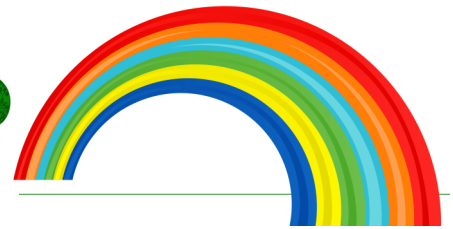


March Newsletter



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CHURCH FAMILY WELCOME

BY STELLE KNAUFF

Karl Olsen has been worshipping with us for one and half years. He came to the Peninsula from North Carolina to be with his son who lives in Quilcene. Karl's wife, Julia, is "holding down the fort" at their home as she cares for a family member.

For most of his career Karl developed hospital information systems. He is presently working in patient access at Olympic Medical Center.

He enjoys hiking, swimming, and birding. His prayer requests are for his family.

Welcome, Karl!



**Easter Program at the church
March 30 at 4:00 pm. Come
celebrate together our Risen
Savior!**



Joanie and Michael Schmoll relocated to Sequim 20 years ago from the San Francisco area to live near the mountains and water and mild climate.

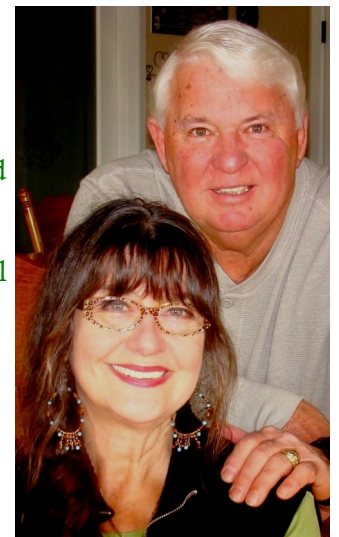
Before retirement, Michael worked for the Department of Defense with the Air National Guard. Joanie was employed by San Francisco Pacific Bell.

For recreation, Michael enjoys fishing, hunting, woodworking and reading. Joanie has a love for children, is an artist, and enjoys gardening and reading.

They started attending worship services in May and want to extend a huge "thank you" to the church. They have been made to feel welcome, cherished, and accepted.

Michael and Joanie would like us to join them in prayer for our nation.

We are blessed to have the Schmolls as part of this church family.



HAPPY 98TH BIRTHDAY, BERT

We pray for God's blessings for you for this coming year.

The church family celebrated Bert's birthday at the fellowship meal February 17.



PATHFINDERS



We had a few nights delayed due to the weather this past month but it didn't impact our projects. We have had a regular focus on more drilling and marching. Most of our kids are very inexperienced and it has been a challenge but they are gradually improving. Consistency is the key and we have been spending time each week.

We did complete the Bat Honor! I have included some photos of the houses the kids built! Thanks to everyone who donated for this fun project! We have started working on the knot honor and this past week I had Jeff Rasco come out and help us figure out how to make rope! We do it every few years and I always have trouble remembering how to use the contraption he built for us! We will continue getting our knots done and will move on to starting Pinewood Derby Cars soon!

Thanks so much for your continued support and generosity!



**“For we are God’s
workmanship,
created in Christ
Jesus to do good
works, which God
prepared in advance
for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:10**

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

As the year progresses, we are always pleased to see how God leads and blesses. He also expects us to cooperate with Him in His work. What work has He prepared for you?

BY MARY THAYNE

LIBRARY CORNER

The following books have been added to our collection. I hope you enjoy them.

[What Jesus Really Meant; Challenging Passages in the New Testament.](#) by Richard L. Litke.

[The Revised & Expanded Answers Book.](#) by Don Batten (editor), Ken Ham, Jonathan Sarfati, and Carl Wieland. The 20 most-asked questions about creation, evolution, and the book of Genesis, Answered!

[Hindsight; Seventh-day Adventist History in Essays and Extracts.](#) Written and compiled by Dave Fiedler. "This book offers its insights based on two simple ideas: We really can learn something from our history if we try, and it is fitting for us who enjoy the advantage of looking back on the issues, to be charitable in our evaluation of those who have faced the challenges of earlier years."

[When Death Isn't Fair; Coping With Overwhelming Grief.](#) by Joy Swift.

[God Who?](#) by Sarah Elizabeth Coleman. Written especially for young adults who ask hard questions about God.

[Behind the Seen.](#) by Larry Lichtenwalter. God's Hand in Esther's Life...and Yours.

BY MARY THAYNE

CHILDREN’S SABBATH SCHOOL PAPERS BY DONNA BOTTGENBACH

For the last 3 years, the children’s Sabbath School papers, *Our Little Friend*, *Primary Treasure*; and *Guide* have been mailed to them if they were unable to attend. It was felt that in so doing, these young people would know that they were thought of and cared for. This will continue for a few more months until our donations for that purpose are no longer available.

