

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

A message from Pastor Eric Sayler

Several years ago our family had the privilege of traveling to Costa Rica. When we landed in the capital city, San José, our journey had just begun. We grabbed a shuttle to a rental car agency, loaded our bags into a little 4X4 Toyota and hit the road. Our destination was a little jungle bamboo house eight hours south through a country we'd never traveled in before.

It was a beautiful, yet slow drive. My nerves were on edge, not knowing the unwritten driving expectations of Costa Rican motorists. Here are just a few we learned along the way: School zones are meaningless, no one slows down; people stop their cars randomly in the middle of the road while neighboring cars fly past them without a blink; be aware of landslides, they happen a lot.

As we traveled we came to a high bridge over a river. Deciding we needed a break we pulled off at a little roadside restaurant and stretched as we exited the car. We wandered over to the edge of the steep bank, looked down in the water, and there, filling the river were huge American Crocodiles. From what we read it's the greatest concentration of those reptiles anywhere in the Americas, possibly the world.

I wouldn't want to get in that water!

This Sabbath we're continuing our series on "The Acts of the Spirit." We're going to study in Acts 8 about a man who went on a road trip. He was traveling from Jerusalem to Ethiopia and along the way he encountered not only a river, but he encountered God. Fortunately there weren't any crocodiles in the river, as far as we know.

I hope you can join us for worship, whether [online](#) or in person. You can also watch later on the church's [YouTube channel](#). If you worship at the church thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by keeping your mask in place and maintaining physical distance from those not from your home.

Happy Sabbath!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: January 2, 2021, Pastor Sayler returns to his study of Acts of the Spirit which he paused for Christmas.

Next Weekend: January 9, Acts of the Spirit continues

Week At A Glance

January 2, Sabbath: ***9:30am Live Sabbath Schools in the Church***

~ The Word a Zoom~Hybrid Sabbath School > II Samuel Chapter 19 & 20

~ Lenard Wittlake Sabbath School Adult Quarterly > Isaiah; Crisis of Identity

~ Young Adult Sabbath School Zoom~Hybrid

~ Juniors/Youth Zoom Sabbath School

11:00am – 12:15pm Worship Service - ***Meditations by Pastor Eric Sayler***

Sunset 4:20pm

January 4, Monday: 7:00am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Monday Evening: 7:00pm Hope Group on Zoom

January 5, Tuesday: 6:45pm Youth Zoom Meeting

7:00pm Young Adult Zoom bible study - Esther

January 6, Wednesday: 7:00am Zoom Prayer Meeting

January 7, Thursday: No Zoom Prayer Meeting due to Year Year's Eve

January 8, Friday ***Sunset ~ 4:26pm***

January 8, Friday Digital Communion service available for Home Viewing
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11:00am – 12:15pm Meditations by Pastor Eric Sayler

5:00pm Church Business Meeting on Zoom

Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

Worship Service **11:00am** **01-02-2021** **Link to Facebook**

Piano Prelude	Lily Ionescu
Community Life	Kristy Bartlett
Kids Korner	
Children's Story	Christine Wittlake
Special Music	
Prayer	Kristy Bartlett
God's Word	<i>Pastor Eric Sayler</i>
Sermon Title:	<i>Acts of the Spirit: Washed?</i>
Scripture Text:	<i>Acts 8:36</i>
Benediction	Pastor Eric
Piano Postlude	Lily Ionescu

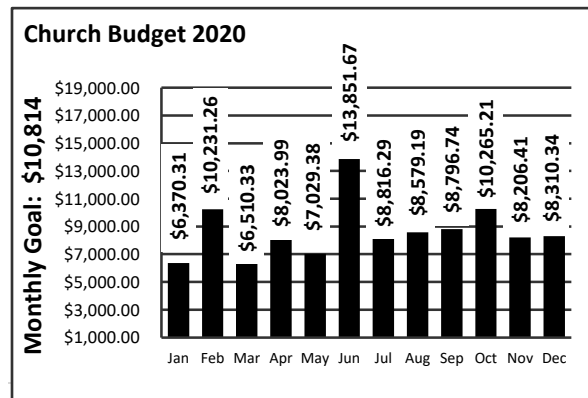
Worship Team today

Worship Leader:	Kristy Bartlett
Greeters:	Carol Reiswig
Lead Deacon:	
Lead Deaconess:	Christine Wittlake
AV Team:	Bob & Ryan Daniel

We thank you for supporting your local church budget in addition to the world church?

