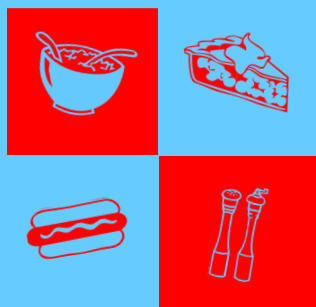
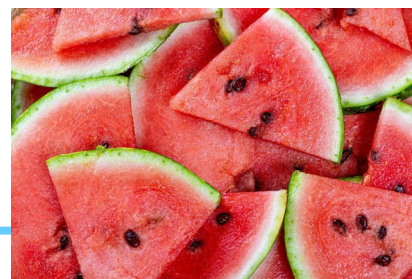


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# July Newsletter



**Sequim Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter**

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## Vacation Bible School by Collette Pekar

Vacation Bible School is almost here! It will be a great week of learning God's rock-solid truth in world of shifting sands. (Romans 12:2) Kids will create some fun things and yes, play with sand. Invite your neighbors with kids ages 4-12 to join us for this adventure. Use promo materials available at the church (postcard and business size card) or send an email to the church and Jay will send a special e-postcard. To help parents find the registration link, have them use the QR code on printed materials.

Can't wait to meet all the smiling faces!

Volunteers are still needed. Please come help during this exciting week as we share Jesus with the kids. Contact Collette to let her know you can help, 207-449-0273.

**Join Us For  
VBS 2024**  
Lifeway  
**BREAKER ROCK BEACH**  
Ages 4-12

**\*Crafts \*Games \*More**

**July 22-27  
6 - 8 pm**  
**Sequim Adventist Church**  
30 Sanford Lane Sequim

**Pre-Register:**  
**360-683-7373**

[www.myvbs.org/sequimadventist](http://www.myvbs.org/sequimadventist)



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## Announcements

New Church Officers/Ministry Leaders take their posts July 1. If you would like a copy of the report, send an email to office and Jay will be happy to send you a copy, [sequimadventist@sequimsdachurch.org](mailto:sequimadventist@sequimsdachurch.org).

## Student Sponsorship

by Mary Thayne

It has been a good year for the Student Sponsorship Fund in that we have helped many children along the path to a Christian education. The students and their families want to thank you for all that you have done to make this possible. Many are planning to return next year.

**“Praise the LORD.  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.  
Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.  
Let everything that has breath praise  
the LORD.  
Praise the LORD.”  
Psalm 150:1,2 and 6**

## Library Corner

by Mary Thayne

These books have been added to our collection during the last month:

Bible Adventism. by James White. Sermons on the Coming and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. A facsimile reproduction of an early Adventist book.

Rock-Solid Living in a Run-amok World. Presented by Lonnie Melashenko. Written by David Smith. Timeless Truths from 1 Corinthians.

Heartwarming Stories of Adventist Pioneers. Book Two. by Norma J. Collins. More lives of early Adventist pioneers. We also have Book One.

Adventist Authority Wars, Ordination, and the Roman Catholic Temptation. by George R. Knight. Denominational issues that some think should stay buried.

I thought it would be nice to do a final newsletter for the school. I don't have my amazing staff to write, manage and edit, so maybe this is a good time to reflect on the year at PAES. First, I'm feeling a little lost without them! We started as a group from different backgrounds, and became teams, and a tight, well-functioning community in the end. It was amazing to watch.

Leadership developed from a desire to make this a really great community where there was a sense of belonging. Aimee recruited Elsie, Skyler and Jasmin to help her accomplish this dream. They created a school mascot (a dove), and a positive behavior program that recognizes students doing the right thing. They exceeded their expectation for creating an amazing community. There are more dreams ready to explore next year.

