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EAST SALEM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
CHURCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR CHAD

Greetings to my church family!

It has been so good getting to know a lot of you these past few months! I do have to admit, it's a lot harder figuring out who some of you are behind those masks. But, I do have to say you all have some beautiful eyes! OK, really, I'm looking forward to the day when we can all dispense with the face coverings and really meet face-to-face. But for now, we will continue to do our part in helping to protect our community.

Most of you have taken advantage of our "Church Under the Trees" worship format for the past couple of months. It has been a huge blessing to worship together rather than simply watching on a screen. God has truly blessed us with some incredible weather and a comfortable space to setup our chairs. He deserves a huge shout out for His goodness. Additionally, we need to express our gratitude to our production teams, parking lot attendants, and all of those who have worked tirelessly to put together our worship service each week. It's not as simple as flipping a switch. There is a ton of work that goes into each weekly service. So, if you've helped with any of it, thank you for serving! And for those of us who get the blessing of their hard work, when you are here, make sure to give them a big thank you in person. They certainly deserve it.

Of course, this weather pattern will only last so long, as our soggy Oregon autumn and winter months will return faster than we'd like to admit. This leads to the question: What will we do for our worship time together when we can no longer meet outside? It's been on my mind a lot lately. Though we don't have firm plans to share with you at this moment, stay-tuned. We are working very hard towards moving our worship time back indoors beginning October 3. Unfortunately, due to the logistics, rules, and regulations, we cannot move our worship services back into the church. I too wish it were possible, but it isn't. However, it has given us a new opportunity.

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WELCOME

to our
Newest Members

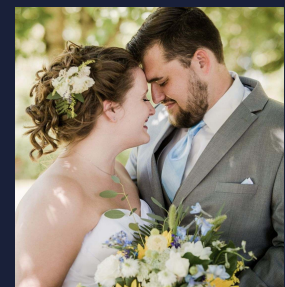
Pastor Chad, Michelle, Nathan,
and Megan Reisig

CONGRATULATIONS

Baptisms

Jovie Ofisa

Wedding



Braden & Hannah
Larson



*For where two
or three gather
in my name,
there am I
with them.*

Matthew 18:20

CHURCH UNDER THE TREES

June 27th we kicked off the first drive-in service at East with 74 cars and 180 people in attendance. What a wonderful way to welcome our new Pastor.

With the heat of summer, our drive-in service became *Church Under the Trees*. *Church Under the Trees* is coming to a halt with the fall weather soon to be making its appearance.

We are now transitioning back into online service. As of October 3rd, members of East will be hosting House Churches in which church families can get together and watch the pre-recorded service together, socialize, and have discussion/study after the service.

We want to say thank you to the many people who help make *Church Under the Trees* a very special and exciting new event here at East. We have the people you see: parking attendants, Elders welcoming you, praise teams, and of course the pastors. But also necessary individuals you don't see who make everything happen: audio/visual, camera operators, the tech team and more.

Join us September the 26th at 11:00am for our last *Church Under the Trees*! Bring your chairs or blankets and worship with us.

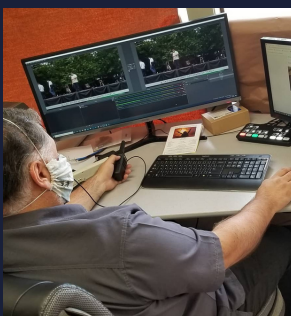
As per State of Oregon regulations, please remember that masks are mandatory for anyone 3 years of age or older, when inside the church building or on church property and within 6 feet of another person not in your immediate household family. If you have a medical reason for not wearing a mask or you just prefer to not wear your mask, we ask that you stay home and watch the live-stream.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Media Ministry Evangelism

Media Ministry Evangelism is a new ministry here at East which is for outreach via social media, YouTube, iTunes, etc. These funds are used for purchasing equipment for this ministry.

