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Agape Feast

by Merwin Stewart

The Evening of January 5 Was No Ordinary Communion

The tables in the Sequim Adventist church fellowship hall were placed in the shape of a cross with the light from candles illuminating crowns of thorns on each table. Also placed along the center of the tables were various breads and fresh fruit platters, mixed nut trays with dried Mediterranean fruits, and communion bread squares and grape juice cups. The 39 individuals who attended were also able to select from five hot soup choices on the menu.

After enjoying these delicious foods and the pleasant conversations with others at the tables, Mark and Collette Pekar along with John Gatchet, introduced the communion service of foot washing and the dedication of unleavened bread and pure grape juice. During the service, participants were encouraged to write their concerns, resolutions, and confessions on a piece of paper, which was then symbolically given to God and placed into the flames of the fireplace. After singing the hymn "Amazing Grace" together, the group was dismissed with prayer and left quietly to return home.

This beautiful event would not have been possible without the generous help of many individuals such as the deaconess group, the fellowship meal group, the deacon group, Karen Iverson as the sound system operator, Jay Richmond, the social committee members, Donna Bottgenbach, Eloise Gatchet, Sandi Christensen, the three couples who served with the food carts, and many more who assisted with preparation and clean-up.

No Friday evening in recent memory compares with this one. What a beautiful beginning it was for a spiritual journey into the new year of 2024.



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Pathfinders

by Tnyla Luke

January was a slim month with the cancelations due to weather. We did work on classwork one night and Bats on another. Our biggest event was our Travelogue/Corn Dog Fundraiser for the International Camporee A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended! That was the biggest event we've had at the church in recent memory. I never got an official count but based on the number of tables and corn dogs made close to 90. We had a short slow-down with the breakers tripped from the fryers that caused a bit of a back-up and I apologize. I chose to do a donation only option so that all could feel like they could attend without money being a limitation. People gave as they could and as usual they were very generous! At the end of the evening when numbers were counted we were over \$1500! Generous indeed! I think we will need to have only one more fundraiser to complete the task! We are planning to have some sort of food event in coordination with the annual church business meeting in June. This church continues to amaze me with all that they give! Blessing to you!

The Case for Prayer Meeting

by Wayne Wentland

Come and be spiritually refreshed on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Sequim Adventist church boardroom. This is an open invitation for all who want to grow in praise and prayer. Bring a friend and enjoy the partnership of praise and prayer.

Special Features of Our Prayer Meetings

- Place yourself to receive inspiration from heaven.
- Commune with God and fellow believers.
- Be present to add to the success of the group.
- Spend time where prayer is highly valued and shared.
- Receive spiritual blessings from the group's encouragement.
- Share needs to build spiritual strength and courage.
- Take the opportunity to reflect on the goodness of God.
- Pray for the needs of others.
- Thank God for answered prayers within the group.
- Claim God's promises.
- Encourage others in the group

At Prayer Meeting the goodness and manifold mercies of God should be dwelt upon. By sharing what we are praying for and what is needed brings spiritual strength and courage. Prayer Meeting is just the start of continued prayer coverage.

The following Bible verses link us to God through prayer

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

A time of *silent prayer* is set aside as a group to offer individual private confession that is spoken of in Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We meet together to edify one another by an interchange of thoughts and feelings, to gather strength, and light, and courage by becoming acquainted with one another's hopes and aspirations; and by our earnest, heartfelt prayers, offered up in faith, we receive refreshment and vigor from the Source of our strength. These meetings should be most precious seasons. { HP 91.4 }

What a privilege it is to join with others to confirm and claim God's promises. Won't you consider visiting our small group prayer meeting this next week?

Adventurers

Adventurers' social a success! Thank you to those who came to the international ice cream social. The trivia game had questions even some of the Adventurers could answer. The tables were lined with toppings, each displayed the country's flag from where the topping is most popular. Thank you, Kathy, for such a wonderful time. The Olympic Otters this month learned about Country Fun exploring countries around the world. Kathy shared pictures of sand art from different groups of people, from the brown and blacks of Sengalese to the bright colorful art of Tibetan Monks. Then they created their own master piece from a sand art paper of planets. Games chosen were popular games from Brazil, Chile, Australia, and Portugal.

The other class for January was on Healthy Foods. The Otters had the opportunity to try different types of foods, sour, sweet, and salty, as well as different textures. Each were given a paper so they could stamp with fruits and veggies and see the different shapes they made.



by Jay Richmond

Our little group of Otters have lots of fun learning. There is always room for more kids to join. If you know of someone ages 4-9 who would like to be part of Adventurers, please have them contact Kathy Mitchell, 360-460-9945.

Student Sponsorship

How great it is to see that donations are still being made to the Student Sponsorship Fund. As you remember, the money donated to this fund goes to assist families with tuition aide so their children can attend Peninsula Adventist Elementary School. They want a Christian education for their children, as well as a great academic curriculum with certified teachers. Of course, this costs more money that some families can afford. This is where we try to step in and give them some help.