The purpose of this article is to let parents and young people know the value of these papers. They are filled with character building stories and activities. There could just be a story that would help your youth in a similar situation to make a good choice. They are a great tool for family worship as well. When read, they can be shared with other young people.



So, we hope parents will encourage these papers to be read and enjoyed and even shared.

Very sincerely, Donna Bottgenbach, Sabbath School Coordinator

Pancake Breakfast



8th Grade Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Please join us to support the PAES 8th grade class on Sunday, March 17, from 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall
By Donation

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays
9-11:30 AM
Sequim Adventist Church
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ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES

BY JACKIE JAGER

Adventist Community Services is alive and well. We are currently open to the public on the first and third Tuesdays each month from 10 am to 12 noon. We have from 20-30 people come in each week for clothing, hygiene items, and household items. We have a small food pantry, but our cupboards are nearly bare. We could use cans of fruit, vegetables, soup, etc. If you would like to donate clothing or food items, we are open for donations on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 9-11 am or by appointment.

Our Good Stuff Sale in December bought in about \$1500. This will be donated to our local Pathfinders for their upcoming camporee.

ACS will also be involved with the Women’s Quilting Project starting in March. ACS will provide dacron batting for each quilt and some sheets for the quilt backs.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.

ADVENTURERS

BY KATHY MITCHELL

Hello everybody! Hard to believe we have just finished our February meetings already. But before I start, I want to go back and refer to our International Ice Cream Social in January. We really appreciated all those who showed up, and how generous you were at donating to our ADRA project. In completing our International (Country Fun) badge, we were to find a way to help a family in another part of the world. The ice cream was free but donations were collected on the side for those who wanted to. We were able to raise \$430.00! With this money we were able to, (yes Bert Jager) purchase a pair of goats for a family! We also paid for the health care and supplies for a baby's first 1000 days of life, and feed one child for a year! While it might not sound like much to some, it's everything for somebody. And yes, it put a smile on the face of our Jesus too! And it was so much fun doing it.

To begin our February, the Helping Hands, talked about and learned the importance of making good choices. Many that we make now, could affect the rest of our lives. We played a little "Let's Make a Deal" game, where everybody was able to choose a different bag. We discussed why we chose the bag we did. Some were big, some small, some plain or ugly and some pretty. Then we got to open and keep what was in the bag. We learned that sometimes the better gifts, are in the lesser package. I know the McClures enjoyed their garlic clove, and Kezya was not that excited about her can of tuna fish, but Keaton found the ugliest bag had the "sweetest" gift. Cookies and marshmallows! He also learned how nice it was to share with everyone else. Nice work Keaton.



The Little Lambs worked on their Woolly Lamb badge. They talked all things sheep and made crafts. Thank you to Fossette's mom for bringing in her old fashioned spinning wheel and making yarn with real sheep's wool. All the Otters got to take turns hiding the sheep somewhere in the church, and the rest got to go search for the "Lost Sheep," which was our theme for the evening. We are all looking forward to a field trip in April to a real Sheep Farm, and hoping to see some new lambs! We'll tell you all about it!



Our next meeting, both classes worked together on "I have a Family." There sure are many kinds of families, even our church family! We sure need them all. We talked about families in the Bible. How some got along, some didn't. How we each play a part in helping our family to get along and have fun. It takes time and work sometimes. Then we each designed and made a flag to represent our own families. We have a beautiful assortment on display in the Adventurer room. Then we all learned how to, and made, our own, Fruit Slushies! They went home with recipes to encourage parents to let them make slushies. A great way to bring joy to your family is to make a treat! Then we went and played a "Family Game" and each went home with some cards and instructions to make their own, because every family needs a Family Game night! Yes, put away those electronics for a few minutes and get to know who else is living at your house.

Looking forward to moving into March and , what will we do next!



FELLOWSHIP MEAL REMINDERS

BY DONNA BOTTGENBACH

We are reminding everyone to be sure and take home your dishes **and food** that was left over after Fellowship Meals or other activities. Opened food items left should be given away, taken home, or thrown away. If any usable unopened food left in the kitchen is not marked for a specific ministry or program it will be up for grabs at our Fellowship Meals or discarded.

Please be reminded to bring your own containers for food you bring, i.e. olives, chips, salads, etc. This includes containers for items that need to be cooked. Dishes and left overs will be left on table for you to pick up and take home. Unmarked dishes, etc., left after Fellowship Meals if not claimed in a timely manner will be incorporated into the kitchen’s storage or given to Community Services to give away. Counter space is a premium in our kitchen.