To donate to this ministry, just mark your Tithe Envelope: "Media Ministry".



Sabbath School Options

Family Life Sabbath School

Family Life Sabbath School will be meeting in September in the lower parking lot at East from 9:45 - 10:40 am. Contact Duane Chrowl with future meeting locations or with any questions 503-507-5428.



Children's Sabbath School

Check out East's website, eastsalemchurch.org, every week for links to Children's Sabbath School offered by the Oregon Conference at eastsalemchurch.org. On the church website go to Ministries, Children's Ministries, and click on Weekly Sabbath School Links.



Adult Sabbath School

Adult Sabbath School studying the Acts of the Apostles meets virtually from 9:30 - 10:40 am every Sabbath. Join us in a historical, cultural, linguist, contextual study of the book of Acts. Contact Gene Starr at beachcomberzen@hotmail.com or 541-660-4327 for more information.

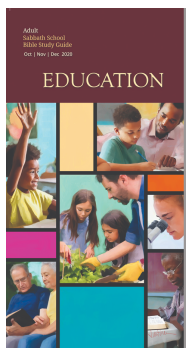


More Adult Sabbath School's from the Conference Office



You can find even more options for Adult Sabbath School by going to our website and clicking on Ministries and Adult Ministries.

Quarterlies "Education"



Sabbath School Quarterlies for the 4th quarter are now available. You can get your quarterlies in several ways: you can pick one up after Sabbath service, the literature rack outside the front doors of the church, or let Debbie know and she will see you get it by delivery or mail.

Quarterlies are also available online through the General Conference website at: absg.adventist.org.

Large print quarterlies are available to those who request them. We have just a couple available for this coming quarter. If you would like one for the next quarter, just contact Kimberly Watts, our Periodical Secretary. These are free to members of East.

Also, available are the Ellen G. White Notes. For \$4.14 you can get a copy of these quarterlies also. Just contact Kimberly and she will order one for you for the next quarter.

You can contact your Periodical Secretary Kimberly Watts at: 503-931-0945 or tk4watts@yahoo.com

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The early believers of the New Testament church didn't meet in large sanctuaries and facilities. They met in small groups, in one another's homes. This afforded some much-needed fellowship, friendship, and an opportunity to grow closer to each other as the family of God.

In fact, many credit this system of worship with helping the early church to experience both explosive numeric and spiritual growth. Indeed, when we read through the book of Acts, we see people added to the church daily. As we are a biblically based faith, this is our opportunity to go back to the beginning of our roots. It's an opportunity to experience how powerful small group meetings can be.

Of course, this will mean that many will need to open their homes for Sabbath meetings. And, in the era of COVID-19, this is not a simple ask. Group sizes will need to be limited and safety precautions taken. However, this will be a huge blessing. I'll be sharing the model for this type of ministry with you all shortly. In the meantime, please pray for all of this.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has made our transition here to East Salem a huge blessing. The notes, cards, emails, social media messages, and everything in-between, have been so helpful in encouraging us and making the Reisig family feel loved. You have surrounded us as family, and it has been invaluable to us.

Pastor Chad

Events Happening at East

Friday Evening Virtual Communion

Join us Friday, September 18th for our Virtual Friday evening Communion. We have individual pre-filled communion cup sets with wafer and juice available (*gluten-free wafers also available upon request*). You can pick up your communion cup sets at East this Thursday, September 16th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Communion will be live-streamed at 7:30pm at: www.youtube.com/user/eastsalemchurch



Homeless Ministry

Homeless Ministry serves the homeless at The Arches (615 Commercial St NE) every Sunday evening starting at 5:30 pm. We feed about 100 people every week and this ministry relies on direct donation for their monthly expenses, about \$800. If you would like to donate to this ministry, mark your Tithe Envelope "Homeless Ministry".

If you have any questions or would like to help with this ministry, contact Kevin Grey at 503-990-3874.

