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June Newsletter

Sequim Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter
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Congratulations! We are Proud of You!

Rodger Petroff was recognized as "honorary logger" for the 2026 Irrigation Festival on May 9. A copy of the article in the paper can be found on the bulletin board at church.



Graduate: Alisha Stout
Alisha will be graduating from Sequim High School in June. She will be attending Eastern WA University after graduating.

Larry Luke completed his 3rd Boston Marathon at the 130th anniversary of the race on April 19.



Teacher Appreciation

Our Home and School Leader, Rachel Powless, recognized our teachers on Sabbath, May 16. We truly appreciate the outstanding job they do teaching and guiding the students.



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Welcome to Our Church Family!

It is great to welcome new family members! Those joining our family this month are:

Brian & Megan Taylor on May 2



Jason & Kindle Baerg and family on May 9. Kindle Baerg became a member through Profession of Faith, expressing her affirmation in a heart-felt way.



Pathfinders

by Twyla Luke

It's hard to believe that we are wrapping up another Pathfinder Year already. As I glance back over the year it's always interesting to see how the year finished. We make loose plans as I've discovered that the phrase "The best laid plans..." With kids, flexibility is a must. Since Pathfinders has such a large age range it can be a challenge to find skills that match. Adding 50% to the time you thought you needed is almost a given! We still managed to complete a large list as a group. The following is what the group accomplished as a whole: Waterfalls, Fungi, First Aid, Camping Skills, Baking (which I'm sure took up more time than any honor we've done) Model Rockets, Pinewood Derby, Coral Reefs and Cryptography! Each Classwork also has individual honors that get completed during monthly sessions and those have included: Weather, Bible Marking, Seeds, Shrubs, Cultural Diversity, God's Messenger & Serving Communities.

Last summer we worked on the Disc Golf Honor and this summer we are looking at a couple of different activity options. Florida Conference has the Bowling honor and locally the kids can bowl for free (excludes shoe rental). We are also looking at the Lighthouse Honor and can do a couple of day trips! Funds raised from our corn dogs at the business meeting will go towards these activities!

While a lot of people try to heap the praise onto the leader (aka me) I would describe myself in the phrase of a shirt I received as a gift from one of the families "Chaos Co-ordinator". I only manage but it's the people who show up to help that truly make it work. So thank you. To all my staff, the support staff (Donna Bottgenbach for still being willing and present all these years) to the parents for entrusting us with your kids and to our church family. Your prayers and donations that invest in the youth make it all possible.

Mark your calendar for June 11th to attend our Investiture service. We will pass out our yearly awards and also have a special skit presented by several of the club members.

Adventurers

by Jay Richmond

And the 2025-2026 year comes to a close. What a great year with some wonderful kids. It made leading the group of 17 Otters such a joy with all their energy and excitement of learning.

Our last three meetings included Scavenger Hunt, Legos and Food Craft.

The Scavenger Hunt came with some special surprises as unexpected creatures showed up. (The squirrel was a big hit.) Each Otter was given a list of items to discover and collect. Sometimes that would only be a picture of the object, like our bear and whale. They then displayed some of their collection on a board.

The Lego class was taught by one of our teens, Etienne Maw. He was amazing at keeping the kids' attention as he explained Lego pieces and some of the more "boring" aspects of the award. Otters rotated between four stations: creating a creature, creating something for transportation, learning some Bible stories that mention building, and having games. It amazed me what they could create in a short amount of time.

Our last and final meeting for the year was Food Craft. It was very messy! It was all about food--dyeing bandanas with beet juice, mustard and greens; stamping with foods like peppers, apples, potatoes, corn. For snacks the Otters created something before they could eat. Kids and their imagination was a wonderful thing to watch.

Each month I have shared a few pictures of what our year has looked like. Investiture has been set for June 1. Each Otter receives their last award patches and their class pin. A slideshow of the year and refreshments are also a highlight for the event. A big thank you to all for your prayers and financial support.

For now, so long, until Adventurers return on Thursday, September 3 for 2026-2027 registration. Parents, mark your calendars! Have a wonderful summer!



Camp Meeting is Coming!

This year there will be Regional Convocations and not a Conference-wide camp meeting. The Peninsula Convocation will be Friday evening and all-day Sabbath, August 7-8. Sequim will be host for our area that includes Forks, Port Angeles, Sequim, and Port Townsend.

We are happy to announce that Pastor David Smith will be the keynote speaker.

As the event continues to unfold, here are some details to help make this Convocation a special time together. Carpooling would be helpful as we anticipate many guests. We are opening our campus for RV parking. For those interested in this, please contact the Sequim church office. Watch for more announcements.