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Student Aid goal for 2021:	\$ 4,943.58	\$15,204.66	\$10,261.08
* <i>Maintenance Reserve Fund</i> for 2020:	\$ 2,876.94	\$14,000.00	\$11,123.06
"Beam the Light" – Lighting up-grade	\$12,240.61	\$30,000.00	\$17,759.39

Our Church Budget Giving to Date this Current Year



This week we are not reporting giving numbers from last Sabbath. Offerings have continued to come in to the office during the week and our Treasurer decided to complete an "end of year deposit" so next week we will see end of 2020 giving report and a first Sabbath 2021.

Thank you for your patience and faithful giving!

Offering for today ~ Local Church Budget for January 2, 2021

A visitor arrived at a church in the middle of winter. He noticed it was cold inside the sanctuary, and everyone wore winter coats and scarves. The visitor found the head elder and asked, "Is your furnace broken?"

"No, the furnace is fine. We just don't have enough money to pay the heating bill."

Startled, the visitor asked, "Doesn't the local church budget handle these issues?" The elder shook his head.

The visitor requested permission to address the church. He asked the members, "How many of you had heat in your homes today?" Everyone raised their hands.

He continued by saying, "Today, we are in God's church. I believe that God deserves better than what we enjoy in our homes. I will visit again next Sabbath and will donate to the local church budget. How many will join me?"

Most of the congregation raised their hands. He read this passage: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

The following Sabbath, the visitor returned and led the members in giving to the local budget. The congregation continued to pay for heat throughout the entire winter as they brought their offerings for the church expenses. When we compare the costs in our own home to the needs of the church, we can see the importance of supporting the local budget.

Eastgate Church News & Events

All Church Business Meeting ~ 5:00pm, Saturday evening, January 9

Please join us to hear how our church survived 2020 and the goals of leadership for 2021! The link for the zoom meeting is found below. If you have questions, please contact the church office during regular office hours.

Eastgate Church Business Meeting

Scheduled: Jan 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, PST

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81345410847?pwd=MENTY3lwdVM2SDE4RkdHejFIQmtSZz09>

Eric Saylor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Eastgate Church Business Meeting

Time: Jan 9, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81345410847?pwd=MENTY3lwdVM2SDE4RkdHejFIQmtSZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 4541 0847

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keEz2KHQZn>

Eric Saylor, esaylor@live.com

Communion Opportunity available Friday, January 8

The Pastor and a couple of elders will prepare a Communion Service and post the video for your use on our church [Facebook](#) page. It will also be available on the church's [YouTube channel](#). For an easy communion bread recipe, please go to our church website: eastgatesda.org, go to resources, e-newsletter and scan the column for Communion Bread. Included with the recipe is a link to an on-line video demonstration.

We pray this resource will be of benefit for you and your family.

Adult Sabbath School Quarterlies are available

If you would like an adult Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly please stop by the church during the week or on Sabbath morning. They are on display in the lobby. If you need a special large print version please make that request through the church office.

SPECIAL MUSIC at Eastgate

Would you like to serve the church in song? Maybe you would be willing to provide a special music on any given Sabbath? You can either contact the church office or Kim Boyd. He will once again be leading a team of individuals who will arrange for special music.

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 FB!

<https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203>

School News & Children's Ministry Items

Children's Ministries Virtual Expo – Save the Date

Be sure and save the date for Friday evening, March 5, and Sabbath, March 6, NPUC Children's Ministries VIRTUAL Expo. There will be a keynote speaker, plus many breakouts, that will teach, inspire, and encourage all who love and engage with children from beginners through earlites! Hope you join us!