A big Thank You to those who continue to remember this fund in your monthly giving and to those who might be giving for the first time or occasionally. To all of you, your generosity is much appreciated and you will be blessed.

by Mary Thayne

“A GENEROUS MAN
WILL HIMSELF BE
BLESSED,
FOR HE SHARES HIS
FOOD WITH THE
POOR.”

PROVERBS 22:9

February Birthdays

3 Pauline Daniel
 4 Collette Pekar
 6 Jay Richmond
 7 Janean Kongorski
 7 Gracie Niemeyer
 8 Michael Luke
 9 Davina Daracunas
 9 Doug Stober
 10 Jennifer Zbaraschuk
 13 Dave Iverson
 15 Sky Heatherton
 15 Bert Woods
 19 Anne Judd
 22 Shirley Adolphsen
 23 Heidi Boicourt
 25 Cathie Kruse
 26 Herb McClure
 26 Sammy Niemeyer

Happy Birthday

**When?****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024****Where?****Bottgenbach's**

47 Juniper Mobile Estate, Sequim

Time? 3:00 Kickoff? 3:30**What to Bring?****CALL DONNA 360-461-2548**Announcements

2024 Church Directories are ready-both photo and listing only. For those with church boxes, the photo directory has been placed in your box. (Thank you for checking your box often.) Extras can be found on the counter at the church.

Still Missing-

Thank you to those who are helping to update church records with addresses for our missing members. I still need addresses for the following people- - Nina & Stephane Fourdrinier; Dorinda Wall; Salima Worthington; Ronald Yargus; Janet & Joel Cambern. Please contact the church office at sequimadventist@sequimsdachurch.org, 360-683-7373 if you have current info. Thank you for your help!

Calvin Taylor Concert

Enjoy this uplifting musical experience brought to you by world-renowned pianist and composer, Dr. Calvin Taylor! This free concert will warm your heart and lift your spirit. A love offering will be received, and CDs and music books will be available for purchase after the evening concert. This will take place on **February 24 at 11am and 4:30pm.**



Peninsula Adventist Elementary School (PAES) Newsletter

Managing Editor: Allison Young, (6th); Assistant Managing Editor: Silas Ellison, (6th)

Assistant Managing Editor: Elora Wilson, (5th); Managing Editor in Training: Miley Musick, (3rd)

Honoring the Holidays: Kids at Peninsula Adventist Elementary School Serve at the Sequim Food Bank

By: Elyssa Cunningham (6th), Max McMurray (6th), Liam Shelley (4th), Elora Wilson (5th)

(This article is published in the Sequim Gazette)

Six students, one brother of a student and one parent showed up at the Sequim Food Bank on January 3, 2024. When we arrived, we started sorting cans, jars and packaged foods into different food categories, and checked the expiration dates. The students sorted an entire palette, and several smaller crates. All the students who volunteered and came to help had a fun time helping out. "It was really fun! I was very happy to give my time up and serve", stated Isabella Salazar. Andrew Larson continued saying, "it was okay and fun helping out at the food bank". We had fun looking at the expiration dates". The staff at the food bank told others they were impressed by how much we were able to accomplish in the short time we were there.

The Sequim Food Bank feeds more than 15, 000 families each year thanks to the financial support of many individuals, organizations, businesses, church congregations and local foundations. Their volunteer crew number more than sixty adults and teenagers.

"I was impressed with all of our students. They all worked hard and also had a fun time while they helped at the food bank. Ms. Berg had all the students organized and everyone had a task. The staff at the food bank were impressed by how much we were able to do while we were there. The way they all represented our school and church was amazing and commendable. I felt honored to be a part of what we did that day", shared Randal Wilson.

The students at Peninsula Adventist Elementary School are looking for other opportunities to serve our community.



Student of The Month

By: Mrs. Smith and Liam Shelley (4th)

Sidney Ingersoll is our student of the month! She is a very patient girl who is also kind and works hard. Sidney really likes reptiles. Her special pet is her bearded dragon, Jackson. Her favorite subject in school is handwriting. Sidney also enjoys P.E. Her favorite food is mashed potatoes. We like having Sidney in our class because she is a role model for the other kids.

- Mrs. Smith



Jasmin has become an amazing student and role model at Peninsula Adventist Elementary School. She is part of our Leadership Team. She has great ideas and is contributing to making Peninsula Adventist Elementary School (PAES) a strong Christian community where everyone feels welcome. She is also part of Graduation Committee. The team is fundraising for their class trip and a school gift. It was her idea to make and sell slime. It was her recipes we used for the slime. Jasmin is an important part of our community.