Catalyst: Collegiate and Young Adult Mission Trip by Oliver McClure

After serving with Maranatha in Paraguay last summer, I am excited to share that I will be heading out on another Maranatha mission adventure this year.

From July 3 to 13, I will be joining Catalyst, a mission experience for young adults. We will be working near Juliaca, Peru, where our team will lay the block walls for the Calapuja Adventist Church. We also plan to reach out to the local community through children's programs, health education, and medical work (and hopefully some soccer games!).

At the conclusion of our service, we will have the opportunity to visit Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley. I would deeply appreciate your prayers and support as I travel and serve this summer.

Jaime Jorge Concert by Bonnie Sanford

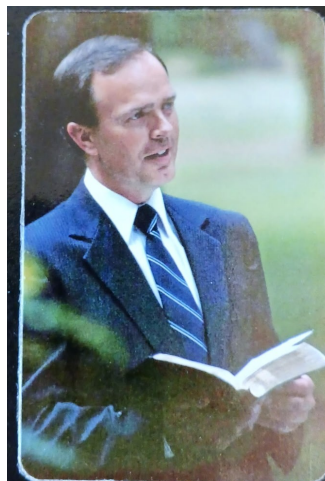
On the evening of April 29th, Jaime shared the thought that our lives are like an old broken violins.

Jesus invited us to allow Him to put the pieces of our lives back together, to polish and use us for His glory.

He played Heavenly Melodies of Jesus Amazing grace; songs to contemplate and worship His Holy Name.

Jaime and Tom were like visionaries and had faith to move mountains! Tom founded "The Project Patch" and Jaime founded "The School of Music". Both organizations centered on their mission to reach and restore children for the Kingdom.

One of the many Jaime Jorge Concerts attended by the Sanfords was the 1970's Youth Congress in Spokane, Washington. The Sanford's featured Jaime in Concert at a Fund Raiser Dinner for Project Patch, called "From Scars to Stars".



A VERY RICH WOULD-BE RUNAWAY By Tom Sanford

I couldn't shake the feeling. All week long I simply had wanted to run away. *But I wasn't 15—I was 51. To make matters worse, I was the director of a facility that, among other things, provides for the care of teen runaways.*

Unlike the usual excuses these kids make up for running away, mine seemed to be legitimate. The more I thought about it, the more I liked the idea. These kids were God's kids (so I reasoned), and if they were God's kids, certainly He could provide for their care.

But this week, and for several weeks in fact, it seemed to me that He wasn't listening to our needs or that He didn't even care. And if He didn't care, neither did I.

Financial disaster loomed like thick storm clouds. I sat in my office on a sofa savoring my escape plan rather than praying.

At that moment I was jolted back to reality by a 17-year-old who barged through my open door with all the grace and finesse of a bull in a china closet.

She plopped down in a chair opposite me and stared at my melancholy face. "May I sit beside you?" The words tumbled out as though they all wanted to be first.

"Sure," I mumbled, resenting the intrusion. She flopped over beside me on the couch much like an ungainly bag of potatoes.

"Are you rich?"

Just moments before, I was complaining to God about not providing even for the bare essentials. And now this! Why did she come anyway? Trying to be polite, yet wanting to emphasize the point, I said, "Of course not. What makes you ask?"

"Because" she started, "the kids here say you built this place for kids like me, and nobody but nobody would do that unless he was so rich he didn't know what else to do with his money."

"It wasn't me," I responded, now feeling a bit awed at her inquisition. "It was thousands of people donating money and hundreds of others donating their time to build this place."

"But aren't you rich anyway?" she asked as she stared into my eyes. I turned away, not wanting her gaze to penetrate my anxious soul. But at that moment I realized that God had sent this young woman to remind me of who He is and that the value of a soul is far more important than money.

I turned back. Her eyes were set, waiting for the answer.

"Yes," I smiled. "I am very, very rich because you're here and alive."

With that she bolted to her feet and blurted out, "Yeah, I don't do drugs anymore, I don't sell my body or want to die anymore."

As she disappeared out the door, tears streaked my cheeks in wonder and adoration for God's gentleness in reminding me who really is in charge.

"You are so right, Stacy," I whispered. "And I don't want to run away anymore."

O Lord, I know you listen to the poor in heart. You are always ready to set your people's spirit free. Psalm 69:33, Clear Word.

