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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Let us “take care lest we forget the Lord.”

Deuteronomy 6:12



Next Monday is Memorial Day. Did you know that Memorial Day, as Americans have come to know it, began in the years immediately following the Civil War? Until World War II, most people knew it as “Decoration Day.” It was a day to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers and flags and to remember those who had given their lives to defend their nation. It was a day to remember what the honored dead had died to defend.

Memorial Day is an important national moment. It is a day to do more than just barbeque and play baseball. It is important to remember the great price some people have paid to preserve the historically unprecedented civil and religious freedoms we have largely taken for granted. But the importance of Memorial Day is more about our future than our past. It is crucial that we remember the nightmares and why they happened. We forget them at our own peril. The future of the United States depends in large amount on how well we collectively remember and cherish what liberty really is and the terror of tyranny. There is a high cost to forgetting.

Christ-followers, of all people, understand the crucial importance of remembering. Christians are “memorial people” because the whole of our faith depends upon remembering. That’s why God has surrounded us with memorials. The Bible itself is a memorial. We meditate on it daily to remember. The Sabbath was a memorial to Israel’s freedom from Egyptian slavery (Deuteronomy 5:15). Remembering God’s past grace is necessary to fuel our faith in God’s future grace for us.

So, as we commemorate Memorial Day as Americans, let us do it with profound gratitude for the extraordinary common grace given to us when men and women laid their lives down for the sake of America’s survival. And let us remember the past evils; that we may not repeat them in the future. Lastly, as Christians, let us make every day a Memorial Day.

## COVID-19 Update

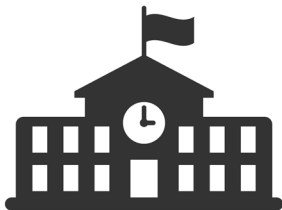
As you may have heard, the State of Illinois has moved from Phase 4 to the bridge to Phase 5 of Restore Illinois. What does this mean for us? It means there is a 60% occupancy limitation, but those who are vaccinated do not count towards that.

Also, in keeping with the Executive Order of the Governor and updated CDC guidance, all fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear masks in most indoor and outdoor settings. When it comes to church attendance, the local church leadership will decide how to implement these new guidelines.

I continue to pray for each of you as you navigate life in our new reality.

## Alpine Christian School

I am happy to announce Yesenia Gonzales will be the new principal/teacher at Alpine Christian School in Rockford. Yesenia is coming to us from Texas. She replaces Teresa Smith, who is moving to Arkansas to be near family. Welcome Yesenia!



## Area 3 & 4 Meetings

Elder John Gryg, Elder Pete Braman, and I are meeting with our Area 3 pastors today and our Area 4 pastors tomorrow. We continue to discuss the Illinois Conference mission, vision, and our refocus on our primary four areas: discipleship, church growth, leadership development, and Adventist education. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to bless the efforts of our churches and schools here in our Conference.



## Summer Camp 2021

Our theme this year is "See a Victory". We want to let you know that as we come back together, safety is our top priority. Parents you can read and review our COVID-19 Summer Camp Guidelines detailed in our 2021 Parent Pack.

Space is limited, so visit our website, [campakita.com](http://campakita.com), or contact the Youth Department by phone or email at (630) 716-3555 or [youth@ilcsda.org](mailto:youth@ilcsda.org)

## DID YOU KNOW...

... The Pathfinder Pavilion at Camp Akita is now enclosed?



## I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT...

. . . This past Sabbath, I had the opportunity to worship at the Gurnee SDA church. While I was there, we publicly recognized two outgoing educators: **Evelyn Hainey**, who is retiring, and **Katrina Baun**, who will be transitioning to the Conference Office as the new associate superintendent of education. May God continue to bless you both!

## RESOURCES

### Mission at Home Medical Clinic - Coming Soon!

The clinic is free and open to the public. Families and children are welcome!

AMITA Health's healing mission is to extend care to all people, especially those in our local communities. It's a way to fulfill the mission at home, directly to those who need medical care but can't afford it. Join AMITA Health to receive free medical services, including: COVID-19 Vaccinations, Dental exams (adults and children), Dermatology, Diabetes and Nutrition Education, Laboratory screenings: glucose, urinalysis and pregnancy, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Pharmacy: Free medication (based on medical exam at event), Physical Therapy, Primary Care: school/sports, physicals (immunizations not included), Podiatry, and more:

When: June 19th from 8-am -5p.

Where: Glendale Heights Sports Hub, 250 Civic Centre Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Pre-registration is preferred to ensure an appointment time. On-site registration will be available but available times may be limited. Register online at [amitahealth.org/missionathome](http://amitahealth.org/missionathome) or call 855.MyAMITA.

### Sabbath Sunset Calendar

I love Sabbath. I look forward to it every week and to welcoming it with a special sunset worship. Are you looking for a Sabbath Sunset Calendar?

Go to: [http://ptaff.ca/soleil/?lang=en\\_CA](http://ptaff.ca/soleil/?lang=en_CA)



*“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”*

— George Santayana

