

# Holland Seventh-day Adventist Church

## NEWSLETTER



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## THE GREAT MOUNTAIN OF PRAYER

Our weekly prayer meeting, held Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, is a meaningful time of sharing, praising God, and praying. We begin by reading and discussing a selection from *Faith that Works*, a daily devotional book by Morris Venden. The March 9 reading from this book, titled “The Great Mountain of Prayer,” just might inspire you to join us this next Tuesday.

If at any time in your life you’ve heard anyone say, “I’m praying for you, and I’m going to keep on praying for you,” that’s hard to forget! I believe in the effectiveness of prayer as a great mountain to keep us from sliding to perdition. If I wanted to be lost, I’d have to forget those moments as a child when I stumbled into my father’s study at any time of the day or night and found him on his knees, and I knew at least one person he was praying for. Me!

I read about a man named Peter. Jesus had said to him, “Satan wants to have you, but I have prayed for you that your faith will not fail.” And suddenly, when

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Peter was cursing and swearing by the fire, this words came back. "I have prayed for you."

We had a long discussion in a midweek meeting one time, trying to figure out whether prayer was effective and how it worked. Finally we said, "Why don't we pray? Why don't we pray for an impossible case?" It just happened that on that day I had been to see a returned missionary who had become discouraged, come home, and given up on God, the church, and everything. He and his family were bitter, and everyone knew it. As I had left that day, the man had said, "And don't pray for us, either!" His name was heavy on my mind at that meeting that night. I mentioned his name. A number of people knew him. We agreed that we couldn't find a more impossible case. We determined that we would pray every day that month, at home, and every Wednesday night, together, for this family. The following week his house burned down. At prayer meeting, I asked, "What have you people been praying for, anyway?" We prayed again. The next week he lost some valuable piece of equipment he needed in his business. The notice came out in the newspaper. We kept praying. We didn't understand what was going on. The devil? God? Who? All we knew was that, at the end of the month, on the last Sabbath, as the worship service was beginning, into the church walked this man and his family.

We ought to do more praying. Don't you believe that? We ought to. The prayers of loved ones are a giant mountain that makes it hard for us to be lost.

*Pastor Sean*

Pastor Sean Reed

### CELEBRATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

- Randy Slikkers April 2
- Marco Homen April 2
- Joy Nanathana April 2
- Bill Spence April 5
- Chris Blood April 6
- Stephanie Hill April 6
- Elizabeth Nanathou April 6
- Leon Slikkers April 7
- Elaine Slikkers April 7
- Avagh Voss April 7
- Ken Stubbs April 8
- Pedro Garnica April 8
- Carol Parney April 9
- Jim Slater April 10
- Sene Simpson April 12
- Terry Kars April 13
- Mary Ontiveros April 15
- Harley Thorpe April 15
- Timothy Olsen April 18
- Christina Voss April 18
- Tracy Dykstra April 19
- Kendalle Shepard April 19

- Karyn Boersen April 20
- Eleanor Race April 21
- Audrey Ver Beek April 22
- Ezra Isaac-Samuel April 22
- Stephen Hug April 22
- Julie Holthof April 23
- Pierson Holthof April 24
- Zachary Wold April 24
- Bev Grimes April 25
- Heather White April 25
- Heidi Lohman April 25
- Donna Slikkers April 26
- April Wood April 26
- Ezra Ortiz April 26
- Ryu Meuangkhot April 27
- Missy (Potter) Hamberg April 28
- Tim Vander Kooi April 29
- Caleb Johnson April 29

- Mike & Lavonda Schutt April 18
- Thee & Vieng Katmanivong April 23
- Mitch & Melissa Meiste April 26

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- Ken & Patti Wilson April 2
- Bob & Barb Slikkers April 6
- Troy & Giselle Smit April 16