We encourage all who use the kitchen and leave food items on counter, frig, or freezer to clearly mark and date all items that will be used for a specific ministry or program. (i.e. Ice Cream, Women’s Ministry.) Do not store personal items in fridge or freezer.

Another reminder is to check with Team Leader about taking the tables and chairs down. Each Team is reminded to not bus tables till they are unoccupied. This is “fellowship time.”

I don’t know about you, but I love our “fellowship” meal times. Because we have divided up the responsibility of the meals, everyone has a chance to fellowship often. The Teams are doing a great job. They would probably like to hear that you appreciate them.

If you are not currently on one of our Fellowship Teams and would like to be, call Donna @ 360-461-2548.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Erika McClure
- 2 Doug Woods
- 4 Marion Wagner
- 4 Debbie Zervos
- 5 Jadie Henton
- 5 Olivia Peder
- 5 Elizabeth Smith
- 6 Heather Reseck
- 7 Elsie McClure
- 7 Haley Rasco
- 10 Paula Fagg
- 14 Andrea Howe
- 19 Wayne Wentland
- 21 Bob Bagwell
- 23 Cameron Needham
- 26 Karen Iverson
- 27 Miriam Rasco
- 28 Daryl Knauff
- 28 Greg Reseck
- 28 Joanie Schmoll
- 28 Darlene Thomas
- 31 Chris Needham
- 31 Harvey Hochstetter



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Another two years will soon be winding down (June 30) and our focus will be on selecting new church officers and ministry leaders. This is a big process and takes your cooperation. Sometime in March, Ministry Preference forms will be available. This tool is very helpful for the nominating committee as they prayerfully choose our leaders. When available, please look it over and indicate where you would be willing to serve for the next two years. Thank you for returning them to the church office or to church box #1. If you have any questions, contact the church office, 360-683-7373.

Peninsula Adventist Elementary School Newsletter
Managing Editor: Silas Ellison (6th) and Elora Wilson (5th)

**The Next Generation: The Role of Scholarship
 Programs Empowering Mentorship**
By: Isabella Salazar (8th)

Hi, my name is Isabella Salazar. I am about to be 14 years old and this mentor program is awesome! Even though at first it's a little awkward, but time passes and it becomes really fun! You might be thinking I am just leaving my kid with a complete stranger? Not in this program one adult is required to come and supervise, not only that but the adults get to know the mentor a little too, along with their kids! The mentor I was paired with is amazing! She likes doing and making art like me!

When you sign up for this program, your kid gets matched with someone who has the same interests so your kid has someone to relate with! And, it builds up relationship between them faster! Once your kid gets a perfect match you meet once a week at the chosen mentor's house for one hour! When your kid is having fun, you get the funds! Doing this program helps fund the school so your kid can be a part of this school! Now let's introduce the local coordinator of this program!!

Her name is Karen Iverson and she helps manage this program for our school!

Hey, so I have some questions for you! **What is PFE?**

"PFE stands for Partnering for Eternity. This program is part of a foundation based in Tennessee. The program has been helping cultivate relationships between mentors and students since 2006. The goal is for students and mentors to create intergenerational relationships and experience the blessing of service. The perk is the scholarship monies received go directly to the student's school account."

That sounds amazing! **You're the local coordinator, right? What exactly do you do?**

"I give the orientation presentation to interested families, either as a group or individually. Once the application is submitted and accepted, I help families match their student with a senior mentor. Part of my responsibilities include assisting both mentors and students with any issues that arise, such as scheduling, completing reflections, and staying in touch with families regarding the scholarship funds."

Wow that sounds very interesting! You said that it helps pay the students scholarship. **How does that work?**

"This year visits are funded at \$30 each. 70% of that comes from the PFE foundation in Tennessee; the remaining 30% is funded from local PFE funds (typically donations)."

Another Question. **How long have you been doing this? Did you feel called to do this?**

"This is my first year working with the PFE foundation. I was introduced to the program when my granddaughter became a student participant. She attends an SDA school in California. I saw the benefits to her and when our school had the opportunity to apply as a participating school, I volunteered to be the local coordinator."

That's wonderful! **One last question, is there still more room for more kids to join the program?**

"Yes. PAES was given 10 students 'slots' this year. We currently have 3 students participating. Based on current enrollment, the school could have 14 slots next year."

Wow thank you for answering my questions! I know that I'm enjoying my mentor! As a closing thought I'd like to thank Karen for sharing all these wonderful answers! I hope you might consider adding your kids in this program!

