

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)

## **North Goshen Mennonite Church**

April 15, 2018

*This is amazing grace*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Michael Yeakey

*Christ has arisen*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 267

*Christ who left his home in glory*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 283

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

*Oh, Tu Fidelidad*

Tessie Molina

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?*

"The long slog to communion" (Luke 24:13-25)

Mark Schloneger

*On the journey to Emmaus*

Sing the Story 98

*O glorious day*

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 Iglesia Arca de Dios,  
our sister church in San Martin, Mexico.

**Congregational members** who have lost spouses and family members.

**Those recovering:** Jim Burkholder is in room 302 at Courtyard

### **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:** Bess Daly, Harlan & Trent Stoltzfus, Calista Swartzendruber

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

**Today:** Terri Yeater, Michele & Devin Stoltzfus

### Coming Events

April 24	Jail Ministry Banquet
April 25	Community Meal—Notice the date change
April 29	6pm Spring Congregational Meeting
May 1	Lunch Bunch
May 8	Coordinating Council
May 16	Community Meal
May 20	Recognition of H.S. seniors
May 20	Vote on conference affiliation
May 20	Wedding Shower for Josh Helmuth and Erika Byler
June 18-22	Vacation Bible School

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

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

### Announcements

●**MYF Live-In** begins here today and will continue through Thursday night. Plan accordingly for use of the church.

●**Venture Club** will meet at the Yeakey home on Saturday, April 21 at 10am to learn bike maintenance. See Michael Yeakey if you have questions.

●**Elkhart County Jail Ministry Banquet.** The 2018 banquet will take place **Tuesday evening, April 24th** from 7:00-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:00pm). It will be a dessert banquet held at Maple City Chapel. North Goshen will sponsor a table. There is no cost but donations are encouraged. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

●**Coordinating Council** meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board after each meeting. Minutes are also available upon request. Let Cheryl know if you would like them emailed to you or if you would like a paper copy.

In May, the congregation will be asked to vote on our ongoing conference affiliation. The paper ballot will ask each member and regular adult attender to choose one of the two following options: to remain in Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference or to end that affiliation and seek conference membership elsewhere. According to our church constitution, a 2/3 majority

would have to vote for the church to leave the conference in order for the departure to happen.

At its March meeting, the coordinating council of the church recommended a congregational vote in favor of staying in the Conference. The vote tally was nine in favor and six in opposition.

During the first two Sundays in May, Sunday school time will be dedicated to a discussion of the benefits of staying in Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference or of seeking affiliation elsewhere. More details about these meetings will be forthcoming.

Please be in prayer for our church as we consider this decision.

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)

*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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