Growing in Grace Taking a Break

Growing in Grace is taking a break for awhile. Pastor Lee Larson who leads this Ministry had open heart surgery Friday, September 11th. Please keep Pastor Lee in your prayers. We will let you know when Growing in Grace continues.



20 Questions with Pastor Chad

In October, Pastor Kari is going to be hosting a podcast called "Get to Know Pastor Chad". The 20 questions will come from you the family of East. Email the questions you would like answered to Debbie at the church, secretary@eastsalemchurch.org and we will pick the best of the best.



2nd Annual THOUGHTS OF THANKFULNESS

This will be our 2nd year we are asking the church family to tell us what you are Thankful for this year. You can thank family, friends, groups, health, whatever or whomever you wish to thank. These "Thoughts of Thankfulness" will appear in the church bulletin and on social media the last two weeks in November.

This year we would like your "Thoughts of Thankfulness" to be videos or text. Just put together a short video or message and send in to Debbie at secretary@eastsalemchurch.org.

We look forward to seeing your "Thoughts of Thankfulness".



Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Singles Ministry

Singles,

I hope that each of you have had a chance to get out and enjoy the summer weather and some activities.



Recently, while watching a group of young women who have known each other since early grade school plan a weekend get-away, a bystander asked how they managed to remain friends so long. One of the young women overheard the question and replied. We've known each other almost 20 years and our friendship is intentional. We work and plan to stay connected. Yes, we drift in and out of each other's lives, and our friendships get a bit rocky at times, but we make sure to stay in touch.

Friends, now is one of those rocky times, so reach out to someone you haven't heard from recently and just say Hi or I'm thinking of you.

Have a super rest of the summer and many blessings!

Miriam Peters

See you later...

Dear Church Family,

I can hardly believe that it has been over five years since our family moved to Salem from the Island of St. Kitts. We had no idea about the blessings that would be in store for us here; we arrived only knowing one family.

As we reflect on our life here at East Salem, we realize that our cup overflows. We have great friends, a church who is like family, and a school that our daughter has thrived in. We have been truly blessed with an incredible community.

2020 has been an unpredictable year with so many changes in life, and it is no different for our family. We have been praying about finding a dental practice to purchase and call our own. Praise God, He has answered our prayer! He has given us an amazing opportunity in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It is hard to leave the community we love, but we are excited to follow God's calling.

Yuki and I have enjoyed our time being involved in various ministries and we will cherish the memories. We will be praying for you and know that God will continue to do mighty things.

As the church forges through a very different ministry landscape, please remember this promise:

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8

We have been claiming this promise as we have taken steps toward this transition in our lives. From selling our house to finding a new home in Tennessee, it is clear that God has already gone before us to prepare the way. I know that He is doing the same for East as you minister to each other and the community.

Let us know if you are ever in the Chattanooga area, we would love to see you.

Thank you for the difference you have made in our lives! **Michael DuVall and Family**



Pathfinders

The Pathfinders are continuing to hold in-person club meetings while being COVID responsible. Entering our third month with the new schedule, the club is seeing additional guests that are able to attend. Pathfinders are now meeting the first or second Sabbath of every month and the third and fourth Wednesday of every month. The new schedule allows the club to provide different schedule options for different families.

In July kids earned the "Seeds" honor and in August kids earned the "Camp Craft" honor, and the "Camp Skills 1" honor.

The Pathfinders would also like to thank the church and the conference for your generous support of our fundraising efforts! Through the yard sale, camp meeting fundraisers and can/bottle deposits, the Pathfinders were able to raise \$10k. Considering everything going on in the world, this is truly a miracle. Thank you all for your continued support of your East Salem Pathfinders. As a thank you to the church, the Pathfinder club has donated five picnic tables for the church to use while we are having this nice weather.

The East Salem Pathfinders has also opened up their own Instagram account to use to share events and happenings at the club. We feel that the Wildcats should be an outreach and we are using this account to reach out to the local community. If you are on Instagram, please follow us: @pathfinders_eastsalemwildcats.