**HAPPY CELEBRATION!**

*If your name is missing, please call or text Allie Bartoli (616-446-4361).*

**We want to include EVERYONE!**

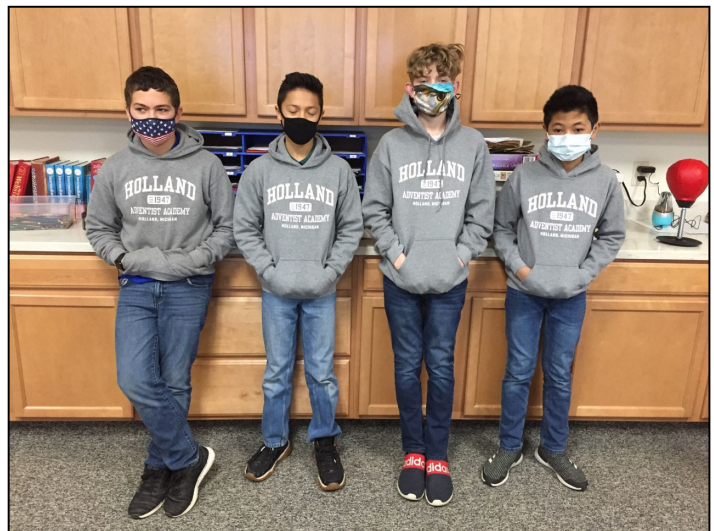


# 2020-2021 SCHOOL NEWS

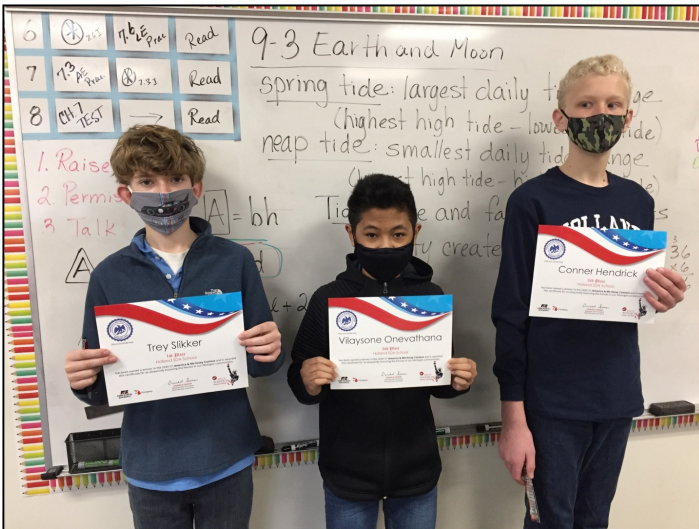


Greetings from Mrs. Gotshall's classroom! Every year the 8th-graders at our school write essays about a Michigan Hero for the America and Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The essays are evaluated off-site and assigned first, second and third place. We recently received the results — Trey placed first with an essay about his great-grandfather. Vilaysone and Conner placed second and third; respectively; both wrote about their mothers.

—Mrs. Karen Gotshall, Teacher, Grades 6-8



## HOLLAND HUSKIES PATHFINDER CLUB



Can you believe the 2020-2021 pathfinder year has almost come to an end? Despite the challenges of maintaining a club and its schedule during this tough time, the Holland Huskies Pathfinders and staff did a remarkable job. Would you expect anything less from the best club by far? Of course not.

The March 7 meeting began with a devotional by director Kelly Slikkers where each pathfinder selected a name for themselves. Then, after telling the club the list of names selected, members tried to figure out who was who. This taught the group that a person is more than just a name. Honors worked on were March and Drill and Knot Tying (see photos on the next page taken by Cindy Burns).

Above, top: Winners of essay contest: Trey, Vilasone and Conner. Above, bottom: Mrs. Gotshall's students at work. At right, top: Outside for a break! At right, bottom: No trouble here! What's next? Photos by Karen Gotshall

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# HOLLAND HUSKIES PATHFINDER CLUB

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April will be an important month for the club as both the Pathfinder Sabbath and the annual Investiture Service are on the calendar.

