

Updates. . .

Week of Prayer

Next week, October 23-26 is week of prayer with Dr. Karl Haffner. Each morning we will begin with song service at 7:25.

The theme of the week is "Happy Matters!"

Karl Haffner is Vice President for Student Experience and Enrollment Management at Loma Linda University Health. He has BA degrees in theology and business from Walla Walla College, an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University, an MDiv and a PhD from Andrews University. He has pastored in a local church for over 30 years and has written 15 books. He and his wife, Cherié, have two daughters, Lindsey.



AFLAC Representative

Dear employee, our AFLAC representative will be here to talk with you in-person on October 19th from 8-12. There will be 15-20 minute appointments available. Please reach out to Julie at x2568 or Kelly at x2567 to schedule your time.

2024 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day—Monday, January 1
Presidents' Day—Monday, February 19
Memorial Day—Monday, May 27
Independence Day—Thursday, July 4
Labor Day—Monday, September 2
Thanksgiving—Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 27 & 28
Christmas—Wed. & Thurs., Dec. 25 & 26

Flu Shots

Flu season is upon us. If you'd like to get a flu shot, they are available at Albertsons and your local pharmacy. Please be sure to show your health plan card and the pharmacy will bill the health plan. There will be no charge to you if you select an in-network provider. In-network for our area would be Albertsons. You can also find a list of in-network providers here: www.aetna.com/asa.

Appreciation for *Signs of the Times*

By Olga Valdivia

Thank you, *Signs of the Times* editors, for a job well done!

I received a call this morning from someone in Old Town, FL. The person on the other end of the phone did not introduce herself but, rather, she asked straightaway if I knew who owned *Signs of the Times* and how long the magazine had been around. She had found an old copy of *Signs* somewhere and, impressed by what she read, wanted to know more.

After I explained who we were and shared a few details about the magazine, the conversation soon turned to what we, as Seventh-Day Adventists, believe. Rather than going into a deep theological conversation, we talked about the present condition of our world and what Seventh-Day Adventists believe is in our future—as corruption, violence, and evil increase, our world teeters on the brink of self-destruction, but Jesus Christ promised to come for his people. He’s our only real hope, and as we wait for that glorious day, we follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

After promising to send her a few complimentary issues of *Signs of the Times*, our conversation ended. And what an amazing collection of back issues I found in our stash!

- March 2023 – The Antichrist
- June 2023 – The Quest for eternal life
- July 2023 – A Christian Nation?
- August 2023 – The Rest We Need
- September 2023 – Global Meltdown

Have you been sharing *Signs of the Times*? The world is in crisis. The rise of climate anxiety is overwhelming and terrifying. Fear is gripping the hearts of humanity. Politicians can’t save our world. The pope’s encyclical can’t save our world. Only God will do that, and our purpose as followers of Christ is to share this amazing hope with those who can find no solution to the world’s problems.

United Way You Make Opportunities Happen!

Have you ever wondered what the people who receive support from the United Way of Treasure Valley Community fund have to say about it? There is still time to make a pledge or donation to United Way!

Use this link to make a payroll deduction or a one-time gift:

<https://fs9.formsite.com/uwtv/PacificPress-23/index>

Calendars Available

The 2024 calendars showing the entire year in Quarters from Alexander Clark on the table the Purchasing Director’s office. Help yourself!

Story from Guide Magazine

Laura Samano shared this story from the archives of Guide Magazine:

Putting the Finger on the Problem
By Gary Rust

This story was originally published in the June 6, 1976 issue of *Guide*.

The fingers on one hand got into an argument one day trying to decide which was the most important.

"I'm the most important," said Mr. Pointer Finger, "because I show people the right direction or point to a beautiful picture on the wall, and no one else on this hand can do it so well. I'm the most important one!"

Next to speak was the middle finger.

"Oh, yeah?" said Mr. Middle Finger. "I happen to be the most important. I want each of you to stand straight and tall. Why, I'm a half joint above all of you. Since I'm the tallest, that makes me the most important!"

Then Mr. Third Finger spoke. "I want you to know that rulers wear a ring, on me to demonstrate their authority. Because of this I'm the most important.

"I happen to be the most important said Mr. Little Finger. "It is I who guides the rest of you when you want to make a line on a sheet of paper. For this reason, I'm the most important!"

The fingers continued to argue over which was the most important. At times the conversation almost got out of hand. Finally, they decided to seek the counsel of Mr. Thumb.

“Mr. Thumb,” they asked, “who is the most important of us all?”

Mr. Thumb thought for a while and then he asked Mr. Pointer Finger to go over and pick up a book that was on the table. “It contains the answer,” said Mr. Thumb.

Try as he could, he couldn’t pick it up. Upon returning, Mr. Pointer Finger, who had worked up a terrible sweet on his nail, reported that it was impossible for him to balance it.

So then the middle finger gave it a try, followed by the third finger; both ended in failure. Finally the little finger gave it a try, and his attempt also ended in defeat.

Then wise Mr. Thumb called them to order and said, “Let me help you pick up the book.” Together they walked over to the table, and together—with the help of the thumb—they picked up the book.

Mr. Thumb concluded his lesson with the words, “Unless we all work together, we really will accomplish very little.”

So it is with groups of people; God can use children, youth, and adults. All must work together to spread the gospel message.

October

- 4 PAYDAY
- 9 Chapel—Miguel Valdivia
- 16 Chapel—Scott Cady
- 18 PAYDAY
- 23 Chapel—Week of Prayer—Karl Haffner
- 30 Chapel—Mike Fifer, Safety

November

- 1 PAYDAY

Thank You!

Sunday, October 8 was the memorial service for Paul Ricchiuti. Bruce Fenner led out in organizing the very nice service. Here is a note that came regarding the flowers sent by the press:

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were sent for Paul Ricchiuti’s memorial service. They really brightened the room during a less than desirable event. But it really was a celebration of life, and a true memorial as so many of the press family shared their memories of Paul. It was really amazing how many from Pacific Press’ time in Mountainview California were able to be there. Thanks again for the beautiful flowers. Since they are from the press family, the flowers were placed in our front lobby so the entire press family can enjoy their beauty.

