

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:45am

### WORSHIP

April 21 Easter Easter Feast 1 <sup>st</sup> hour, no 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour	April 28
Worship leaders: <i>Bethany Swope, Jadya Good Kaufmann, Sam Ostergren</i> Sermon: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>B &amp; Beta</i>	Worship leaders: <i>Jon Zirkle</i> Sermon: <i>Randy Roth</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> St+</i>
Scripture: <i>Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18</i>	Scripture: <i>John 20:19-31</i>

### CALENDAR

Sat	Apr 20	6pm Easter Vigil
TODAY	Apr 21	6:40am Sunrise service at Shantz residence (60728 CR 27 Goshen) Easter Sunday; finger food feast during 1 <sup>st</sup> hour, no 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour or Sunday school
Tue	Apr 23	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Sun	Apr 28	8am Senior breakfast 7pm Congregational meeting
Wed	May 1	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch
Sun	May 5	12pm Sunday school teacher/parent meeting & pizza luncheon

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Jacob Bontrager** (4<sup>th</sup> Middlebury Elem) turned 10 on Apr 16! He enjoys being outside. He is playing baseball this year and is working on his skills. He enjoys playing games like Settlers of Catan with his family and watching movies with them. He has hopes to return to Colorado to ski and to someday become a scientist.

**Shemaya Magatti** (7<sup>th</sup> Bethany) turns 13 on April 23. Shemaya enjoys watching, playing and reading about sports. He is currently playing soccer with Elkhart United. He enjoys social studies, art and band at school. He plays piano and in the band at school. He is looking forward to a trip to Niagara Falls with his family.

**Easter Sunrise Service:** Usher in the Easter sunrise with fellow Assembly-ites, 6:40am this Sun, Apr 21, at the home of Kate and Steve Shantz (60728 CR 27, Goshen).

**TODAY** is Easter! Everyone is invited to bring festive finger foods to share! The food will be carried with love into the worship space by our children. You are also invited to bring spring flowers, Easter lilies, and other blooms to brighten up the worship space. There will be no 2<sup>nd</sup> hour or Sunday school.

**Congratulations to Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley**, recently named a *Hoosier Resilience Hero* for his innovative creation caring work as Goshen forester and revitalizing Goshen's urban forest.

**Please join us** for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch at 11:30 on Wed, May 1 at the Greencroft Community Center. Our topic will be "Farewell to this Lunch Bunch Year". Our lunch will be smoked turkey cobb on tandoori naan with fruit or chips. To sign up and request a lunch, contact Joyce at [joycehos@gmail.com](mailto:joycehos@gmail.com) before Apr 26.

**Sunday School Parent/Teacher meeting** and pizza lunch is scheduled for 12pm on Sun, May 5 after 2<sup>nd</sup> hour. Parents will have the opportunity learn more about how we talk in Sunday school about race and to give feedback to Christian Ed committee as we work on Sunday school education topics. Parents, teachers and children please plan to attend! Help is needed to provide fruit, veggies, dessert, and aid in setup and take down. Look for the signup sheet on the round table in the gathering space.

**Goshen Clay Artist Guild sale** Fri, May 3 6-9pm and Sat, May 4 8am-2pm at the clay artist guild behind the farmer's market. See Bruce Bishop with questions: 312-0098.

**The St. Joseph Valley Camerata** is performing their Spring concert “Out of the Deep... Into the Light”. Music includes Donald McCullough’s *HOLOCAUST CANTATA – Songs from the Camps*, John Rutter’s *REQUIEM*, and *ALL OF US* from “Considering Matthew Shepard” by Craig Hella Johnson. Sat, May 4 at 7:30pm at Reith Recital Hall. Sun, May 5 at 3pm at AMBS chapel. Tickets available at [sjvcamerata.org](http://sjvcamerata.org) and at the door. \$15 regular, \$5 student. Assembly involvement includes Jeff Martin, Lisa Rose Martin, Becky Snider, Nate Osborne and Rebecca Dengler Kaufman.

**Central District Conference’s** April edition of their newsletter Focus can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **On Sat evening**, April 20, join us for a family friendly Easter Vigil at 6pm. We will travel through all of the events and emotions of Holy week which will include hearing the stories, Easter eggs and a Hallelujah hunt. This service is open to all ages. Please RSVP to [loracn@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org)

(repeat) **Notable Women Concert.** Come to hear Notable Women with guest artists Three-Legged Chair on Sat, Apr 20, 7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 215 E Lincoln Ave, Goshen. Suggested donation of \$10. This group includes a few Assembly women: Karen Graber Roth, Jamie Lake, Lydia Miller, and Becky Overholt.

(repeat) **Glenn Gilbert** is looking for a few volunteers to work Mon evening April 22 and Tues evening April 23 to install the under-carpet antenna system for the T-coil hearing assist system in the new worship space. Experience is not necessary, just the ability to work on your knees and pay attention to detail. See Glenn with questions.

(repeat) **All are welcome** to attend a drop-in reception at the meetinghouse on Sat, Apr 27, from 4-6pm, to recognize Yazan Meqbil's graduation from GC. Yazan is an international student from Palestine who has been living with Leon Bauman and Char Yutzy.

(repeat) **Assembly’s Eastertide** worship series, titled *Extending the Table*, start Sun, Apr 28. The intro to this series is attached at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

(repeat) **April's congregational meeting** is scheduled for April 28 at 7pm rather than it's regular third Sunday slot in order to avoid meeting on Easter.