Collegiate & Young Adult Events

Sabbath Morning Hybrid Sabbath School Class

This group will not meet on Sabbath December 26 ~ please check back next time!

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

This group is will be meeting on the ZOOM platform; they may also be meeting in small groups with cautionary measures. To join this group and be in the know of how to meet, call Jason Malik at (541) 282-4264 or Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

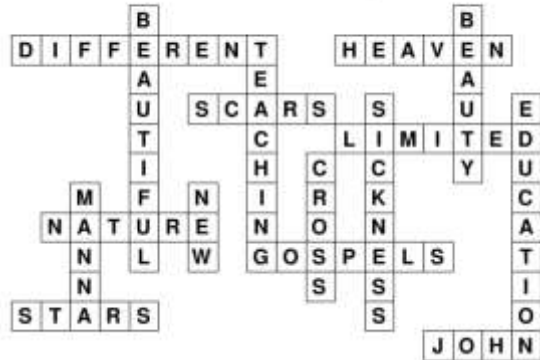
Women's Ministry ~ the Sisters Corner

Coming January 16, Women's Ministry Event on Zoom featuring ...

...The ladies of the Women's Ministry Team will be announcing details of a special event to be held Sabbath afternoon, January 16. Time and Zoom Link will be announced here next week!

Adult Sabbath School Crossword Puzzle Key

Adult Sabbath School - 4th Quarter (2020)
Lesson 13, December 19 - 25: "Learning in Heaven Forever"



Adult Sabbath School Crossword Puzzle for Lesson 13 of fourth quarter 2020

For those of you who enjoy working crossword puzzles here is the answer key to the puzzle posted in last weeks' Newsletter on the last page.

We hope you enjoy this addition! (*editor*)

Walla Walla Valley SDA News

Job Opportunities at Christian Aid Center:

The Christian Aid Center is in need for a volunteer to lead Bible study for the women on Thursday mornings.

For more information, please go to our website at christianaidcenter.org. Or call Jeannette Regalado, Volunteer & Donor Relations, Christian Aid Center, (509) 525-7153 ext. 114

Help SonBridge

We feel blessed by our strong and supportive community, especially during this difficult year. Help SonBridge finish the year strong with prayers, volunteering, and/or giving.

sonbridge.org/give

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News

Minds Differ, So Assume the Best

In this article from the *Adventist Review*, Ty Gibson reminds that in these politically charged times, it is important to handle our differences God's way. For the full article, see www.adventistreview.org/minds-differ-so-assume-the-best.

Churches Should Stay the Course

In a ruling issued recently, the U.S. Supreme Court enjoined the state of New York from implementing gathering restrictions on churches due to COVID. This ruling is specific to the executive order issued by the New York State governor and does not apply nationwide. Until the temporary injunction is appealed, it is important that NPUC churches continue to observe state and local guidelines, and avoid unnecessary risks. For the full NPUC legal review, see nwadventists.com/news/2020/11/churches-advised-stay-course.

New It Is Written Series Coming January 2021 No Limits: A Life of Power Series

More than ever, we as Seventh-day Adventist Christians need to proclaim Jesus Christ in word and action. This all starts with us having a close connection with God. *It Is Written* presents a 6-part revival series, *No LIMITS: A Life of Power*. This free series is not like any other you've been a part of before. Instead of you simply inviting others to watch someone's presentations, this is a dynamic series where you have an active part. We provide you the link to presentations and you integrate those presentations within a Zoom meeting (or whatever platform you prefer) with church members and friends. The first 30 minutes of the revival series features a presentation by John Bradshaw. The second 30 minutes is led by you or another local facilitator

