

KINDRED SPIRITS

EAST SALEM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
CHURCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard on our land. Song of Songs 2:12

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR CHAD

Greetings to my East Salem family!

What a blessing it has been to experience in-person worship once again! The joy of fellowship, music, singing, laughing, and just being together can't really be matched. To me, it's a small taste of Heaven. It's also, finally, an opportunity to meet many of you face-to-face.

Of course, we all look forward to the day when we won't need to worry about things such as "social distancing" or wearing some sort of face covering. But at least we can see it as a possibility, whereas only a few months ago it seemed so far away. We also look forward to having our entire church family back in worship once again - especially for those who are high risk and have been absent for far too long. We love you and can't wait to see you again. Know that you are in our prayers.

Moving forward in 2021, we will be adding back our children's programming, ramping up our community outreach, spawning new small groups, launching a brand-new media ministry, and basically going big for God. Hold on, its going to be a really amazing ride!

Of course, this all only happens with the generosity of our church family. We need you. We need you to take ownership of the ministries of this church by actively participating in its ministries. Together, we grow, we move, we make an impact on behalf of the Kingdom of God. It takes us all doing our part to really be the church God has called us to be. Therefore, you will be receiving a survey in your email inbox in the coming days which will give you the opportunity to prayerfully respond to where you feel God is calling you to help in the coming year. This survey data will be used by our nominating committee to help inform them of where God is already working, and provide them with valuable information about the workforce of members God is assembling for the ministry year(s) ahead.

I'm excited for the future of our East Salem church. I'm excited to be your pastor. I'm excited to see what positive impacts we can make for the Kingdom in Salem. I hope you are too.

Pastor Chad



WELCOME

to our
Newest Members

Annette Seibert



Ice Storm February 13, 2021



Remembering

On February 12th, the forewarned ice storm came to the Pacific Northwest. Some of us were "awoken to what sounded like a war zone" one of the members of East stated because of the tree limbs falling on their roof throughout the night. Some of us woke to no power. Almost all of us woke to damage to trees on our property.

We heard stories from members and saw pictures on Facebook of damage they either had on their property or neighboring properties. We also heard many stories of our members reaching out and helping others. They were not only assisting other members, but non-members, and people they didn't know prior to the storm.

***Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
Philippians 2:4***

The property at East was no different with tree limbs down everywhere. Trees split in half, even our beautiful willow tree in the back lot broke in half. Gordon Johnson, who oversees the church grounds, said we would have to remove several trees.

Monday morning with thousands of people in the Salem area still without power, praise God the church's power had been restored. So Pastor Chad opened up the church for people to come to for warmth, food, water, and internet. God is Good!

Tuesday morning we had a crew of men showed up with pruners, loppers, and chainsaws. They came! They cut! They pruned! They removed brush! They made a huge pile for clean-up later. They also cut some for firewood to be delivered to people in need.

During the following weeks, the trees were continued to be cut. Some were able to be saved and some were not.

Through it all we thank God we had not heard of anyone injured. Everyone seems to have their power restored. Few still have no internet. The debris is still being removed all over the Salem area.

Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. Matthew 8:26

Sabbath School Options

Adult Quarterly Sabbath School

Join Jerry Magee for this Adult Sabbath School as he leads the are study of the Adult Quarterly "Isaiah". This class is held in the Chapel and begins at 10:00AM, ending around 10:45AM.



Come join us in the Chapel every Sabbath. As with all of our church programming right now, face coverings and social distancing will be necessary.

Family Life Sabbath School

In the Family Life Sabbath School class, we do part sharing our Christian walk and part Bible study. The Bible study topic: The Science of Salvation is a practical application from parables to prophecy.



This class meets every Sabbath morning in the Fellowship Hall starting at 10:00AM. All are welcome!

Children's Sabbath School

East has people working on putting together a hybrid version of the Children's Sabbath School. This will incorporate all age levels. Keep an eye on your inbox and the church bulletin for more information.

We need an idea of how many children and what ages would be interested in attending, just email Debbie with this information.



Adult Sabbath School

This is an Adult Sabbath School class studying the book of Romans. We are studying the letter which Paul wrote to the early Christian church in Rome using historical, cultural, and linguist study tools. We study contextually Paul's teaching of Christ's ministry to all nations.

