

## *Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!* *A message from Pastor Eric Saylor*

Several years ago a young girl was playing along the edge of a lake near her family's cabin in southern Sweden when she found something unexpected. As she played she felt something in the mud. Reaching down and digging around she pulled up a long wooden and metal object. It was a sword!

At some point, 1500 years ago a Viking warrior had lost his weapon, maybe losing grip on it as he transferred from one boat to another. I imagine that he had searched for it in vain, giving up and conceding that he would have to make or buy a new one.

What a find, isn't it?

Maybe you've been surprised by finding the unexpected. I know I have been, though I have yet to find a sword!

This Sabbath we're continuing our study in the *Letter to the Hebrews* and we'll explore a potentially unexpected discovery that might change the way we see God's work in the world and will grow our understanding of Jesus' work for us in heaven. I hope you can join in!

Early service starts at 9:00, Sabbath School at 10:15, and Second Service begins and is [streamed on YouTube](#) at 11:30.

I pray you have a blessed and restful Sabbath!

~Pastor Eric

*This Weekend:            January 14, 2023: Pastor Eric Saylor*  
*Next Weekend:         January 21, 2023: Elder David Jamieson*

### ***Week At A Glance***

<b>Sabbath, January 14</b>	9:00 – 10:05am	Early Service Worship
	10:15 – 11:15am	Sabbath School Study
	11:30am – 1:00pm	Second Service Worship
Monday, January 16		<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</b>
	6:00pm	Feathers, Hares, & Hooves 4-H
Wednesday, January 18	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting, Youth Room
Thursday, January 19	7:00pm	Youth Gathering – Fellowship Area
Friday, January 20	7:00pm ~	Prayer and Praise Service 31 Days of Prayer ~ Fellowship Rm
<b>Sabbath, January 21</b>	9:00 – 10:05am	Early Service Worship
	10:15 – 11:15am	Sabbath School Study
	11:30am – 1:00pm	Second Service Worship
	5:30pm	Elders Meeting
Sabbath January 28	4:30 – 6:00pm	All Church Business Meeting ~ please come!

**Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week ~ Second Service Outline**

**Worship Service 11:15am 01-14-2023** [Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube](#)

Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Lenard Wittlake
Kids Korner	
Children's Song	Praise Team
Children's Story	Stephenie Renshaw
Songs of Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Prayer	Lenard Wittlake
God's Word	<b><i>Pastor Eric Saylor</i></b>
Sermon Title:	<b><i>Letters to the Hebrews: A Priest like Melchizedek</i></b>
Scripture:	<b><i>Hebrews 7:1 NIV</i></b>
Song of Response	Praise Team
Benediction	Lenard Wittlake

**Worship Team today – First Service**

Lead Elder: Lenard Wittlake  
 Praise Team Leader: Seth Gillham & Friends  
 Pianist: Carlyle Tagalog  
 Greeter: Erik Johnson & David Meyer  
 Lead Deacon: Casey Cramer  
 Lead Deaconess: Christine Wittlake  
 AV Team: Bob & Ryan Daniel  
 Live Streaming: No live-stream early service

**Worship Team today – Second Service**

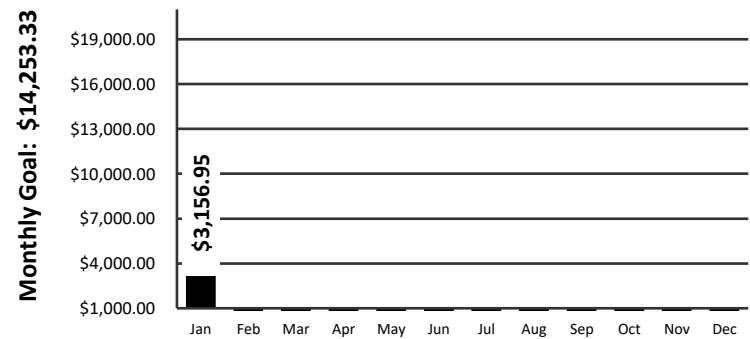
Lead Elder: Lenard Wittlake  
 Praise Team Leader: Seth Gillham & Friends  
 Pianist: Carlyle Tagalog  
 Greeter: Les & Anita Cunningham  
 Lead Deacon: Whitney Johnson  
 Lead Deaconess: Christine Wittlake  
 AV Team: Gary & Ryan Wimer  
 Live Streaming: Ryan Daniel

