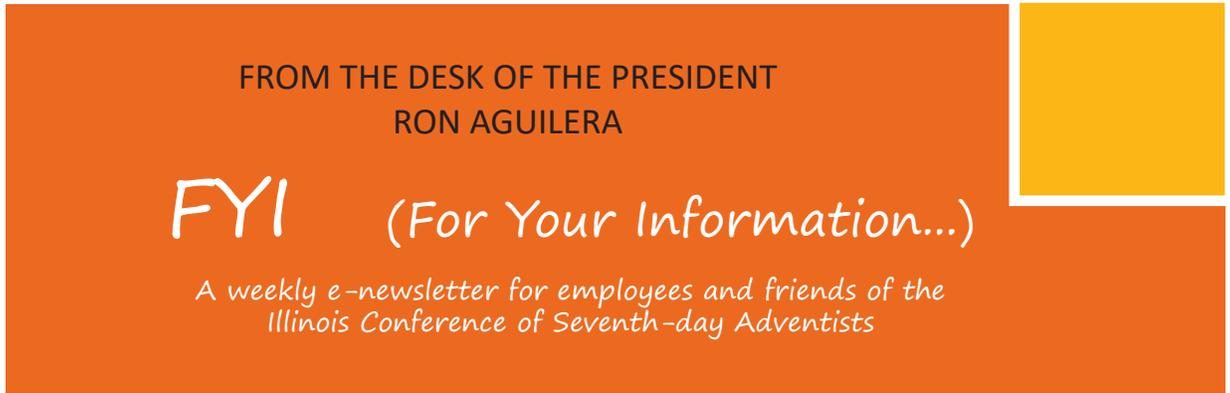




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# FYI (For Your Information...)

A weekly e-newsletter for employees and friends of the  
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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* Matthew 11:28 ESV

Next Monday is Labor Day in the United States. It is a holiday and a day known for taking a break from work. For most Americans, it means family BBQs, swim time, shopping, or a camping trip. Labor Day also traditionally marks the end of summer, particularly here in the Chicagoland area. For many, Labor Day also means it is back to school and back to football season.

Yes, the end of another summer season is now upon us. Before we know it, Christmas will be here, and 2019 will be history. How has your year measured up so far? How has your “work” for the Lord come along? Church research says that most members are not involved in the mission and ministry of the church. We know what we are saved from, but not what we are saved for. As I reflect on this, I believe now is as good of time as any to examine how each one of us is doing – how much are we listening to God by reading His word? Are we doing His will? How many times have we shared the gospel message? How are the things we do and the choices we make reflecting God’s glory and bringing Him honor?

As you think upon these questions, I want to share a few passages from Scripture that might be able to encourage you as you move forward the last few months of 2019:

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.* 1 Corinthians 15:58



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*Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal. John 6:27*

*We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. John 9:4*

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*

Happy Labor Day. I hope you will find some time today to simply rest in the comfort of God's word. It is refreshing and will satisfy each one of us. And, may the Lord bless us as we labor for Him.

## ***I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT...***

...the West Suburban Pathfinder Club. Fifty-five individuals represented the West Suburban church at Oshkosh! Way to go, West Suburban!

## ***CHURCH VISIT***

Last Sabbath, I had the privilege of preaching at our West Suburban Spanish church, located in Villa Park. I want to thank Pastor Salazar for the invitation to speak, and to the pastor and his family for their wonderful service. When I arrived, the pastor's wife, Maria Luz, was up at the front, reporting as the pathfinder leader about the club's experience at Oshkosh. Later, their daughter, Luzkaterin, was leading a quartet of girls, as they sang special music. Thanks for all you are doing, and may God continue to bless.



## ***NEWS***

☞ Inviting all physicians and medical service providers: The Illinois Conference and AMITA Health invites you to a Physician/Provider and Family Vespers and Hospital Sabbath.  
When: Friday, November 1, 2019, at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, November 2, 2019, at 10:45 am. Where: Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church 201 N. Oak St., Hinsdale  
Luncheon will follow the Sabbath Service in the Regnery Auditorium, Level B1, AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale. Please RSVP by Monday, October 28, 2019, to Heather Hoffman at [Heather.Hoffman2@AMITAhealth.org](mailto:Heather.Hoffman2@AMITAhealth.org)

☞ **Town Hall Meetings are coming to your area!** We have been to three Town Hall meetings already, and I am looking forward to being with you at the other three town hall meetings next week. I will be sharing a Conference update, as

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well as talking about our next Camp Akita project. These town hall meetings are open to all Illinois Conference church members.

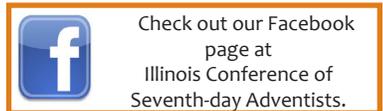
Area 1 - Thompsonville SDA church. Monday, September 3rd, 7 pm.

Area 2 – All Nations SDA church (Bloomington/Normal). Tuesday, September 4th, 7 pm.

Area 3 – Princeton SDA church. Wednesday, September 5th, 7 pm.

- ☞ SAVE THE DATE. The Illinois Conference 2019 annual Prayer Conference will take place at Camp Akita on October 4-6, 2019. The guest presenter this year will be Pastor Peter Neri. Pastor Neri is the Pastor of the Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- ☞ Are you planning to attend next summer's General Conference Session in Indianapolis, Indiana? It will be held June 25-July 4, 2020, at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. Check out the event's website for lots of helpful information: [www.session.adventist.org](http://www.session.adventist.org).

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Our daily video devotionals ARE BACK! Go to the Illinois Conference Facebook page to check it out, and subscribe, and share it with your friends and family. You can find it at: <https://tinyurl.com/yyp7bvf>.

## RESOURCES

Ellen White and the Gift of Prophecy - Bible Study Guide. By Michael W. Campbell

Ellen White has been the most influential voice in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, yet she has often been misunderstood. Ellen White and the Gift of Prophecy aims at correcting that problem. In six chapters, this book introduces her ministry, her writings, and her legacy. This Bible study also introduces readers to Ellen White as a warmhearted, real person. To purchase, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y6xgl4v3>

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

... 1,311 Pathfinders were baptized over the five days of the Chosen International Camporee?

*“Abiding in Christ is choosing only the disposition of Christ, so that His interests are identified with yours. Abide in Him, to be and to do only what He wills. These are the conditions of discipleship, and unless they are complied with, you can never find rest. Rest is in Christ; it cannot be as something apart from Him.”*

– Ellen G. White, *Selected Messages Book 1*, p.110

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