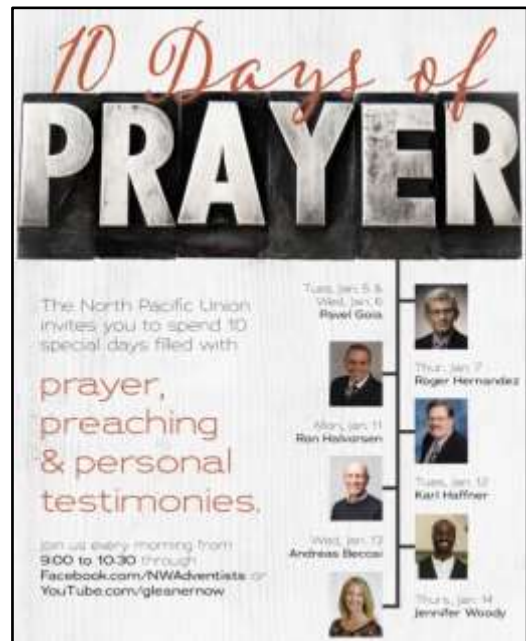
using a worksheet provided by *It Is Written* in a discussion and then prayer time. To sign up, click [here](#).

This six-part free online series airs Jan. 24-29, 2021. Registration will open Dec. 10 at nolimits2021.com. Access sharing resources at: itiswritten.com/rresources.

Join Us For 10 Days of Prayer

Everyone is invited to join the North Pacific Union Conference in 10 special days filled with prayer, preaching and personal testimonies from people around the union. There is no better time to pray and come together than now as our communities and our own church members are facing different challenges creating personal losses, suffering and pain. We are in need of the baptism of the Holy Spirit as we consider the mandate to share the Gospel throughout the North Pacific Union territory. Plan to be with us every morning from 9:00 to 10:30 am starting on January 5-7 and the following week January 7-14.

For more information, see the flier at the link.



Camp MiVoden Accepting ~ Staff Applications for 2021

Camp MiVoden is currently taking applications for Summer Staff 2021. Camp MiVoden is a warm, nurturing camp located in Hayden Lake, Idaho. We are looking for staff in many different positions. You can help teach campers some new skills or improve their ability in an activity and teach them about the love of Jesus. Join us for an unforgettable experience where our summer team bonds together like family. Please visit www.mivoden.com and apply today.

Contribute Using the Lowest Fees Possible

AdventistGiving negotiates the lowest possible fees for online giving. These costs are shared by the local conference (70%), union conference (10%), North American Division (10%), and General Conference (10%). When donating, please consider using ACH (electronic check or savings) as your payment method to help keep costs to a minimum.

For your reference (1st quarter 2020 fees):

- ACH (electronic check or savings account) averaged 19 cents each
- Debit cards averaged 0.63% of the amount donated
- Credit cards averaged 2.18% of the amount donated

It Is Written Invites Churches to Participate in New Virtual Series

More people than ever are wondering what is happening to our world. They are searching for real answers. It is time for the Seventh-day Adventist church to loudly and lovingly proclaim a message for such a time as this. This is what our new evangelism initiative, ACTS 20:21, is all about. ACTS 20:21 is a journey that spans the entire 2021 year with 5 virtual meetings specifically designed for people seeking answers. The climax of the journey is the three-week full-message series in October 2021. You can find information at acts2021.church. Hundreds of churches have already joined ACTS 20:21. If your church hasn't yet, it's not too late.

Bible Tours Offered in 2021

We are excited to once again offer Bible Study Tours led by Dr. Carl Cosaert, Dean of the School of Theology and Professor of Biblical Studies at Walla Walla University. Below is a list of tours in 2021 for you to consider:

March 29 - April 8, 2021 — The Steps of Paul and John Tour will be an unforgettable tour following the steps of the apostles Paul and John in Greece and Turkey. Towns like Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus will no longer be lifeless names on a page. Instead, they will be places full of meaning since you will have visited them yourself.

August 23 - September 3, 2021 — The Steps of Jesus Tour will be an extraordinary journey to Jordan and Israel that will bring the stories of Jesus and the early church to life unlike anything you have experienced before. Walking through the countryside in Galilee where Jesus often taught and seeing the remains of an ancient boat that dates back to Jesus time bring to life Biblical stories in a not to be forgotten way. Visiting the Nazareth Village provides an opportunity to see what life in Galilee would have been like in the time of Jesus.

