

# North Goshen Mennonite Church

February 4, 2018

Rejoice always,  
pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

*All the people said amen*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Marcos Stoltzfus

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 76

*Give thanks with a grateful heart*

Sing for Joy 943

[Children ages 4 through grade 2 are dismissed to Children's Church]

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

*Where have you witnessed God's work during the week?*

*Where is God's presence needed?*

Luke 17:11-19

Deena & Christina Elizalde

"Return to Glory"

Mark Schloneger

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

*Children Bring MCC & Birthday Offerings*

*Give us clean hands*

*Praise God from whom*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 119

Benediction

Respond with: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

## Our Prayers

**Those unable to attend services:** Bill Yoder, Thelma Harley,  
Judy Yoder, Elroy & Alberta Troyer

**Pastor Mario, Carmen and family** with the San Lucas Church,  
our sister church in San Martin, Mexico.

**Those recovering:** Yadira Rodriguez, Erin Behan Morillo

**Congregational members** who have lost spouses and family members. **Richard Blacut**, who's brother Luis passed away on Wednesday in Bolivia. Being away from family is difficult at this time.

David Molina will be flying to Mexico on Friday to visit the San Lucas congregation along with Jose Tellez. We pray for traveling mercies for David and Jose and we send our loving greetings to the congregation there.

### **Nurture**

**Sunday school classes for all ages** are held from 9-10am

**Children's Church:** *To help assure the safety of the children, we ask that a responsible person meet your children at the Children's Church door as soon as they are dismissed.*

**Today:** Bonnie Cripe, Harlan & Trent Stoltzfus, Ana Swartzendruber

**Childcare** is available in the basement nursery for children ages 3 years and younger.

**Today:** Elaine Thomas, Kerry Cripe, Fiona Yeakey

The Peace Lamp is lit each week as a reminder to pray for peace in our community and world.

The February issue of "Purpose" includes an article written by Melodie Miller Davis and Bertha Miller. It is a story about Bertha's calling to grade Bible lessons for the Gospel Echoes. Bertha says, "They keep me on my toes answering their questions, it is absolutely so rewarding. Some share a lot, I call it dessert after a meal." Melodie is Bertha's daughter and is the new editor of "Purpose".

Please email announcements to the church office before Friday or give them to the worship leader prior to worship.

### **Announcements**

●**The Souper Bowl** MYF fund raiser today, after the worship service. Please come to eat soup and support the MYF.

●**Today** Birthday offerings are being combined with the first-Sunday-of-the-month MCC offering. You may bring your birthday offering up to the jar or give it to a child to put it in for you.

●A thank-you letter to the congregation was sent from Diana (Blacut) Katasonov. It is on the bulletin board for all to read.

●**Mennonite Women Service Day** is the second Thursday each month. Meet on Thursday, February 8.

●**Venture Club** Valentine Party. Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to join us **Saturday, February 10, 9-11am** in the Fellowship Hall.

●The Jr Youth will attend the Winter Retreat at Amigo Centre beginning on Friday and returning Sunday. Pray that this will be a time of both fun relationship building with each other and a deepening of their relationship with Christ.

●**Evangelism Commission requests** donations of disposable diapers to re-stock the church supply for NG community families. Sizes newborn, and 1, 2 & 3 are especially needed at this time. Diapers can be dropped off underneath the church mailboxes. Thanks so much!

●**Chamberlain School** is in our neighborhood. We are supporting the school and it's staff in various ways. **A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board help in February at the Fun Fair.** Check it out, sign up!

Thank you, Cindy & Randy Lehman, for your work with the visual arts during the Advent and Christmas season. It was beautiful and we are grateful to you for using your gifts to help with our worship.

Estén siempre alegres,  
oren sin cesar,  
den gracias a Dios en toda situación,  
porque esta es su voluntad para ustedes en Cristo Jesús.  
(1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-18)

#### Prayer Requests/Notes

#### Coming Events

February 16-18	MYF Winter Retreat at Amigo Centre
March 4-10	Hosting college students for LaCasa
March 13	Coordinating Council
March 25	Palm Sunday

*If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Mark Schloneger, Izaete Nafziger or one of the Elders, either after worship today or during the week.  
Available elders are Bob Steury, Gail Yoder & Randy Lehman.*

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