AM - Ask a greeter or deacon for directions.*



Hands and Heart

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

At East Salem Church, our ministries thrive because of the hands and hearts of dedicated volunteers. Whether you are greeting guests at the door, teaching our youth, or helping behind the scenes, every act of service is a vital expression of faith and love.

Volunteering doesn’t just bless our church; it is a wonderful way to build meaningful relationships and it helps you in your spiritual journey. We know everyone has a busy schedule, but some of our ministries just need someone once or twice a month.

Are you ready to make an impact at your church? Look over the list below at ministries within the church which needs your help and prayerfully consider helping one of these ministries.

For more information contact the church office or the ministry leader.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

The hospitality team who sets-up, serves, and breaks-down our monthly Fellowship Meals, are always looking for volunteers. *Contact Toni Springer for more information.*

CHILDREN’S STORYTELLERS

We need people to tell a Children’s Story during our Sabbath service. Do you have a short story geared to kids 0 - 10? Can you tell it in 5 - 7 minutes and in parable form? *Contact Judy Wolfsen for more information.*

SALEM ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES

The SACS center is always looking for volunteers to assist. The families they assist every week has increased and they need your help. *Contact Dan Pidoux for more information.*

CHILDREN’S SABBATH SCHOOL

Invest in the next generation by assisting with Children’s Sabbath School. They need teachers, pianists, and adult supervisors. *Contact Sharlene Fish for more information.*

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

This is a time for the children to learn more about Jesus in a safe and fun way. We need volunteers in all areas of our Children’s Church? *Contact Mishael Tolan for more information.*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

We feed the homeless at Marion Square Park in downtown Salem every Sunday at 5:00 PM. They need help with serving on Sunday or people to prepare food prior to serving. Even 1 Sunday a month would help. *Contact John Perry for information.*

ACTS CREW

Helping with the unending needs of our community, the ACTS Ministry needs volunteers. If you like to roll up your sleeves and assist those in need, this ministry is for you. *Contact Derrick Teague for more information.*

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
Winston Churchill

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
Mahatma Gandhi



Elizabeth
CASTRO

Graduating from
Chemeketa Community College

- Elizabeth is pursuing a bachelors in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Oregon



McKenzie
HASKIN

Graduating from
Chemeketa Community College

- McKenzie is graduating from Chemeketa as a Certified Dental Assistant



Cameron
O'DELL

Area II Plumbers Apprenticeship
(JATC)

- Cameron has complete this 4-year apprenticeship 2022-2026

Congratulations to all of our graduates, whether they are graduating from high school, college, or a graduate programs. We are very proud of you!

This is a time to reflect on your hard work, late-night study sessions, and perseverance that got you to this point. It is also a time to look ahead with hope and anticipation as you step into the unique plans God has for your life. As it says in Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

As you navigate this next chapter, hold fast to the foundation you have built. The world will offer many paths, but we encourage you to lean on your faith, seek wisdom in all you do, and remember that you are deeply loved and supported by your church family. And remember *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."* Proverbs 3:5-6

Go forward with courage, knowing you are equipped, valued, and loved by God. As you take your next steps, do not rely solely on your own talents. Lean on the unwavering love and grace of Christ. *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13

See the High School graduates on the next page.

Pray for the following students
graduating from LAA.



LIVINGSTONE
Adventist Academy

High School Seniors

Saige Burkleo
Jason Cate
Shannon Chitu Bogdan
Mishelle Hernandez
Hannah John
Breanna Keeney
Hadasah Nolan
Megan Reisig
Pascal Scalfani
Arielle Teague
Josue Vazquez
Truman Walter
Luther Wills

8th Grade Students

Emery Burkleo
Shaelyn Carmody
Amrei Mudrick
Rafael Reynoso
Victoria Stare

Kindergarten

Brooke Betz
Emma Davis
Austyn Norman
Alma Ponce
Abraham Trinidad
Daniel Turner

Pre-K Students

Avery Barker
Harper Grant
Bodhi Hills-Willis
Holly Johnson



Megan
REISIG

12th Grade
Livingstone Adventist Academy

- Megan will be attending La Sierra University for Psychology



Andrew
ROLLER

12th Grade
South Salem High School

- Andrew will be attending Pacific University and studying Rehabilitation and Movement Science



Arielle
TEAGUE

12th Grade
Livingstone Adventist Academy

- Arielle will be taking a year off before going back to school for Early-year Childhood Education



Savannah
WOLFSEN

12th Grade
Liberty High School, Hillsboro

- Savannah like dogs, relaxing, hiking, 80's music, and baking
- Savannah is going to college for nursing



LIVINGSTONE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Dear East Salem Church Community,

We congratulate this year's graduates. (see *previous page for our list of graduates*)

Livingstone welcomes our new staff members:

- Ryan Irwin, Athletic Director/K-12 PE Teacher
- Kyler Morgan, High School Math Teacher
- Rachel Morgan, 3rd/4th grade Teacher

Sadly, we must say a fond farewell to Parker LeClerc, Marcy Perry, and Carissa Ness. We are so grateful for their dedication and contribution.

The seniors thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support for their mission trip to Costa Rica. Because of your generosity, our students were able to serve, build relationships, experience mission in a meaningful way, and help build a church for the community of Costa Rica.

Each September, students in grades 7-12 at LAA have the opportunity to attend Bible Camp at the Washington Family Ranch through the Oregon

Conference Youth Department.

Bible Camp is more than a school trip! It is one of the clearest evangelistic and discipleship opportunities we have at the start of the school year. Last year, we saw God work in a powerful way. Ten students at Livingstone committed to baptism and six were baptized during Bible Camp.

If you have a student planning on attending Bible Camp in September, we suggest they start preparing now, the conference deadline is coming soon.

There are still opening for the 2026/27 school year. Visit our school website www.livingstone.academy and click on the "Admissions" tab to access the enrollment links. For more information, please contact the school office.

Thank you all for your support and prayers over the last school year. We have been richly blessed!

Livingstone Adventist Academy
(503) 363-9408 ~ info@laaonline.org
www.livingstone.academy

Summer Hours: Tues - Thurs ~ 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Vacation Bible School

July 27th - 31st
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wonder and amazement await us each day at Wonder Junction, where kids gather at the All Aboard Assembly! There is no greater joy than to praise the name of the Lord all day long. This is a time for your kids to get to know Jesus and live for His glory.

**Sign your child
up today!**