Over the next couple of months we plan to continue to hold club meetings. As sundown gets earlier, we have plans to continue hosting club meetings in the lawn with rain cover. While the club can't go camping right now, the plans we have should provide a similar environment twice a month. I know the staff and kids are really looking forward to our club meetings in the fall.

Please continue to keep your pathfinders in your prayers as we continue to show our kids the love of Jesus and how to grow in a relationship with him.

Nick Stephenson

Evangelism Series

October 9 - 18

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MaxLife Events has put together a series called ***Unchained: Hope and Healing from Addiction*** which will be coming to East October 9-18.

This is a series with ten inspirational presentations and conversations designed to help people recover from addiction and reach their fullest potential in life. Each of the 10 sessions features an 18-minutes presentation by author, speaker, and recovering addict Richie Halversen, followed by an interview with a guest who has overcome a specific addiction. Each live presentation in this series also includes a Q&A time with Richie and his guest.

Watch the bulletin and your inbox for more details on registering for this amazing event.

Check out additional events and podcasts at:

<https://maxlifeevents.com/>



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Time changes November 1st, don't forget to set you clocks back 1-hour before bed on October 31st.

Capital Improvement

Update from Dave Cutz

It has been nearly six months since we have been able to attend church in the sanctuary, yet life goes on!

As you know we had to replace 7 furnaces and 2 air-conditioning units. We could not have picked a better time to have this take place, since we have had a few challenges with the installation.

Now that the new heating and air-conditioning system is installed and running quite well. Our next project will be to install an air circulation system in the sanctuary. The circulation system will control proper air movement so as to adequately maintain proper atmospheric condition for the church organ.

When the church was constructed many years ago, there was a ventilation system put in to keep the air moving and away from the organ pipes. This system is not working well, so this next project we are looking at should take care of the trapped hot air in the sanctuary keeping the cooler air running through the organ pipes. This project will install a thermostat control venting system up near the top of the sanctuary and behind the organ, this would pull cooler air across the organ pipes.

The gate to the upper parking lot is now locked.

Additional projects that we have on our radar are: removal of the rock wall on the front of the church, repairing the bug/dry rot damaged structure, and painting the outside of the church.

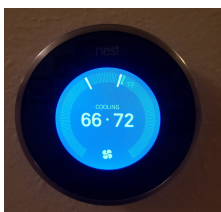
I would like to lift-up all the people who have taken an interest in caring for our church and church grounds! Because we have such a limited time at the church lately, you may not have noticed, but these people who are working all over the church grounds are making a real difference in the beauty of our Father's house.

Thank you all!!

Furnace Units Fundraising

We have now completed the replacement of the 7 furnaces and 2 air conditioning units. Total cost for these much needed replacements was \$51,060. We still need funds to help with this cost. Thank you to everyone who has donated and to the 16 families who have committed to \$100 a month for 1 year.

We are almost there. If you can help with this expense just mark your Title Envelope "Furnace Units".



Looking forward to "God's Tomorrow"



Donald (Don) E. Palmer, 86, passed away at home with his family on 8-30-20. Don was born 12-17-33 to Lawrence and Grace Palmer at Brainerd, Minnesota. He attended school in Minnesota until 1942 when the family moved to Gladstone, Oregon to do defense work in the Portland area. Then back to Minnesota to take care of storm damage to the farm. In 1945 his father had a heart attack. In 1947 they moved to Caldwell, Idaho, for Don and his brother Glen to attend Gem State Academy and work at school while their father worked on their small farm nearby. Don graduated 1951.