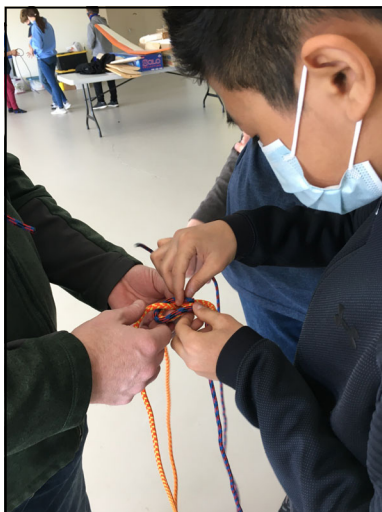
Pathfinder Sabbath will be held on Sabbath, April 17. This is the church service where the Holland Huskies do the entire service and is a requirement to obtain the honor club status at the Pathfinder Fair in May.

The Investiture Service is scheduled for the special time of 7:00p on Friday evening, April 30, and is also needed for honor club status. This service is held in conjunction with the Holland Hikers Adventurer Club where each club receives there awards and honors for the outstanding work they did during the 2020-2021 club year.

The only meeting for the club is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, at 9:30a, at the school.

As we begin to close out our year, please keep our club in your prayers. Thank you.

—Ken Stubbs, Reporter



# HOLLAND HIKERS ADVENTURER CLUB

I'm so happy for spring, aren't you? But I'm also a little sad because we only have one more month to meet until next school year. In March we enjoyed DeGraaf Nature Center walking trails with many of our church family joining us (I think I counted 39 total!). It was a short walk, but a beautiful day. We saw daffodils starting to grow, we heard red-winged blackbirds singing, we saw a hibernating frog, all while walking on some half-snow-covered trails.

Remember, our April meetings will not be the first weekend of the month, due to Easter. We will be meeting on Sabbath, April 10. Please wear dress uniforms for church (it's been a long time!) and bring a meal for your family to enjoy in the gazebo after church. Then we will get cracking on our AY classes to get everything done before Investiture. Sunday, April 11, we will start in the church and, hopefully, our weather will cooperate so that we can move our Gardening award outside. You should probably wear clothes that are okay to get dirty; if you have any small garden tools, bring those, too. Please watch for details of our Investiture Service on April 30 in the bulletin.

One more item to plan ahead for is Adventurer Fun Day. Unfortunately, we will not have access to GLAA facilities in April, so it has been moved to Camp Au Sable on May 23. That is a long way to travel for just one day, so they have opened up the NorthWoods (primitive) camping area for Adventurers to use for the weekend. Several of us are planning to enjoy the weekend camping there, but I need to know as soon as possible if you would like to go, too.

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## HOLLAND HIKERS ADVENTURER CLUB

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There is a small fee, and we can either plan meals together or plan meals as families. It is outdoor camping, so you will need a tent or a camper, but it is so wonderful to be able to enjoy our beautiful Camp. We really hope you can join us!

Please keep reading, keep praying, keep asking and listening for God's guidance as we teach the children and watch for His soon return.

Blessings,

—Paula Olsen, Director  
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# VESPERS

[noun] an evening prayer service

## VESPERS NEWS

Thanks to the work of Dennis Hill, chairman of the Vespers Committee, vespers is, once again, a program scheduled for Sabbath evening at our church.

The vespers schedule for the months of April and May is as follows:

**April 10 will feature a nature video**, hosted by Peter Schriemer, entitled “Wilderness Discoveries.” Come and relax. See what beautiful scenes God has given us to enjoy.

**April 24 is when our favorite violinist, Jaime Jorge, will be featured on a DVD called “Live.”** This will be Part 1 (of two parts) and will have not only Jaime but other top musicians performing with him. Although Jaime will not be here in person, you still can sit back, close your eyes, and experience some of the best violin concert pieces played by a master violinist.

**May 2 picks up with Part 2 of Jaime’s DVD**, just where the last DVD left off, and will add to the wonderful feeling you encountered with Part 1 on April 24.