<b><u>Financial Report</u></b>	<b><u>RECEIVED</u></b>	<b><u>GOAL</u></b>	<b><u>NEED</u></b>
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 18,150.50	\$25,271.50	\$ 5,349.50
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 41,785.41	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3

**January 14, 2023 Religious Liberty**

Did you know that just 150 years ago, being a Seventh-day Adventist in the United States could be a risky business? Take the case of Pastor James Scoles from Springdale, Arkansas. He volunteered to help finish painting his congregation's newly built church and decided to complete the work one quiet Sunday morning. "I went over to the church," he said later, "and finished up a small strip of painting on the south side... and here I quietly worked away for perhaps two hours."\* For this act, Pastor Scoles was arrested and jailed — and it was just one of many cases where Adventists and other religious minorities were prosecuted under state Sunday laws. Today, we may not be arrested for working on Sunday, but religious freedom must still be defended. As Ellen White reminded us, we must remain vigilant and hold high the "banner of truth and religious liberty" in these last days. Today, we have the opportunity to support the vital mission of Liberty magazine and the work of our Public Affairs and Religious Liberty leaders. With each issue of Liberty magazine that rolls off the

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presses, and with each visit to a legislator's office, or legal case argued, our religious liberty leaders are working to defend the precious, God-given gift of freedom for all people. With our offering today, we have a chance to raise high the banner of religious liberty.

\* A. T. Jones, Civil Government and Religion (Oakland, CA: American Sentinel, 1889), p. 114

## *Eastgate Church News & Events*

### **Refurbishing Projects continue at Eastgate**

We appreciate your patience as we work on additional projects including painting, wall construction, etc. The Sanctuary will not be available January 23 to 25 as projects will be on-going.

We would also appreciate your help in taking care of our church facilities. If you participate in an event where food or drink are part of the process or inside<>outside traffic is involved; will you help by making sure that spills are cleaned up immediately? If we could monitor our comings and goings so as to reduce excess yard debris being tracked indoors? When spills, mud, dirt, etc. are left for someone else to clean long term damage often occurs. Thank you for your conscientious acts of service.

## *Winter Term Grow Groups*

### **Hand Tied Fishing Flies: Learn to tie fishing flies during the winter months**

A group where we will learn together techniques of tying traditional and modern fishing flies. One goal for this group is to develop a greater understanding of the equipment and materials used in tying fishing flies. Eight sessions are planned and dates are reserved on the church calendar. Starting date has been changed to Monday, January 23 from 6:30 – 8:00pm followed one week later Jan. 30. Additional dates will be discussed at the orientation the first evening.

This is designed for beginners or those who have not tied in many years. Please complete a sign-up for and questionnaire found on the display table in the lobby! Two spots still open ~ Tools are needed.

## *Spring/Summer Grow Groups*

### **Planning for a New Group or a Repeat Group?**

There have been some amazing groups that we have seen impact our church and local community since Pastor Luke started us down this pathway of Small Groups or Grow Groups.

We invite you to start thinking about what type(s) of group(s) you would like to create and share in for the summer!

## *Youth Thursday Evening Gatherings*

Each week the Youth of this church gather in the Youth Room/Fellowship Room at 7:00pm. Please join them if this is your age group!

## *Collegiate & Young Adults*

### **Sabbath Morning Bible Study**

Collegians and young adults (or young at heart) are invited to come for breakfast at 9:30am every Sabbath morning and stay for an engaging Bible study. We read a chapter of the Bible together and then dig deep to discuss the hard questions and figure out life applications. Come visit us at Classroom 115 and bring a friend! We are currently studying II Kings. For more information text Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

### **Men's Ministry: Thursday Night Men's Group ~ 7:30pm**

Leader: Rob Becker, meet in Pastor's Office. This is a bible study group for men, lead by men, praying for men studying together. If this interests you please contact the group leader Rob Becker or our Pastor Eric Saylor.

### **Men's Ministry Monthly Breakfast and Worship Time: Next UP – January 22 @ 8:00am**

The gathering will be following the Christmas season and the start of the New Year. We will gather again Sunday Morning, January 22. Join the men at 8:00am for physical and spiritual food to share!

### **Women's Grow Group: Rhoda Ehrman invites you to join a group of women studying together.**

Starting January 9 they will begin a new book: "*A God Shaped Heart*" by Timothy Jennings. Contact her at 509-200-2826.

### **Expansion of Support Teams for Audio/Video and Live-Streaming ~ Help Needed!**

Our Audio/Video teams could use more help. This is one area of ministry where more experienced operators would help to lighten the load.