December 13 – 23, 2021 – The Egypt Bible Tour will find you standing in front of the ancient Pyramids of Giza experiencing the same awe that Joseph felt when he stood before them nearly four thousand years ago. Visiting the spectacular monuments in ancient Thebes you will impress you with the courage and faith Moses had to have in God in order to stand up to the mighty Pharaoh of Egypt.

You will encounter many more experiences than those listed. Dr. Cosaert will be both your teacher and guide for all three tours. He has carefully chosen the best sites, hotel accommodations and restaurants to ensure your tour will be an amazing experience. For a complete itinerary and cost for the tour or tours you would like to join, please email Sharon Searson at sharons@uccsda.org or go to www.adventours.org.

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North Pacific Union Conference

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Do you struggle to explain your convictions about Sabbath or labor unions to your employer? Are you being asked to work on Sabbath? The Northwest Religious Liberty Association can help. Call Greg Hamilton and Rhonda Bolton at 360/857-7040.

PRAY ONE MISSION is a North American Division initiative calling us to focused prayer for people who need Jesus. Do you know of one or two such people? As you pray for these individuals, please consider sending them a subscription to *Signs of the Times*® at 800/545-2449. Prayer and the printed page are great teammates and proven soul winners.

<http://www.signstimes.com>

MISSION 360° MAGAZINE Several publications, such as *Mission Post* and *Frontline* have merged and expanded to create a new official mission magazine of the Seventh-day Adventist church called Mission 360°. It will be published quarterly and you can sign up for an online version at www.Mission360Mag.org

Poetry Corner - Introduction

Do You Love Poetry? Do you have a poem you would like to submit?

Over the last year we included in our e-NewsLetter a crossword puzzle which corresponded to the Adult Sabbath School Lesson. For those who enjoyed that and would like to continue it as a past-time, please feel free to follow this link to puzzles on a weekly basis:

<https://sdapuzzles.com/>

This quarter I thought I would explore a different path for our readers. A place of poetry, reflecting the values of one who is on the Christian journey. If you would like to submit a poem to be shared, please send it by email to the church office at office@eastgateadventist.church or by USPS to our Eastgate SDA Church mail box at 380 N. Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA 99362, or drop it off on Sabbath at the office.

Make sure I have your name and contact information along with the author of the poem and the source you found. It.

Poetry Corner

Traveling On My Knees *by Sandra Goodwin*

Last night I took a journey
To a land across the seas
I didn't go by ship or plane
I traveled on my knees.

I saw so many people there
in bondage to their sins,
and Jesus told me I should go,
that there were souls to win.

But I said, "Jesus, I can't go
to lands across the seas."

He answered quickly, "Yes, you can-
by traveling on your knees."

He said, "You pray, I'll meet the need,
you call, and I will hear,
it's up to you to be concerned
for lost souls far and near."

And so I did, I knelt in prayer,
gave up some hours of ease,
and with the Saviour by my side
I traveled on my knees.

As I prayed on, I saw souls saved
and twisted persons healed,
I saw God's workers' strength renewed
while laboring on the field.

I said, "Yes, Lord, I'll take the job,
Your heart I want to please,
I'll heed your call and swiftly go
by traveling on my knees."

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.

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

Three of our church women recently found out they will be fighting breast cancer.

Requests: - What are your prayer requests?

Prayers for all of our Health Care providers in our fellowship that they may be protected from infection from COVID-19

Seth A., Evon A., Kristy B., Jen B., Rachel B., Cal B., Jamie C., Stephanie C., Jen D., Guy E., Heidi E., Rhonda E., Gay F., Rod F., Debbie H., Daniel H., Dr. Gilly I., Tammy J., Susan M., Julie S., Toby S., Nancy R., Carolynn V., Sherry W.,

Lisa R. – Her niece, Toni, is a missing person, request prayers she be safe and found soon.

Rachelle H. – Her sister Tannielle is much better healing from COVID. However, baby is not gaining weight as fast as hoped. Continuing Prayers Please for her & child.