Prayer Group

Isabella (8th) & Elyssa (6th)

Hi there, I'd like to introduce our school's first prayer group! This group is made of four girls that come together and pray about both school and personal needs. In this group there is Aimee Powless (8th), Isabella Salazar (8th), Elyssa Cunningham (6th), And Jasmin Cortez (7th). This was started a little while after the Christmas program. We get together for about five minutes to pray for people. That's what we pretty much do! We have changed the school's atmosphere! Even the teachers have noticed the change in the school's behavior!



Student of the Month

Alaina Ellison is our student of the month! She is a very funny girl who loves to laugh. Alaina is also a very good student. She likes most of the subjects in school but really enjoys rotations. Alaina enjoys lunch and recess too. Alaina



is very creative and detail oriented. She takes time to do a good job on her work. Alaina loves when we go on field trips. We love having Alaina in our class. - by Mrs. Smith



Our student of the month is Max McMurray. He has been a great addition to our school. He fits in with the other students. He works very hard and is always caught up on his assignments. In fact, he is ahead in math! He

has become an important part of the technology team helping set our new Chromebooks. I'm so glad he joined our community. - by Ms. Berg

Thank You Sequim Seventh-day Adventist

Max (5th) & Silas (6th)

Thank all of you volunteers you have helped our groups and school grow and thanks to all these people: We have lawn care and someone to fix things. We have a leader for our men's group (at least volunteers). We have people who grade math, English and spelling. We also want to give a special thanks to everyone who supports our school financially. They've helped pay for tuition, so many more kids can go to this school.

Field Trip to the Police Station!

By: Aimee (8th), Allison (6th) and Ella (8th)

We toured with the newest sergeant! We went to the City Hall/Police Department. The sheriff works for the county, and sergeant works for the city (in this case city of Sequim) They do not have a jail, but they have a temporary confinement. We even got to see the evidence room that includes knives, guns, clothing, fingerprints etc. They have files for all the cases, and they usually get at least one case a day! They have a canine handler. They have special containment, especially for juveniles. We got to see holding cells, offices, the break room, interrogation rooms, etc. They have special section in the cars that hold prisoners and the cars with evidence. Of



course, there were things that were classified, so we could not know. They did show us where they did taser training. They have around twenty police cars and they have around ten volunteer cars. So, they have around 30 cars total!

Question: How do you think a trip to the police department can help us get more education on the police force (dispatchers, etc.) Sergeant, "It shows people that police are just people. It shows people that they are just here to help people. We want everyone to know we are here for them and not scary."

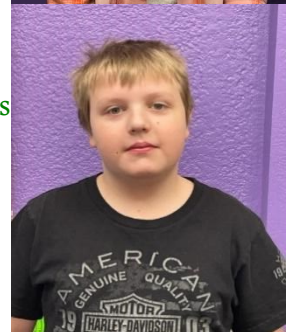
Introducing the 5th Grade

By: Elsie (4th), Jasmin (7th), Keaton (3rd), Silas (6th), Skyler (4th)

Name: Elora Wilson
 Favorite book: Ground Zero
 Favorite subject: Writing
 Favorite drink: Mint Kombucha
 Favorite video game: Skyrim
 Style: Baggie clothes



Name: Max McMurray
 Favorite Snack: Dried seaweed
 Favorite Color: Red
 Favorite book: Computer Documents
 Favorite subject: Recess
 Favorite drink: Water
 Favorite video game: Flat Mine
 Style: Capybara shirts (casual)



March 2024 Church Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---|-----|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 <i>Fellowship Meal 12:30pm</i> |
| 3 | 4 <i>Elder's Meeting 6:30pm</i> | 5 <i>ACS 10am-12pm</i> | 6 <i>MOMCo Meeting 9-11:30am Prayer Meeting 6:30pm</i> | 7 <i>Adventurers & Pathfinders 6:30pm</i> | 8 | 9 <i>Shape Note Singing 3:00pm</i> |
| 10 <i>ABC Bookmobile 3:30-4:30pm</i> | 11 <i>School Board Meeting 6:30pm</i> | 12 | 13 <i>Prayer Meeting 6:30pm</i> | 14 <i>Women's Quilting Pathfinders 6:30pm</i> | 15 | 16 <i>Children's Church Fellowship Meal Adventurers</i> |
| 17 <i>Pancake Breakfast 9-11am Church Work Bee 8:30am-12pm</i> | 18 <i>Church Board Meeting 6:30pm</i> | 19 <i>ACS 10am-12pm</i> | 20 <i>MOMCo Meeting 9-11:30am Prayer Meeting 6:30pm</i> | 21 <i>Pathfinders 6:30pm</i> | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 <i>Easter Program 4:00pm</i> |
| 31 | | | | <u>Upcoming Events</u> April 1-5 PAES Spring Break April 13 Communion | | |

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