**May 22 is a concert you won’t want to miss! The King’s Heralds Quartet will be**



**here!** so be sure to invite your family and friends, neighbors and coworkers. The tight harmony blend of gospel hymns and favorite songs, familiar and new, will encourage and inspire you. The quartet includes members: Don Scroggs (tenor), our very favorite vocalist Mark Ringwelski (lead/second tenor and former church member), John Watkins (baritone) and Jeff Pearles (bass). See you there!

*Check the church bulletin and email updates for times.  
And thanks, Dennis, for putting vespers back on the calendar again.*



Reviewing the Adventurers Pledge and Law. Photos by Adventurer staff.

# Women's Ministry

## PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!

**QUILTING GUILD** — Tuesdays, April 6 and 20, at 9:30a, in the church board room (stay as long as you like). We continue to make quilts to donate to Resilience (f/k/a Women in Transition) and also keep some quilts to give to church members with serious medical issues. We welcome anyone willing to help with this outreach project.



**NOTE** — Due to COVID-19, our plans can quickly change. If you have any questions about this outreach or whether we are meeting on XX date, please call Bev Grimes ([616-928-4320](tel:616-928-4320)).

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT 2021, "WARRIOR NOT WORRIER"** — Friday through Sunday, April 16-18. The retreat will be livestreamed this year. To register and/or get more information, contact the Women's Ministries office, 8:00a-5:30p on Mondays and Tuesdays, by calling [517-316-1500](tel:517-316-1500).



Small groups of singles have been meeting to keep each other held up in prayer, community and support during this difficult COVID time. We've been staying in touch with those who haven't been able to get to church as well.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

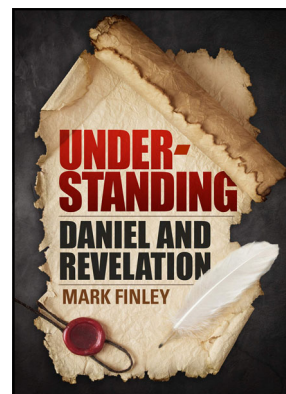
- April 4** — Easter gift bags for the food truck children.
- Thursdays Small Group** — We have just three more studies so come join us. Three formats of the book can be found on [www.ellenwhiteaudio.org](http://www.ellenwhiteaudio.org).
- April 24** — **Grab N Go Luncheon, 12:30p at Kollen Park.** Menu: Sandwiches and your favorite side dishes. Bring a chair, and enjoy friends and a relaxing walk.



## PACIFIC PRESS AMBASSADOR

The twenty-first century could be dubbed as "The Era of Uncertainty." Few periods in earth's history are as uncertain as the present one. In contrast, the prophetic revelations of the Daniel and Revelation are filled with hope for honest-hearted people seeking to understand these troubling times.

The Books of Daniel and Revelation are more than historical dates and facts — much more. From beginning to end, they show the hand of God in human affairs and portray Jesus Christ as the answer to the problems and challenges each one of us face. The more we learn about the prophecies of Scripture, the better we will understand our place in earth's history and our role in these last days.



This book, *Understanding Daniel and Revelation*, written by former speaker/director of It Is Written, Mark Finley, is a comprehensive introduction to these two prophetic books, drawn from four decades of Elder Finley's study of God's Word. As you read these pages, you will be drawn nearer to Jesus Christ, the Author and Center of all prophecy.

To obtain a copy of *Understanding Daniel and Revelation*, a 416 page hardback for \$22.49 instead of the regular price of \$29.99, go to [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com), and don't forget our church code of 44090 or contact Ken Stubbs before the end of April.