Janet Leroue – requests prayers for her granddaughter Ashley, who is experiencing kidney and liver health issues. Also, please pray for the mother of this grandchild.

Gretta G. – recently spent time in hospital, is home today but request prayers, breathing issues.

George K. – Requests prayers for healing from spinal compression fractures

Dan M. – the Doctors are trying to help him feel better through this long illness

Doug H. – is done with Radiation ~ he asks for your prayers as he heals from the treatment

Connie R. – Is recuperating at home from a successful surgery, your continued prayers please.

Holly J. - Prayers as she has learned the cancer she has had is now in her brain

Clint Dickerson – A local friend is continuing to undergoing treatment for cancer, prayers appreciated

Dorothy C – Requests prayers as she continues to heal from a recent surgical procedure.

Ruth H. – request your prayers as she recovers from a surgical procedure & has a follow up in January.

Jeff W. – Continued prayers for healing and adapting during his stroke recovery

Asher P. – Special prayers as his treatment has taken him home and improvement takes place

Prayers for Asher and his family while they strive to stay infection and virus free!

Arriola Family – Continued prayers for our friends the Arriola's during this season of loss.

Debbie P – for health, healing & strength, it is harder to get around

Deb K. – for health, healing & strength to face daily challenges & medication balance

Debbie S – continued health & strength

"D" Underwood –requests continued prayers for her daughter & son

Megan E.'s - continued prayers for her parents

Tami J. – Continues to ask for your prayers as she struggles with her challenges

Continuing Prayers for our church families of small children during this time when having children's divisions meet has special and unique challenges.

Prayers for our Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Faculty and Staff as they work to provide the highest level of education they can through the best methods available to them and the students they serve!

In Military Service - Continual Prayer for those serving

Diane U. – Grandson in the Marines

Paul D. – Army Reserves

Evon A.'s daughter; Anna Harris ~ Navy

Seth A. – Air Force Reserves

Praises:

What gift causes you to praise the name of God our Heavenly Father today? We know you are being blessed so please, share your praises to God here so others can see the real life ways that God's people praise His name!

Job Network

Looking for a position? Looking to Hire? Please let us know so we can assist in getting the word out!

Job Opportunities in the Oregon Conference

Looking for work in the Oregon Conference? Check the following for job postings:

www.oregonconference.org/employment-home

New Positions Open at UCC

Upper Columbia Conference may have openings available. For more information and to apply see uccsda.org/jobs.

Classified Ads, Services & Needs

Are you in a service industry? Would you like your church family to be aware of what services you can provide? Please consider placing an ad in this space. At this time, to place an advertisement here will not cost any money. It should only be basic text with no illustrations or photos. To add graphics may or may not be possible based on time and graphic software available. Thank you, Office Manager.

Submit your service ads to the following email address: office@eastgateadventist.church Weekly Deadline: Items must be received prior to 8:00am Wednesday mornings.

Thank you for your positive feedback and comments. Sincerely, Eastgate SDA Office Manager

Need Electrical Work Done? Power Solutions Electric

Casey Werner and Trent Fowler may be your solution to your electric wiring and repair projects. Contact Heidi or Tara at psselectric01@gmail.com or 509-540-2656. It's always good to know your electrician!

REALTOR: Thinking about buying or selling your home? Want a Christian Realtor to be your advocate and guide? Let me serve you with the best resources and service in the business. Call or text Sarah Bergman at John L. Scott, Walla Walla at 509-240-6826 or reach me by email at sbergman@johnlscott.com for a no-obligation consultation and market analysis. I look forward to hearing from you.

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***** Walla Walla University Needs Power Plant Operator *****

+++ Walla Walla University Also Needs a Carpentry Shop Foreman +++

WWU has an open position for a power plant operator and a carpentry shop foreman both in the facility services department and are having a challenging time finding applicants. With people losing jobs right now, do you know of someone who may be interested? Would you be willing to pass this on to others who might be interested? Here's the link to the job description page and a high-level summary of the role:

<https://www.wallawalla.edu/resources/human-resources-payroll/staff-employment/>