While in Idaho, he met Helen Thrush and they were married at Reith, Oregon on June 25, 1953. Don worked at sawmills in Pilot Rock and Pendleton, Oregon. In 1954 daughter Connie was born. They moved to Salem, Oregon in 1956 and second daughter Karen was born. Don and his brother Glen operated a gas station in West Salem, and Don and Helen operated Riverside Trailer Court. Don worked for the state hospital, then for Boeing in Seattle for a while, then back to Salem, Oregon and the state hospital again. He worked in Corvallis, in a training center for the handicapped, then in Salem at Fairview Training Center as a manual-arts instructor.

He was a charter member of the East Salem Seventh-day Adventist Church in May 1961. Over the years he was very active in the church in many positions, also with the youth Pathfinder Club with boys and girls. He was Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventist District 3 Coordinator for the Pathfinder Clubs.

In 1965, his son Don Jr. was born in Salem. Don enjoyed traveling with family, camping at the coast and the mountains, church activities, going to car races, and watching races on TV.

Don is survived by his wife Helen of 67 years and children: Connie Heinrich (Jim) of Tolstoy, South Dakota, Karen Kiele (Jan Eric) of Chugiak, Alaska, Don Jr. of Salem, Oregon. Also by: Sister-in-law Lou Palmer of Washington, step brothers John Perrine (Irene) of Texas, Wayne Perrine of Oregon, step sisters Mary Coleman of Texas, and Ellen Perrine of Washington. 9 grandchildren: Gabrielle, Sabrina, and Brietta Kiele of Fairbanks, Alaska, Janice Heinrich of Lincoln, Nebraska, Sarah Timothy (Zach) of Carmichael, California, Amanda Snyder (Jesse) of Salem, Oregon, Andrew Palmer (Noreen) Portland, Oregon, Anthony Palmer (Maria) of San Antonio, Texas, and Angela Johnson-Kiele (Scott) of Chugiak, Alaska. And 6 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Those preceding him by death are father Lawrence Palmer, Mother Grace Perrine, brother Glen Palmer in January 2020, step brother David Perrine, and step sister Dorothy Brunt.

Don will be greatly missed by family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on 3:00 pm Monday, September 21st at East. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the church in Don's honor. The service will be livestreamed, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/bskL2qKumvk>



Wayne Amende went to sleep in Jesus on August 1, 2020. His wife Billie and their family held a Celebration of Life on September 13th at East. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you consider donating to Livingstone Foundation 4 Education in Wayne's name. If you were unable to attend the service in person, here is the link for the service: <https://youtu.be/4dl7VD7vGAs>

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Hope Eternal



Our father, **Don Trout**, was born to Louis & Esther Trout in Lamar, Missouri, the eldest of 3 children. The family, seeking an easier life, moved to the West Coast finally settling in Silverton, Oregon where he met his wife of 68 years, Arlene. Upon graduation from Silverton High School, dad worked in a local lumber mill. Wanting more, he soon landed a job with the Department of Transportation for the State of Oregon. He retired after thirty years in the National Guard; enlisting as a private he worked hard to move his way up through the ranks to retire as a Captain.

Dad was a member of the East Salem Seventh-day Adventist Church. As an active member he took pride in leading the Pathfinder Youth Program for many years. He also enjoyed volunteering in the Community Service Center and served as a church Elder.

Dad loved camping and over the years he owned many RV's. After retiring, he and mom hit the road to complete his goal of visiting all 50 states. They were able to enjoy many years of traveling, some alone and some with the dear friends they made as members of the "Friendly Squares" square dancers in Salem.

After selling their last RV, they spent many happy days relaxing on the Oregon Coast where they enjoyed looking out over the ocean.

Later on in life dad discovered wood working. He loved to create works of art with his scroll saw and filled the house with some amazing pieces we will treasure.

To the very end dad was a thorough planner approaching everything with an array of amazing organizational skills. He was often quiet yet had a great sense of humor and from time-to-time even liked to play practical jokes on the unsuspecting.

Dad lived his life planning for the future. He believed in family and held tight to his faith. He was always about helping those in need. His greatest love, next to mom, was his kids, grand kids, and great grand kids. He loved keeping up with them and spent as much time with them as he could.