Brian Hartman who leads the Live-Streaming Team is also looking for one or two more individuals who would be willing to learn and assist in the ministry of our On-line Worship Service.

There are those who use our YouTube as an option for viewing for a variety of reasons. We need to expand the teams. The Team Leaders would gladly speak to anyone who might be interested. Contact Brian Hartman or Bob Daniel if you might be interested in learning.

### **EASTGATE SDA WEBSITE! – <https://www.eastgatesda.org>**

~ Sermon Archives ~ Bulletin Library ~ our weekly e-NewsLetter ~ Events Calendar ~ Offerings

### **EASTGATE SDA ON FACEBOOK** Like and follow our page on Face Book!

<https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203> [Eastgate SDA Church](#)

### **EASTGATE SDA CHURCH ON YOUTUBE**

YouTube: Eastgate Church ~ Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following Link: [Eastgate Adventist Church](#). Thank you for subscribing!

## ***Walla Walla Valley Academy***

### **Walla Walla Valley Academy Kicks Off Auditorium Remodel Campaign**

WWVA is raising \$1 million to update their auditorium. This project will serve many purposes on campus and houses special moments in many people's lives. This special space has served thousands of people throughout our WWVA and Walla Walla community . It is well-used and well-loved, but the time has finally come for some much-needed updates. To find out more, and how you can participate, visit [news.uccsda.org/wwva1122](http://news.uccsda.org/wwva1122).

## ***Walla Walla University***

WWU Engineering students participate in Engineers without Borders. They have several projects including a local one for helping farmers with irrigation management and several international projects focused on providing potable water to several communities in Africa. On Sabbath evening, February 4 from 6 – 8pm they will be having a fundraising dinner. During the dinner their students will be sharing what they have been doing and their next steps forward with each project. More information for each project and to sign up for the gala can be found on their website: <https://ewb-wwu.org/> . This year's Fundraising Gala will take place at the Marcus Whitman Hotel. Admission will be \$60 per non-student or \$30 per student.

You may chose to attend or simply to financially support these student lead humanitarian projects.

### **How to Pay for College—Workshop**

Walla Walla University will visit Walla Walla Valley Academy to provide a free workshop for prospective students and their parents titled "How to Pay for College" on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the WWVA music room. This 40-minute presentation will be led by experts from WWU Student Financial Services, and Marketing and Enrollment Services. After the presentation, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. Visit [wallawalla.edu/workshops](http://wallawalla.edu/workshops) for additional scheduled workshops.

## *Walla Walla Valley News*

All of us at **SonBridge Center for Better Living** want to share our gratitude for your faithfulness in assisting as we bring Hope & Wholeness to people in the Walla Walla Valley. Your generous donations of goods, time and money allow us to provide a child with snow boots, a mom with an outfit for an interview, a man with coveralls needed for a job, money for rent, gas and utilities and meals for the people living in transitional housing. This week we received a thank you note from one of our support group attendees, expressing appreciation for a listening ear and for being treated with respect and dignity. Your generosity makes it possible for us to provide for others. If you would like to volunteer, find out more or donate to this amazing ministry, please visit [sonbridge.org](http://sonbridge.org) . May blessings and joy be yours!

### **Pastor Steve Walikonis Retirement Party ~ a previous pastor of this congregation**

Due to the recent passing of his wife, Cindy Walikonis, this event has been postponed until further notice.

**Memorial Service:** For Cindy Walikonis, will be held March 4, 2023, 3:00 pm at the College Place Village Church.

### **It is with deep sorrow that we inform all that Doris Wilson fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Her memorial will be February 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 2pm at the Kennewick SDA Church. For those who are unable to attend the memorial will be streamed. Link is: <https://youtu.be/E6rZHfar5ns>  
This message was sent to us by her husband, Darrell Wilson of Othello, WA.

**The Christian Aid Center has a volunteer opportunity for a receptionist in our Women & Children's Shelter** on Friday mornings from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Jeannette Regalado, Community Engagement Director, at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. You can also submit an application on our website at [christianaidcenter.org](http://christianaidcenter.org).