(repeat) **Apr 26 Fish Fry:** Bethany Christian High School’s junior class fish fry is 4:30-8pm, Fri, Apr 26. Come for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are \$12 for adults and carryout and \$6 for children grades 1-6 (K and younger eat free). Carryout window opens at 4. Tickets available from any Bethany Jr or at the sign-up sheet on the round white table.

(repeat) **The Elkhart County Jail Ministry Banquet** is at 7pm Apr 30 at Maple City Chapel in Goshen. This large ecumenical gathering celebrates the variety of ways local churches and individuals walk alongside inmates at the jail. Assembly has a table reserved (at which you can eat your free pie). The event will be done by 8:30pm. If you’re interested, talk to Marshall King or Glenn Gilbert.

(repeat) **May 11 Plant Sale Fun-draiser** at Assembly, 9am-12pm. Are you excited about putting plants in the ground this spring? Or looking for houseplants to brighten your home? Come to a Plant Sale Fun-draiser at Assembly on Sat, May 11. Plants for sale will include vegetable and herb starts, flowers, young trees and shrubs, and houseplants, and financial donations will go to Assembly. So save up some money for your spring plant purchases to be spent towards Assembly! This is intended to be an opportunity to sell some useful plants for gardens, lawns, and homes, but also engage the community. Interested in helping? Have plants you'd like to donate to the cause (that would be sold)? Contact Jon Zirkle ([jon.zirkle@gmail.com](mailto:jon.zirkle@gmail.com) or 269-858-9527). Help spread the word.

(repeat) **LaCasa’s annual Help a House** is Sat, May 11. Please sign up for a day of work with La Casa’s housing projects for Goshen area low income homeowners needing repairs. All types of work are available for all skill levels. All ages are encouraged to help but Children Jr High and below are expected to be with an adult. Please wear work clothes and bring gloves and small hand tools if you have them. Signup sheet is available in the gathering space (if you have special skills please indicate that on the signup sheet). Talk to Dale Klassen if you have questions.

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(repeat) **Some of the mentor/mentee pairs** took part in a retreat to Camp Friedenswald last weekend. They had a good time and got a lot done! You'll find a picture from the event on the bulletin board near the north entrance, and there are some more on CF's [facebook page](#).

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Middle School** will perform *The Life and Times of Princess Sophia* at 7pm Fri and Sat, May 3 and 4. Assembly's own Tristan Mast is involved! Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, may be purchased online beginning April 15 at [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets).

(repeat) **Vacation Bible School** is a NEW week this year, June 10-14 from 9-11:30am, and does not overlap with Bethany Bright Time. We are looking for volunteers (7th grade and up), there are positions from everyone from cookie baker to Family group and Then and Now activity leader. We hope to have more children participating and are trying to get as many volunteers to help, as possible. [This form](#) lets you check as many positions as you could like and we will help you get the best position for you. Volunteer early to get your first pick of positions and reduce VBS announcements and VBS committee stress. If you have questions please ask Sarah Horst.

## community connections

**Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace (MV4MEP)** will host "Visiting Holy Sites and Listening to the Living Stones: Musings on Israel/Palestine." Saulo Padilla, Coordinator for Immigration Education at Mennonite Central Committee, will host a conversation about Israel/Palestine. Conversation participants include David Maldonado, pastor at College Mennonite Church, and Dr. Loren Johns, professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. David will share from his experience on an Israel-Palestine "Come & See" tour and Loren will speak from his own deep concern about the impact of Christian Zionism on Christian groups and American foreign policy with Israel. Saulo helped organize a learning to tour to Palestine/Israel for Latina(o)/People of Color Mennonite Church USA leaders. This is an opportunity to experience and learn as these church leaders share with each other and

with event participants. Join us on April 29 at 7pm at Fellowship of Hope, 1618 S 6th Street, Elkhart.

**The Window's first Friday meal** on May 3 from 4:30-7pm will include apple barbecue pulled pork, hash brown casserole, green beans with bacon, fruit salad, dinner rolls, and cake. \$9 suggested donation.

**The Church Community Services** food pantry benefits from the Letter Carrier's Food Drive on May 11 and we could use your help! Simply put non-perishable food items in a bag or box next to your mailbox by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 11, and they will be picked up! We also need "bag buddies", pairs of people to follow a letter carrier and pick up the food at mailboxes, and volunteers to help sort collected food at the Post Office. Please contact Jen if you can help with a shift on Saturday, May 11.

[volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org](mailto:volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org) or 574-295-3673 x 112.

**A Goshen College international** student is looking for a host family for the 2019/20 school year. His name is Kibet and he is from Kenya. He happens to be in Goshen right now so anyone willing to host could meet him upon their request. If you would be willing to host Kibet, contact Rustin Nyce at [rustinwb@goshen.edu](mailto:rustinwb@goshen.edu) or 574-238-3641

**MCC Borderlands Learning Tour:** Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes welcomes you to join us on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 22-26 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit [mcc.org/borderlands-may-2019](http://mcc.org/borderlands-may-2019) or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at [JuanPacheco@mcc.org](mailto:JuanPacheco@mcc.org) or (574) 534-4133.

(repeat) **Join us for a Comforter Bash!** Make plans to join us on Nov 8 and 9 for the Mennonite Central Committee

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(MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). We are also in need of comforter tops (size 60"x80"), so please consider making them now for use at the event. For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/comforter-bash) or contact Carol Honderich at 574-536-9062. A handmade comforter provides a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

(repeat) **Job Opening:** Bethany Christian High School is seeking to hire a varsity boys basketball coach next season, effective immediately. Interested applicants should send resumes and contact information to Athletic Director Gary Chupp at [glchupp@bethanycs.net](mailto:glchupp@bethanycs.net).

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