We meet virtually from 9:30AM - 10:45AM every Sabbath. Contact Gene Starr for more information at: 541-660-4327 or beachcomberzen@hotmail.com.



High School Girl's Sabbath School

We have a Sabbath school available for High School Girl's which meet during the week. If you are a High School girl and would like to become part of this class, email Debbie at the church and she will put you in touch with the leader of this class



Online 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.

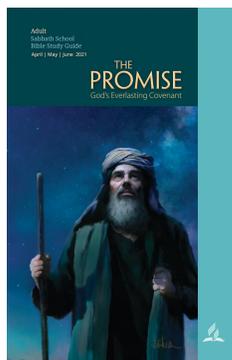


Quarterlies "The Promise: God's Everlasting Covenant"

Sabbath School Quarterlies for the 2nd quarter of 2021 are now available. You can get your quarterlies in several ways: you can pick one up after Sabbath service, during church office hours, or contact Debbie and she will see one is delivered to you.

Quarterlies are also available online through the General Conference website at:

<https://absq.adventist.org>



Large print quarterlies are available for 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 Debbie at the church. These are free to members of East.

Also, available are the Ellen G. White Notes, helps to the quarterly, for \$4.45. Just contact Debbie and she will order one for you for the next quarter.

Ministry Updates

Singles Ministry



I woke up this morning to the sun shining and bird song in the air, looking out the window the daffodils were in bloom and gently nodding their heads. The promise of spring was full in the air. I love the seasonal changes as they mark promises of a new adventures to come. As the weather improves I look forward to outings with friends and meeting new friends. As nature indicates the transition to a new season I look forward to the new seasons of life.

"By relishing in God's love for us and loving Him in return, we can replace our insecurities with His security and our perceived flaws with His acceptance. In His eyes, 'we are fearfully and wonderfully made,' a fragrance of beauty." – Cheryl Martin, 1st Class Single

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your ideas. Miriam Peters

Health Ministry



Your Health Ministry is looking for your feedback and they have 2 questions for you. Please pray, asks God's direction, and email Marc at marcbraaman@gmail.com.

- A. What would you find most useful in regards to the whole persons health (not only physical)?
- B. What would you like to be involved with in providing something to help the health of our community?

Thank you for help!

Homeless Ministry

The Homeless Ministry feeds about 100 people every Sunday at 5:30PM at The Arches on Commercial Street. We rely on direct offerings for our monthly expenses, which is about \$800. If you would like to help in either preparing food or serving, call Kevin Gray at 503-990-3874. To support this ministry just mark your Tithe Envelope "Homeless Ministry".



Women's Ministry

The past year has been unusual, with isolation and aloneness for many. The Women's Ministry has taken the time to reach out to our membership. They have sent out handwritten letters to every member with words of encouragement.

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*



House of Prayer

Connecting with God and others...



Join us for **HOUSE of PRAYER** on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Chapel. Here you can enjoy some good fellowship, connection through scripture, and prayer.

COVID Support Team

If you or anyone in your household have Covid-19, let us know. We have a Covid-19 Support Team in place, who are here to support you. Whether you need something or just want someone with whom to talk. We will respect your need for total confidentiality.

Contact Pastor Chad at chad@eastsaalemchurch.org or Debbie at secretary@eastsaalemchurch.org.



Easter Weekend



Join us for Good Friday Vespers, Friday, April 2nd at 7:00PM. It will feature music, reflection, communion, and a message of hope.

Join us both days!



Then you won't want to miss our Easter Sabbath service on Saturday, April 3rd starting at 11:00AM when 3 of our young people will be baptized. What a wonderful celebration!

Label Redemption

Did you know that each label on some of your favorite foods is worth .25 cents each to the church. To redeem your Loma Linda, Worthington, Tuno, or Kaffree Roma labels, just save your labels, cut out the UPC symbol, and bring them to the church.

Accepted food labels: Loma Linda, Worthington canned foods, Tuno, and Kaffree Roma.

No longer accepted: Morning Star, Norpac foods, Hertiage Health Foods, Worthington frozen foods, Cedar Lake, or Campbells.

We only need the UPC Symbol/Bar Code, please do not bring in the whole label.



ADDITIONAL NOTES

We no longer collect postage stamps due to the difficulty we were having in selling them online.

Livingstone Adventist Academy does collect BOX TOPS. So save all your Box Tops for our school.