The graduation team, lead by Isa, was needed, so they could plan the end of their career at PAES. They earned plenty of money to fund their trip, and leave a gift for the school. Jasmin and Ella created a beautiful yearbook while Aimee and Isa planned the class trip and graduation ceremony. They really enjoyed their class trips and graduation. Thank you Twyla for planning one of our fundraisers. Thank you, Twyla and Miriam for planning an incredible reception!

Technology was probably the more important committee for me personally. I needed Max and his assistant Keaton almost every day! Silas and Liam also helped, especially with the hardware side. You would not believe how knowledgeable a 5<sup>th</sup> grader can be with computers. He could solve anything, and kept our technology running smoothly!



The library team is just getting started with a huge task of building an outstanding library where there are lots of interesting books students want to read! Elyssa, Elora and Donna Bottgenbach have spent a great deal of time reading parts of old books to see if they are keepers (lesson-don't judge a book by its cover). Silas, Skyler, and Elsie helped clean out duplicate books for books for Belize, and many students helped load my car with books that would no longer be useful here. This year we added 400 new books thanks to three donors from church, and one of my neighbors.

Elora created surveys, so we can know our student's interests. Next year we will catalog the entire library electronically, and continue to add new books!

The two latest teams were the garden committee and the project management team. We started cleaning up the garden beds this spring by weeding 10 minutes at the end of the day. You should see it now. Pastor Mark brought us a load of mulch, and with the leadership of Jasmin and a lot of hard workers the place looks beautiful! Kathy had the students paint rocks for a path, and the finishing touches are some solar lights we found in the equipment room. The second and very important team in the project management team led by Silas. We have totally cleaned out the science materials (all 3-8), and the PE equipment room (Jasmin, Silas, Skyler, Jeremiah, Elsie and Liam)! Amazing! The students know where everything is, so it will be easy to find needed materials and equipment. Silas and his helpers (Often Jeremiah and Brinnon in the morning) have done so much to create a very organized environment. Any time I need something fixed I hand it to Silas. Silas-I don't know how to charge the new vacuum!

All three through eight were part of the journalism program. We needed a newsletter and I had writers with great ideas! They designed, and managed the entire process under Allison's (first half of the year) and Elora's (second half) leadership. Isa was an amazing assistant, and often wrote our last minute articles! This team produced nine newsletters, three articles for the Sequim Gazette, one article for the Gleaner and one for the NW Adventist. Wow!

## July Birthdays

9 Mallory White Dobbs  
13 Roz Edmisten  
14 Sarah Bradley  
14 Mark Pekar  
14 Birdie Wentland  
14 John Zervos  
15 Cliff Kruse  
17 Patsy Cooper  
17 Randal Wilson  
19 Richard Peder  
22 Judy de Chantal  
22 Terri Durham  
24 Amanda Allwine  
24 Heather Van Auken  
27 Bill Daracunas  
27 Jasmine Gauthun  
27 Dale Kongorski  
27 Jeramie O'Dell  
27 Karl Olsen  
28 Penelope Allwine



## Books for Belize

submitted by Lynn Berg

Books for Belize was a huge success!! Seven schools participated and your generous donations of thousands of beautiful and fun books will help us to create four school libraries. A note from a teacher in Belize:

"The prospect of our students having access to a variety of books to read both at school and at home is truly a dream coming true. Please extend our heartfelt thanks to all the schools and volunteers involved in this wonderful project. We eagerly anticipate the arrival of the books and look forward to seeing the joy and enthusiasm they will bring to our children. Your support is helping to foster a love of reading that will benefit our students for years to come."

Thank you for sharing your books--what wonderful gifts!

## PAES Newsletter Continued

While we were busy in the upper grades Mrs. Smith was busy creating magic with the littles. She is an incredible teacher, and I have so much respect for her. Her curriculum is so engaging, and hands-on. She has very high academic standards, and most of all she loves those students, and they know it! They learned so much this year, and I was amazed at their performances at the science fair and graduation. She has been amazing support system as we navigated the changes this year, and I couldn't have done it without her! Thank you Elizabeth!