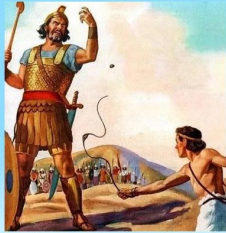
Tom Sanford is the executive director of *Project PATCH (Planned Assistance for Troubled Children)* in Clackamas, Oregon, and Garden Valley, Idaho. He is a member of the Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Gladstone, Oregon.

Announcements

Pastor Cristian Boboceu will be taking a sabbatical from June 1 to July 31. If you need assistance during this time, please contact our head elder, Merwin Stewart, or one of the Elders.



Vacation Bible School
happens July 20-23.
Watch for more details.



Vacation Bible School
July 20 - 23
@ 5:15* - 8:00 pm



Chosen Children

Stories ~ Crafts ~ Games

**Dinner served from 5:15-5:45 pm.*

Please indicate how many are coming to dinner when registering.



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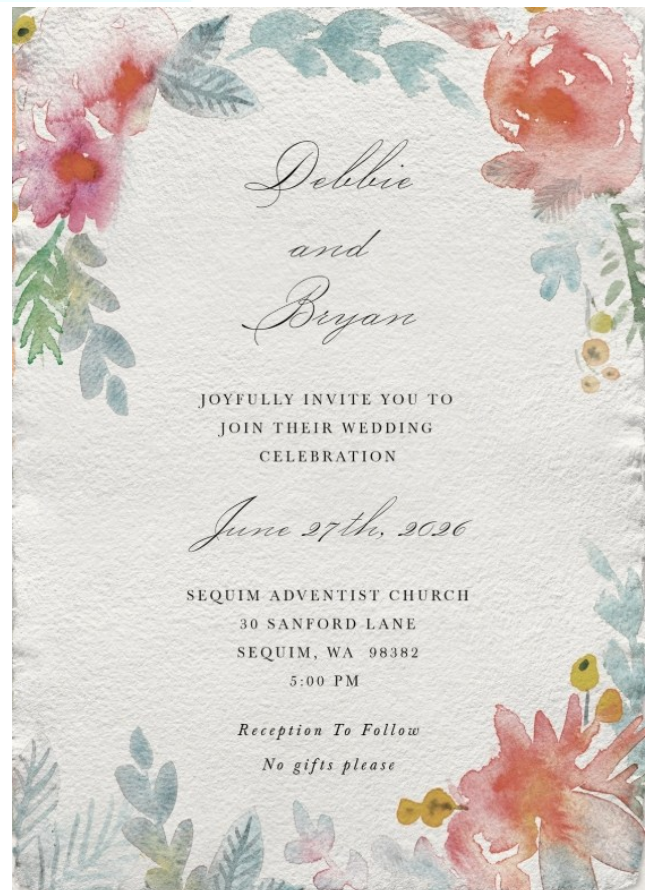
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Wedding Celebration

We are excited to invite our Church family to our wedding!



June 2026 Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>Adventurer</i> <i>Investiture</i> 6:30pm	<i>2</i> <i>ACS</i> 10:00am-12:00pm	<i>3</i> <i>PAES Graduations:</i> <i>Kindergarten & 8th</i> <i>Grade</i> 6:00pm	<i>4</i> <i>Last Day of PAE</i> <i>School</i> <i>Backpack Program</i> 8:00am <i>Pathfinders 6:30pm</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Fellowship Meal,</i> <i>(Team Staci)</i> 12:30pm
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Visitation Team</i> <i>Meeting</i> 6:00pm	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Prayer Meeting</i> 6:30pm	<i>11</i> <i>Pathfinder</i> <i>Investiture</i> 6:30pm	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Visitation Team</i> <i>Training with</i> <i>Pastor Bill Roberts</i> 6:00pm
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>School Board</i> <i>Meeting</i> 6:30pm	<i>16</i> <i>ACS</i> 10:00am-12:00pm	<i>17</i> <i>Prayer Meeting</i> 6:30pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Prayer Meeting</i> 6:30pm	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Wedding for</i> <i>Collins and Cooke</i> 5:00pm
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	Upcoming Events: July 20-23 Vacation Bible School August 7-8 Regional Convocation (Camp Meeting in Sequim)			

June Birthdays

1 Kurt Howe
 2 Isla Bonifant
 3 Dave Needham
 3 Sue Owens
 8 Esther Littlejohn
 9 Marilyn Triplett
 11 Michael Smith
 12 Josh Bonifant
 12 Miley Musick
 12 Rachel Powless
 14 Karen Rushby
 14 Marvin Stickler
 24 Tim Gauthun
 24 Jon-Michael Rushby
 30 Elora Wilson



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