

January 2024



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 11th Annual Live Nativity in Review
- Wilson SDA Junior Academy
- What Makes a Church School?
- Misc. Announcements and Classifieds

11th Annual Live Nativity

This year the Wilson SDA Church was incredibly blessed once again to offer to our community an event which celebrates the first coming of Jesus. Every year our hearts overflow with gratefulness for the unity of the church members and community members alike in preparing for this program. This year a total of 137 cast and staff were involved to make it happen. The guests who filled out a survey represented 4 states and 41 towns/cities.



Some of the comments that our guests wrote on the surveys are as follows:

"This was a very special night. I want to thank your church family for coming together to put on this very special 'Living Nativity'. God is God."

"This was amazing! We will be coming every year. 10/10."

"Very beautiful. We had an amazing time."

"Very touching program."

"This was so wonderful! Thank you for sharing your talents and time to bring the light of this season, Jesus, into our lives."

"We loved the Live Nativity very much! I will be coming to this again next year. Thank you!"

"I was very impressed by how biblically accurate this program was."

Friday night 221 people came. Sabbath night 393 people came, for a total of 614.

The final scene draws our guest to not only think of the first coming, but also the second coming.

The final appeal:

"Just as assuredly as Jesus come the first time, He is coming a second time! But this time, instead of coming as a helpless baby, 'Behold, the Lord Himself, the King of the Universe, will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And EVERY eye will see Him.' Let us be like the wiseman and shepherds of old, searching the scriptures so that we will be ready for His return.

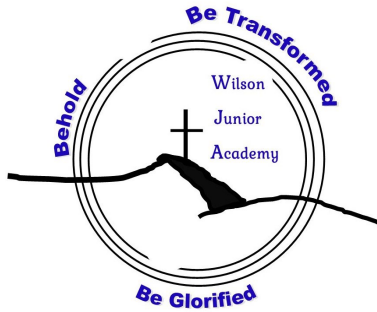
Thanks to all once again for coming together to be a light to our community!

Praying for God's blessing upon each one in the coming new year!



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Wilson SDA Junior Academy

WJA's 5th - 7th grade enjoyed a field trip to the art museum in Escanaba before Christmas break, observing Upper Peninsula artists. They also got to dabble in doodle and collage art as a project with the curators.

On the last day of the semester, we tried a new STEM competition with the entire student body - Gingerbread Houses! We are incredibly proud of all our students. Wade DeGrave, Cari DeGrave and Bailey Kleikamp were the winning team with their incredible train station complete with a steam engine. Here's a few pictures to enjoy!



As we begin the new school semester and calendar year, we are excited to announce that Pastor Jim will be doing Bible class with the 5th-7th graders as they dive into Scripture to learn about what we Adventists believe.

Please continue to keep our school, our staff, and our school families in your prayers.

--Blessings,

Ginnie Hakes
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"What Makes a Church School?"

It takes a heap of loving to make a school.
The church decides if every child should learn the golden rule.
The school will be a church school if we meet the Master's mind.
And when we do, it's marvelous what treasures we will find.

It takes a heap of loving in a home to make a school.
Since children need to learn the use of every worthy tool.
The parents will cooperate with teachers toward the goal
of guiding every student and of saving every soul.

It takes a heap of loving in each heart to make a school.
For each is guilty if one child grows up to be a fool;
It means that all participate by prayers and helping hands
And lift the heavy burdens with a heart that understands.

The church school does not happen -
it's the product of a team
When faith and love sacrifice
fulfill your fondest dream!

By: Adlai Albert Esteb

Don't forget about our ongoing Rada fundraiser. They have a great selection of knives and kitchen utensils that are a great gift or just a great new addition to your own supply!

If you shop online please use the link above, or you may search for **Wilson SDA Jr. Academy** at <https://radafundraising.com/pages/select-your-fundraising-group> .

If you prefer a catalog, please contact Brandee Groleau! She is also willing to help you with your orders.

The funds raised will go directly towards finishing our school gym project so that our school can function at its greatest potential for our students and teachers. Please help us meet this goal!

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser for the WJA School Expansion
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1820058.87e8e7>
or call Brandee Groleau (906) 399-9247 (call or text)

Miscellaneous Announcements & Classified Ads



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Shannon Castle
906-399-7992



Eggs for Sale



Chicken \$3 doz

Duck \$3 for ½ doz

Call 906-639-3632
Ask for Ezra

Gourley Township Historical Society meets the first Thursday of the month, October through April. Meetings are held at the township hall and at member residences. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 1st. Come have a good time talking about old times in Gourley! Contact Ivy at (906) 639-2979 or ivynetzel@gmail.com for info.

The Historical Society has begun to talk about organizing a food share/barter program to help with anticipated increase in grocery prices. Consider Johnny's Selected Seeds and maybe sharing an order with a neighbor or other friends. If you want to get in on the bulk Johnny's seed order through the Historical Society, **contact Ivy on or before January 16th**. This order will be big enough to have shipping waived, plus an extra 5% discount.

Kitchen Aid toaster oven, lightly used. \$30

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