Dad leaves behind our mother, Arlene, children Larry Trout (Barb), Sue Hunger (Ken), Donna Keightley (Dan), Charlene McLain (Don), 8 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. As well as, his little sister, Wava Davis. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and younger brother Gail.

Memorial Services were held on Monday, September 14th and assisting the family was Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service. If you were unable to attend the service, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/0cb05bp9mRs>.

We are so grateful to have shared his last hours with him. It's what he always wanted, family by his side as he left this life.

You are dearly loved and we will miss you Dad, until we meet again.

And Dad, 'don't worry', we will take care of momma...



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 1 John 5:14 NIV

Continue to pray for Livingstone Adventist Academy, Robertson family, Kathleen Walter, Cheryl Young, Marie Cook, May Christensen, Darlene Fisher, Bill Fisher Jr, Rhonda Patrick, Billie Amende & Family, Helen Palmer & family, Pastor Lee Larson, Pastor Rick Casebier & family, and Arlene Trout & family.

We need to lift up in prayer the families who had to evacuate and/or lost their homes due the wildfires not only in Oregon, but the entire West Coast. And to the first responders, fire fighters, EMT's, and all the men and women out there fighting the fires.

Do you have prayer requests? Email our Prayer Chain Coordinator Cheryl Young at: prayers@eastsaalemchurch.org.





LIVINGSTONE Adventist Academy

Dear East Salem Church Members,

Livingstone Adventist Academy is busily preparing itself for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. We are overjoyed to say that we have received over 30 new student applicants. It appears that word is finally getting about the great things happening at Livingstone. Please pray that God will send us the funding necessary to allow each and everyone of these dear children to be able to attend. If you are impressed to donate to this cause to help send a

child who wants to come but may not be able to because of a lack of finances, please contact our Business Manager, Eugene Starr at 503 363-9408, estarr@laaonline.org.

Livingstone is still accepting applications for all grade levels.

We continue to see interest from new families who are just discovering us or looking for a better christian educational opportunity for their children.

Over the summer, great progress was made on installing a soccer field. We now have a beautiful field of grass growing complete with an automated watering system. Also, we are excited that our gymnasium weight room has a universal weight lifting system ready for student use. We can't wait for our students to see and begin using these new additions to our school.

Livingstone's first day of school began September 1st. While we were planning on in-person instruction, we are required to abide by new state Covid-19 metrics which include cases per 100,000 as well as percentage of individuals testing positive for Covid-19 in Marion county. Marion county numbers are dropping so we are hopeful we can offer in-person instruction soon. If required to provide virtual or distance learning, Livingstone will be sure to provide the best around with continued high expectations for student learning. We know that several families have students or family members that may be at risk for the virus and therefore we will also be offering distance learning for those individuals once in-person instruction begins.

We are excited to introduce to you several new staff members to LAA. Stacey Perry was hired to teach preschool and kindergarten. Stacey previously taught pre-school at LAA some years ago and did a great job. We are excited to see Stacey return to us and look forward to seeing the talents unfold that she brings with her.

Laura Bolden was hired to teach 7th/8th grades. Laura comes to us from Emerald Adventist School in Eugene, Oregon where she has been teaching middle school students for the last several years. Students and parents who know her have nothing but great things to say about her and we look forward to the passion and energy she will no doubt bring to our school.

During these uncertain times, has there been a more important time for our children to learn about God and grow a relationship with him? We at Livingstone are committed to offering a caring christian environment where the emphasis will be placed on knowing God, seeking wisdom and serving others.

We pray that LAA is a beacon of light for our community children to come and know Christ. If you know of a child that you believe needs to be in a caring christian school environment, please take the time to help them find us.

Jesus is coming soon, let's make sure our children are ready to meet him.

Sincerely,

George Personius

Principal, Livingstone Adventist Academy