## *Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News*

### **Vertical: Thirty-One Days of Praying for Renewal**

Do you like to start your year off right? Vertical: Thirty-one Days of Prayer for Renewal will begin January 1 and going through January 31, 2023. We invite you to participate in "Thirty-One Days of Prayer for Renewal." Your participation will bring growth to your life as well as your church. Sign up at [www.uccsda.org/vertical](http://www.uccsda.org/vertical)

### **Comfort Zone — UCC Health Tip**

Comfort zone is "a situation in which you feel comfortable and in which your ability and determination are not being tested." Cindy Williams, UCC health ministries coordinator explores how we benefit from being in our comfort zone. But are there ways we benefit from getting outside of our comfort zone? To read more about getting outside of our comfort zone and how it affects our health visit [news.uccsda.org/comfort123](http://news.uccsda.org/comfort123)

### **AMEN Northwest Conference Registration Open**

Registration is open for the AMEN Northwest Conference being held at the Upper Columbia Conference office March 10-12, 2023. The theme this year is "Optimizing Mental Health: A Biblical Perspective." Keynote speakers are Dr. Daniel Binus, Dr. Tim Riesenberger, Dr. Eric Shadle, and Cynthia Stark. For more details and to register, please visit [uccsda.org/amenconference](http://uccsda.org/amenconference)



**Pathfinder Teen Retreat Registration Open**

Registration is open for the Pathfinder Teen Retreat held at Camp MiVoden from January 27-29, 2023. The theme this year is "Let's Go Explore." To register visit <https://ucc.regfox.com/teen-23>

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***Hear Ye      Hear Ye      Hear Ye!!!***

There will be an All Church Business Meeting the evening of January 28 from 4:30 – 6:00pm.

- Please come and hear proposals for the coming year in all areas of ministry.
- Participate in approving a working budget
- Participate in discussions that affect how some of spaces may change in appearance.

This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary

Thank you for your participation!

## Prayer Time ~ Cherishing People ~ "Pray for one another."

We are inviting you to pray for members and friends of our church family each day. Please keep this in a place that will make it easy for you to remember to pray for one another.

"... we do not make requests of *You* because we are righteous, but because of *Your* great mercy. *O Lord listen! O Lord forgive! O Lord hear and act!*"

(Daniel 9:18 & 19. NIV)

### **Anonymous:**

*Do you have an anonymous prayer request? Please state it via email to the church office, or on a communication card dropped in the offering box.*

*We will share it here anonymously for the body to provide prayer support!*

Prayers from a father for his two teen children – that they stay safe in Christ!

Praises and Prayers of thanksgiving for members of this church who care for each other, for their children, their grandchildren and their church.

Prayers for older members who are struggling to maintain their independence and dealing with realizing their increasing need to rely on others.

Prayers for a brother who is struggling with addiction, trying to stay clean and sober while looking for a healthier work environment.

### **Requests: - What are your prayer requests?**

Please remember Connie and Randy Roger's as they journey through treatment and travel to and from the treatment center. If you wish to assist financially? Please follow this link:

[www.GoFundMe.com/w4pcx8-love-for-Connie](http://www.GoFundMe.com/w4pcx8-love-for-Connie)

Prayers requested for Kristy & Dwight Bartlett as they travel a road of disease diagnosis and treatment.

Prayers for Birdie Einig as she has begun receiving treatments for her illness.

Prayers for Carol R. as she continues her recovery and adjustment to the loss of one of her eyes.

Prayers for traveling mercies for members of our faith community:

Prayers for a young man who is living in the homeless camp hoping to secure housing soon. – Shaun

### **Praises:**

**What do you have on your heart that you would like to share as Praise to the Lord!?!?**

# Dexter Shurney's "Chill-icious Chili"

January 09, 2023 by Kim Strobel  
Reprinted from Northwest Adventist

This chili pairs well with football and family. This favorite — and filling — vegetarian chili scores every time. It is especially delicious over brown rice and with cornbread!

## Ingredients:

1/2 to 1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 yellow onion, diced  
2 green bell peppers, diced  
3 ribs of celery, diced  
3 cloves of garlic, minced  
3 carrots, thinly sliced  
1 cup white mushrooms, diced  
1/2 cup yellow corn (optional)  
4 teaspoons Ancho chili powder  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1/2 teaspoon dried cayenne pepper (optional)  
1 teaspoon sea salt (or to taste)  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper (optional)  
30-ounce can red kidney beans, washed and drained  
28-ounce can crushed tomatoes  
1 cup vegetable broth (low sodium)

Sauté onions, peppers and mushrooms together in the olive oil and season with black pepper. Add garlic once the onions start to caramelize. Add other ingredients with broth last. Simmer on low for 15 minutes.

Optional toppings: green onions, cilantro, vegan sour cream, vegan cheddar cheese or nutritional yeast.