Pathfinders

David speaks about how the word of God purifies and cleanses our hearts in his Psalm, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11). With all the distractions in the world these days that bombard our children, it is important that they have regular study in the word. A daily devotion can help our kids keep a regular connection with Jesus and help our kids grow in him. January club meetings were focused on how Christians should act around the dinner table, how to take care of their body and how to act around others. Using God's biblical guidelines, the older Pathfinders learned about keeping their thoughts and actions pure. Thank you Marcy and John Perry for volunteering to lead this honor! Continuing the theme of God purifying and cleansing our hearts, the Pathfinders learned about the importance of soap by making, carving and decorating their own soap. The Bible has numerous references of cleanliness, but Jeremiah 2:22 also talks about how accepting Jesus and following him is the only way we can be completely washed free from sin. Salvation cannot be realized by ourselves. It is only through Him that we are saved.

If anyone has any questions, want to learn more about volunteer opportunities, or would like more information on joining Pathfinders, please contact Nick Stephenson: 503-999-2086.



Happy Spring to everyone from Salem Adventist Community Services!

Every Monday and Tuesday morning from 10am-noon, rain or shine, we give out food boxes to people in their cars or on foot or bicycle. We never know how many to expect, but have anywhere from 6-18 families a day. It's fun to interact with new people and see familiar faces of our repeat customers. They are so appreciative of the food.

Homeless people come every week. Some live in their cars, tents, or whatever place they can find. These people sometimes ask for clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, and hygiene products which we do our best to supply. Currently, we don't allow anyone to come in to look for clothes because of the pandemic and our mostly 65+ year-old at-risk volunteers.

Our remodeling is complete except for installation of new flooring. It's looking pretty good!!! We are anxious to completely reopen again and have all our volunteers back! We miss them! The SACS Board hopes that can happen soon—summer? fall?

Donations needed:

- men's tennis shoes,
- boots,
- coats,
- blue jeans,
- sweat pants,
- cooking pots,
- shampoo



Gary Ojala delivering orders



Roxanne Stevenson taking orders



Arla Mae Gross & Joanne Chrowl working on a quilt

Thank you church family for your prayers and support!

Roxanne Stevenson, SACS Director



LIVINGSTONE Adventist Academy

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Livingstone Adventist Academy is now accepting applications for new and returning students for the 2021-22 school year. Apply now on our website at livingstone.academy, click on the appropriate buttons (New Students Apply Here or Re-Enroll Students Here). There is no enrollment fee through March 31, 2021.

Families who would like to request financial assistance in the coming school year will need to complete a financial applications through FACTS at factstuitionaid.com. There is a \$35 application fee.

Contact information:

Enrollment questions—Contact Mrs. Naylor at pnaylor@laaonline.org

Financial questions—Contact Mr. Starr at estarr@laaonline.org

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Laps for Livingstone

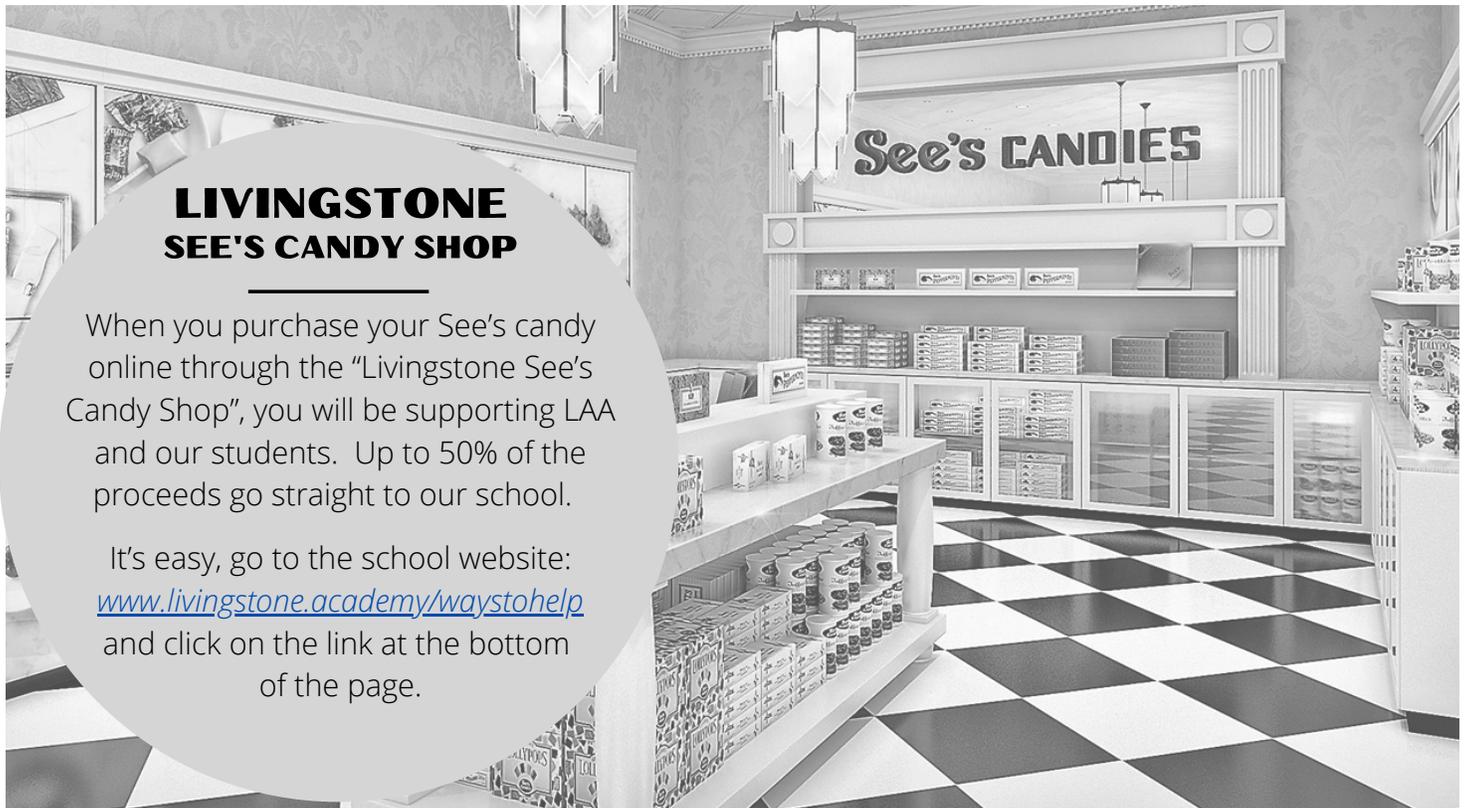
Livingstone Adventist Academy is having a
Jog-a-Thon!

Event Date: **May 14**

Students will be soliciting pledges & donations: April 23 – May 14

Proceeds will benefit the Living Legacy Fund, which provides tuition assistance to worthy students.

(Companies interested in being an event sponsor – contact the school by March 29)



LIVINGSTONE SEE'S CANDY SHOP

When you purchase your See's candy online through the "Livingstone See's Candy Shop", you will be supporting LAA and our students. Up to 50% of the proceeds go straight to our school.

It's easy, go to the school website:
www.livingstone.academy/waystohelp
and click on the link at the bottom
of the page.



LIVINGSTONE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Dear Church Family,

After close to a year's time, Livingstone Adventist Academy was able to re-open, Jan. 27, 2021 to full-time in-person instruction! We are also excited to announce that 5 new students have enrolled since this re-opening. We are now seeing an increase of interest from new students and families to consider LAA for the 2021-22 school year. We thank our church family for your prayers and financial support through this challenging Covid-19 times.

We are also happy to report that with positive shifts in Covid-19 case numbers for Marion County, our students are now able to once-again participate in outdoor soccer and in-door volleyball. We are now able to do modified day trips and offer modified versions of traditional activities such as banquets, trips and other yearly activities that students have enjoyed. Every little piece of normalcy that we allowed to bring back is fully appreciated by our students.

As we approach the last half of the 2020-21 school year, our thoughts turn to early registration for the coming 2021-22 school year. New families and students to Livingstone are encouraged to call our school office (503 363-9408) and schedule a tour appointment. During the tour is a great time to get any questions answered and receive registration information. Registration is all done on-line through Livingstone Adventist Academy's website and can be started by clicking on the "Apply now" button.

You can help Livingstone Adventist Academy continue to be a beacon of light for our community by referring new families to us who are looking for what Livingstone offers.

Again, thank you for your continued prayer and support of your school, Livingstone Adventist Academy.

Sincerely,

Mr. Personius
Principal, Livingstone Adventist Academy

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