The prayer team prayed us through the hard times, and challenges that come with living in this broken world. We went from surviving to thriving when hard times came upon us. It has been a privilege to lead this group of amazing young people. It is so satisfying watching them discover their God given gifts, and use them to create a strong, tight community! It was a joy to watch the older students mentor the younger, and my favorite part was watching them play at recess, and just enjoy being kids. This group really bonded, and in fact did not want the school year to end! That is unheard of in the education world. Thank you PAES students for making a difference at PAES!

**Bus Ride to a Better Place**

by Gary Land

That Sabbath morning in September 1966 dawned bright and clear. A few days before, I had arrived in Santa Barbara and moved into a small apartment in Isla Vista, the student community adjacent to the University of California campus. I was truly alone, not yet knowing anyone at the university or in the Santa Barbara area.

For the first time in my life no one would notice whether I went to church. Sixteen years of Adventist education had provided a cultural environment that both supported and expected churchgoing. Not being particularly rebellious or nonconformist, I'd always attended.

But now I was on my own. I neither owned a car nor knew where the local Adventist church was. Getting there wouldn't be a simple matter. Furthermore, the southern California coast beckoned. I considered walking to the beach that morning. But all those years of training and practice within an Adventist home and educational system won out. I decided to attend church. A public telephone book provided the address. A map gave an approximate location. I made my way to the bus stop, map in hand.

Paying my 10 cents, I boarded the bus and after a while began anxiously reading street signs and checking my map, trying to figure out the best place to get off. After leaving the bus, I wandered several streets of a sun-washed middle-class neighborhood, eventually finding the church.

The Sabbath School lesson had already begun by the time I arrived, but I was greeted by a friendly woman who directed me to the young adult class in the balcony. With surprise I saw an old academy friend and an acquaintance from Pacific Union College. No longer did I feel a stranger in the city where I planned to spend the next few years.

That initial church attendance proved to be significant, for that friendly congregation welcomed me with open arms. Over the next four years church members invited me to their homes for dinner, included me in church social activities, and took me on backpacking trips. Meanwhile I became involved with the youth Sabbath School and the Missionary Volunteer Society, and I was ordained a church elder. In the process I became an active member of the church community.

To be sure, the members of that congregation couldn't always help me with the intellectual and political issues that sometimes challenged my faith during my studies (this was the late 1960s). But they offered a warm environment that both supplemented and contrasted with my daily campus experience. I wanted to return each week because these people's faith in God manifested itself in an outreach to others, an outreach that included me.

If I had gone to the beach that first Sabbath morning, it probably would have been easier to skip church on subsequent Sabbaths. That simple, yet significant, decision to attend began a new stage in my life when joining the family of God was my personal decision.

***“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25, NIV.***

[taken from ***Over & Over Again!*** 150 Adventists Share Personal Faith Stories About Stewardship. 1998. NAD. Edited by Ronald Allan Knott]

# July 2024 Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>ACS 10am-12pm</i>	3 <i>Backpack Program 8:00am at Sequim Food Bank</i>	4 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	6 <i>Fellowship Meal 12:30pm</i>
7	8 <i>School Board Meeting 6:30pm</i>	9 <i>VBS Planning Meeting 7:00pm</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Memorial Service for Daryl Knauff 3:30pm</i>
14	15	16 <i>VBS Planning Meeting 7:00pm</i>	17	18	19	20
21 <i>VBS Setup TBA</i>	22	23	24 <i>VBS 6:00-8:00pm</i>	25	26	27 <i>VBS Dinner and Program 6:00pm</i>
28 <i>VBS Tear down TBA</i>	29	30	31	<u>Upcoming Events</u> <b>Aug. 1-14</b> <b>International Pathfinder Camporee</b> <b>Aug. 18</b> <b>School Workbee</b> <b>Aug. 26</b> <b>First Day of PAE School</b>		



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