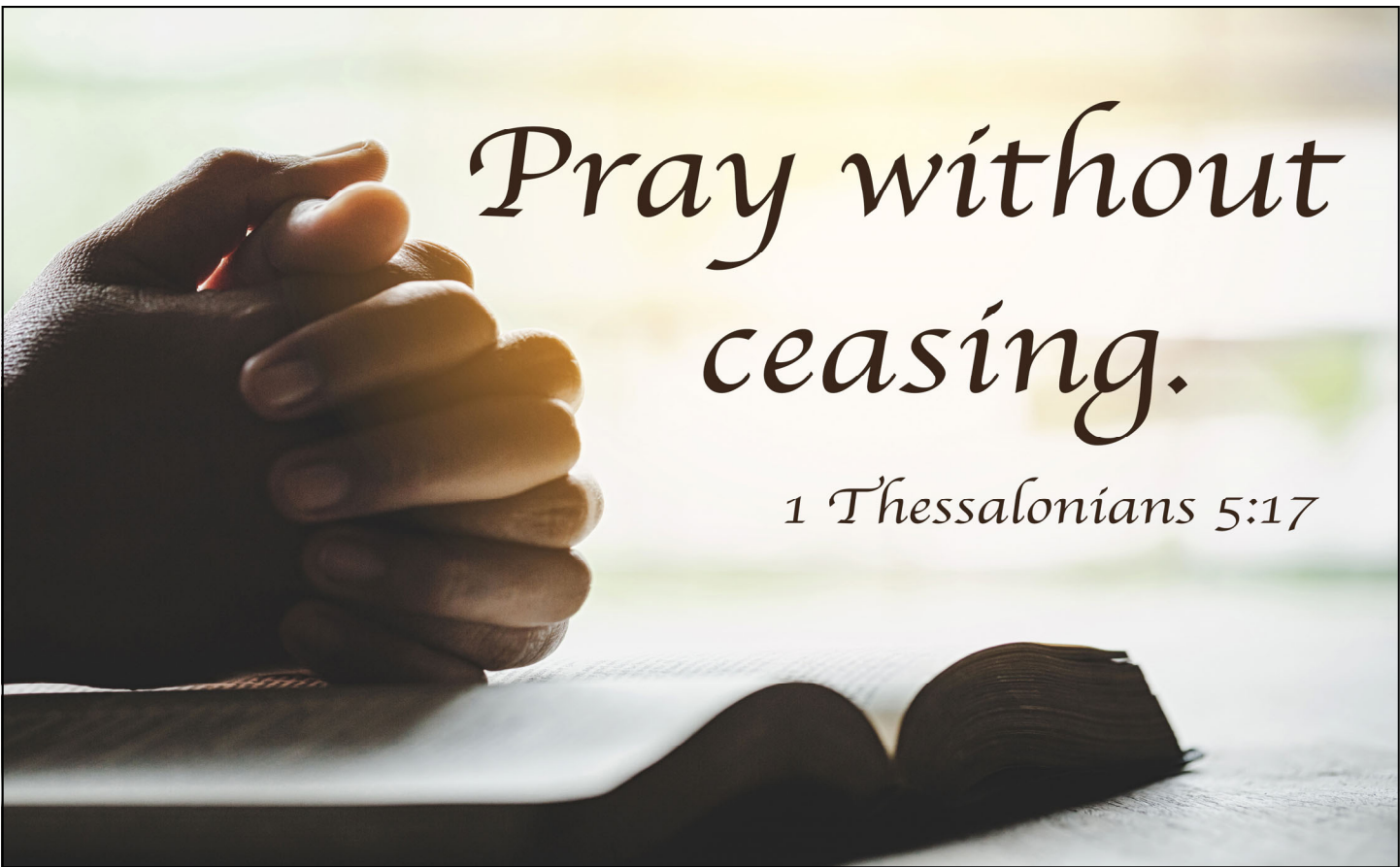
## UPDATE

The adult singles ministry as been active. We've been missing YOU and hope you will drop in soon. Here's what we've been up to:

**Valentine's Day** — Some of our sisters got together and made homemade goodie valentine baskets and delivered to those attending singles functions.

**Small group on Zoom, 7:00p on Thursdays** — We started a brand new book, *Lessons on Faith*, by A.T. Jones. Those attending have been blessed with deepening our perspective of faith, grace and salvation. Contact the leader if you would like a link to Zoom.

**March Birthdays** — We took flowers and a gift to our sister, Eleanor. This month's luncheon celebrated Randy Peifer as the man of the hour. The sisters made high quality protein dishes to support his current dietary needs. We also made a special home-crafted gift.



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