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NEWSPOINTS

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This year, with the addition of the pandemic and it's resulting toll of death and fear of contamination and illness, it has become more challenging and even risky for families to meet to enjoy the holidays together thus, adding to the somber feeling around the upcoming holiday season. The NAD Family Ministries department has compiled a list of Seventh-day Adventist counselors who can help you during times like these. MORE



Her face mask is sometimes uncomfortable and six-foot distancing from classmates less than ideal, but pre-veterinary medicine student Madyllyne Vaca appreciates being able to conduct biology research on campus at La Sierra University in Riverside, California. Vaca is part of a small number of students who are able to attend some classes at the university inperson this fall. <u>MORE</u>



Escalating demands for food



Arctic Mission Adventure Ministry is bringing hope to Alaska Native

throughout the island became an impetus for Adventist Community

Services Bermuda to do more. Earlier this year Dora Baker, Bermuda Conference ACS director, recalls, "As the pandemic increased in Bermuda, I began receiving more and more calls for assistance. The needs were far more than we could meet." MORE

villages. Learn more about what God is doing through Arctic Mission Adventure in Alaska Native villages in a video report, and see how the Gospel is being spread across Bush Alaska through outreach, radio, Bible study, kid's programs, and more. <u>WATCH VIDEO</u>

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Adventist Community Services Executive Director Honored as Local Hero (Md.)

Fire at Seventh-day Adventist Church in Coos Bay Causes \$150K in Damage (Ore.)

Campion Academy South of Loveland Reports COVID-Free First Semester (Colo.)

Paradise Adventist Church Offers Food Box Giveaway on the Ridge (Calif.)

Cold-Parenting Linked to Premature Aging, Increased Disease Risk in Offspring (Calif.)

Larimer Recovery Collaborative Opens Temporary Donation Center in Loveland for Fire Victims (Colo.)

Adventist Outreach Pantry Has Lots of Food to Give Away (Ohio)

Green Bag Effort Carries On; Next Collection Dec. 12 (Ariz.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



The NAD All-Night Prayer Call starts

Thursday, Dec. 3-4, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).



Dec. 12 is Prison Ministry Sabbath! The NAD Prison Ministry department solicits your special support to recognize this important work in your local churches. Our office has prepared materials for your use on Prison Ministry Sabbath and beyond! <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u> for the "NAD Prison Ministry Emphasis Day Resource Packet" including a <u>sermon, call to action</u>, social media materials, and more.

The Adventist Community Services offering









will be collected Dec. 12. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed overwhelming demand on food banks throughout the North American Division. More than 1,300 ACS Centers across NAD are providing millions of meals this year, demonstrating God's love through service. Your financial gifts this year on Dec. 12 will make it possible for us to continue responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Give at your local church, marking "ACS Offering" on your tithe envelope, or <u>online. MORE</u>

Airing Dec. 25: Breath of Life, in partnership with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission, presents "Glory," an ABC television Christmas special. This special will air on ABC television affiliates across the United States. Tune in for a Christmas message from Carlton P. Byrd, speaker/director of Breath of Life Television Ministry, and music by award-winning musical artists Michael W. Smith, the Oakwood University Aeolians, and more! <u>WEBSITE</u>

Gifts for you to SHARE THE JOY! Are you enjoying the Christmas music on LifeTalk Radio? Listen on the free mobile app, on Amazon Echo, Google Home, ROKU, or <u>online</u>! Plus, you can order free printed sharing cards for Christmas and other occasions at <u>lifetalk.net/sharing-cards/</u>, or send free Christmas <u>eCards</u> via email! Share the joy of Christ's coming with the help of LifeTalk Radio's sharing cards, eCards, stickers, and programs.

Jesus 101 offers a variety of free audio books in English and Spanish that anyone can enjoy from virtually anywhere! These audio books make it easy to enjoy Christ-centered topics while you're working, cooking, exercising, or on the go! These are also a great resource for those who may be visually impaired. Easily access these audio books on the free Jesus 101 app or visit jesus101.tv/listen/ and click on "Audio Books."

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Commentary: "I'm an Adventist, Not a Conspiracy Theorist," by Adam Fenner, pp. 08-10

NAD News Briefs: "Andrews University Releases Daniel/Revelation Bible Study Journal," "Southwestern Adventist University Awarded \$483,900 Title Grant," "LifeTalk Radio Launches Online Channel for Kids," p. 12

Perspective: "Goodbye, Mr Scrooge," by Dan Weber, p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



Sons and Daughters of God

"We can give glory to God by thanking Him. Thankfulness enables us to live the life that God calls us to live; ... And when we say thank you for the things that we find in God's Word, we are telling ourselves that that thing God is saying to us is truth for us. ... We are telling ourselves that this is who [we are], sons and daughters of God — and nothing less."

Andrew Korp, theology student, during the NAD's Tuesday's Bible
Blessing virtual worship on Nov. 24, 2020

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