- Ms. Berg

The Ice Skating Rink

By: Skyler Adair (4th), Jasmin Cortez (7th), and Elsie McClure (4th)

On Tuesday, December 19, the Peninsula Adventist Elementary School had a field trip and went to the Port Angeles Winter Ice Village (Port Angeles ice-skating rink). Many students and parents/siblings went and enjoyed ice skating. Kindergartener Xaiyah, said, "I had fun walking on the ice and I love it and want to do it again". Seventh grader Jasmin stated, "I had fun learning something new".

What?: We were ice-skating!

Where?: Winter Ice Village Port Angeles, Washington.

When?: Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Why?: Because our teachers love us and want us to have lots of fun!

Introducing the new Students

By: Elyssa Cunningham (6th) and Aimee Powless (8th)



Max McMurray 5th grade
 What is your favorite color: Red
 What is your favorite movie:
 Nothing
 What is your favorite food:
 Pizza
 What is your favorite subject:
 Spelling
 What is your talent: Programing
 What is your favorite book: None

Keaton Byers 3rd grade

What is your favorite color: blue
 What is your favorite movie:
 doesn't have one
 What is your favorite food: pizza
 What is your favorite subject:
 reading
 What is your talent: I don't know
 What is your favorite kind of book:
 I survived series



Interviewing The 4th Graders

By: Isabella Salazar (8th) and Elora Wilson (5th)

My Name: Skylar Adair
 My Favorite kind of
 book: Murder, mystery
 My favorite card game: Poker
 My favorite color: Dark purple



My Name: Liam Shelley
 My favorite book: Bugen Squirrel
 My favorite card game:
 Roman Cue
 My favorite color: Green



My name: Elsie McClure
 My favorite kind of book:
 Comedy
 My Favorite card game:
 Exploding kittens
 My favorite color: Purple



My name: Kezya Bell
 My favorite kind of book:
 All nature books
 My favorite game:
 Hide and seek
 My favorite colors:
 Blue, Purple, and pink

Library Committee

By: Skyler Adair (4th) and Isabella Salazar (8th)

The Library Committee is very helpful to our school! They have helped stamp books, and we have done 375 so far! Our latest project is to set up a way for students to check out books from the library and bring them home. Some other things that the Library Committee does are choose books to add to our system. They will also help order them. We really can never have too many books! This is a fairly new Committee at our school, but a lot of our students signed up right away. Even though we have only met once or twice, this Committee has helped out a lot at our school this year!

Annual Clallam County School Fair: A Recruiting Opportunity for PAES

Governor Inslee declared January 21-27, 2024 School Choice Week in WA! Because of this opportunity, the principal, Tiffany Gillespie of Olympic Christian School lead in organizing a school fair, and our school attended. This event was for K-12 schools including Homeschoolers, Private Schools, Public School, and online Schoolers!

It took place at the Vern Burton Gym in Port Angeles from 11am-2pm on Saturday, January 20th! There were so many amazing activities such as a band, face painting, balloon animals, and a photobooth.

The two recruiters that attended the event were Erika and Jim McClure. We received eight new inquiries from this event. Erika and Jim did an amazing job promoting our school. Next year we will help advertise the event, so more will attend the school fair.



Thank You

By: Keaton Byers (3rd), Max MacMurray (5th), and Liam Shelley (4th)

Jay, thank you so much for helping with editing the articles that come from this school (PAES). It is a great help for our school. Also, thank you for checking our email. We would miss important information.

Stelle, thank you so much for editing the newsletter and thanks for helping us with the newsletter. If you didn't, we might have embarrassing mistakes when it's published.

Mrs. Noonan, thank you for being a great teacher and teaching us how to spell, write and teaching the little kids. You make a great effort to help our school.

Mrs. Smith, thank you for teaching the little kids how to read and write and do art. It helps our school and students very much. Your ideas and projects are amazing!

Miss Woods, thank you for being such an amazing math teacher, and challenging us with the math work that you give us. Thank you for helping us learn math.

February 2024 Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Backpack Program 8:00am Adventurers & Pathfinders 6:30pm	2	3 Fellowship Meal Team 2 12:30pm
4	5 Elder's Meeting 6:30pm	6 ACS 10am-12pm	7 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	8 Backpack Program 8:00am Pathfinders 6:30pm	9	10 Mission Spotlight 10:45am
11 Super Bowl Party at Bottgenbach's Home 3:00pm	12 School Board Meeting 6:30pm	13	14 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	15 Backpack Program 8:00am Pathfinders 6:30pm	16	17 Children's Church Fellowship Meal Adventurers Open Gym at PAES
18 Newsletter Submission Deadline	19 Church Board Meeting 6:30pm	20 ACS 10am-12pm	21	22 Backpack Program 8:00am Pathfinders 6:30pm	23	24 Calvin Taylor Concert 11:00am and 4:30pm
25	26	27	28	29 Backpack Program 8:00am Pathfinders 6:30pm	Upcoming Events March 1 PAES Art Festival March 3 Travelogue with Werners to Africa	

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