

About the Cover: This week's cover art was created by **Velma Peck**, who has loved drawing and creating since childhood. While she doesn't consider herself a painter, she finds great joy in working with ink, capturing the beauty of God's creation. Her sketch of a wilderness path, dappled with sunrise light, invites us to notice the gifts of the great outdoors and the creativity God plants within each of us. Velma reminds us to keep fostering this gift of imagination with the children around us.

Attendance: August 24— 59

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Wayfinding: Discerning God's Path
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Teach Us Your Paths

Psalm 25:4-10

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Focus Statement: What helps you discern God's direction when the next step is unclear?

Gathering *Blessed Be Your Name (Video)* VT 637

Welcome & Announcements Sue L.S.

Call to Worship

Songs

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord VT 131

Here in This Place VT 10

Offering Prayer & Coin Collection for MCC

(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)

Offering Song

Come and Fill Our Hearts VT 52

Scripture Reading Psalm 25:4-10 Jake S. & Reina B.

Message *The Long Way Round* Becky H.

Song *My Life Flows On* VT 605

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer Becky H.

Sending Song *Move in Our Midst* VT 827

Blessing

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Bonnie C., Harlan S., & Kristina Be-Mo

Nursery: Elaine T., Kerry C., & Jenny G.

Tech Team: Jose J., Greg S & Tim N.

Speaker: Becky H.

Worship Leader: Sue L.S.

Greeter: Lola J. Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Ways Children Worship With Us

Children's Church (ages 3 through Grade 4)

- Takes place during second half of worship service
- Children are dismissed after the offering
- Location: Large classroom at bottom of basement stairs
- All children are welcome, especially guests and visitors!

Nursery (infants through age 3)

- Childcare is available in the basement (follow the signs) during the worship service. All are welcome.
- The nursery is staffed by two adults and one youth.

Proposed Church Structure Update

Packets for our **Fall Business Meeting** were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday. Each packet includes the Narrative Budget, the detailed 2025–2026 budget, commission reports, and the proposed new church structure. Please take time over the next two weeks to review these materials so you can **come to our congregational meeting next Sunday, Sept. 7**, prepared to discuss the proposed budget and church structure, and to vote on whether to affirm them.

Help Us Update the Church Directory!

Today is the last day to complete your church directory forms and return to the church office. If you've misplaced yours, please pick up a blank form on the library table and fill it out before you leave the church today. You can also email your information to Belen at the church office address.

The form also asks how you prefer to receive information from the church - whether that's by email, phone call, printed copy, or our new churchwide **text message system**. This new tool allows us to send out timely prayer requests and last-minute updates, like weather cancellations or reminders for church events.

Thank you for helping us stay connected and keep everyone in the loop!

Stay Connected: Newsletter & Bulletin Submissions

Each Friday, we send out a **weekly email newsletter** filled with stories, announcements, upcoming events, and important updates from across our church life. If you **prefer a printed copy**, no problem — just let Belen or Becky know, and we'll make sure one finds its way to you each week.

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale – September 26 & 27

The **Relief Sale** is almost here! Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, September 26 & 27! It's time to start digging through those sofa cushions and collecting change for **My Coins Count** each Sunday. Every coin adds up to make a big difference in the work of Mennonite Central Committee around the world.

If you're planning to **bake pies or other goodies** for the sale, containers are available on the bench outside the church office — please pick up what you need.

And stay tuned — soon **Sue LS** will be reaching out for volunteers to help in the **Pie Booth** on Friday evening and Saturday morning. This is a great way to be part of the excitement and fellowship of the Relief Sale while supporting MCC's mission of peace and relief work. Let's bring our energy, generosity, and sweet tooth to this wonderful event!

Caring for Our College Students

Our college students have returned to classes, and we want them to know that their church family is thinking of them! We'll be putting together **care packages** and also sending notes, texts, and encouragement along the way.

We'll begin collecting care package items next week — so keep your eyes open for little things that might brighten a student's day. If you have questions or ideas, please connect with **Bonnie C.** or **Becky H.**

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

9/5 Dan Wolfer

9/6 Dani Elizalde

9:00 AM Sunday School Classes

Pathfinders

- Intergenerational Bible study using the Mennonite "Builder" curriculum
- Location: Curtained classroom next to kitchen in the fellowship hall
- All are welcome

Contemporary Issues and Christian Faith

- Explores current events through a Christian lens using "The Wired Word"
- Location: South corner of fellowship hall
- All ages welcome

Clase de los Amigos (Latino Bible Study)

- Bible study in Spanish
- Location: Large classroom at bottom of basement stairs
- Todos son bienvenidos

Youth Class (Grades 6-12)

- Location: Basement classroom (follow posted signs)
- All youth are welcome to attend!

Next Sunday, September 7

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *God Is Doing a New Thing*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-21

Worship Leader: Kathy N.Y.

Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

Children's Church: Michael Y., Daisy L., & Jenny G.

Nursery: Deena B., Alan L., & Kristina Be-Mo

Join Our Visitation Team

Thanks to those who have already reached out about being part of the **Visitation Team** — your willingness to show up for others means so much. At North Goshen, we know that church isn't just about being together on Sundays. Some of our church family can't make it to worship in person, but they're still an important part of who we are.

The Visitation Team is a way to stay connected by stopping in, sharing some conversation, or offering prayer, and reminding folks they're not forgotten. If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, talk to **Becky** to learn more.

Wayfinding: Discerning God's Path

Next Sunday marks the final week of our *Wayfinding* worship series before we begin following the Narrative Lectionary. Over the past month, we've traveled with the early church and with one another, asking what it means to discern God's leading as a diverse, multicultural community.

Our focus next week, Sept. 7, is *God Is Doing a New Thing* (Isaiah 43:18–21). The prophet reminds God's people not to get stuck in the past, but to watch for the surprising, life-giving ways God is at work even now — making streams in the desert and pathways in the wilderness.

Upcoming Events

- 9/1 Labor Day Holiday
- 9/3 Bilingual Conversation Group (Wed., 6:30 PM)
Youth Group at Loera's (Wed., 6:30 PM)
- 9/7 Business Meeting (Sun., 9 AM)
- 9/17 Community Meal (Wed., 6 PM)
- 9/26- Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale (Fri-Sat.)
9/27 and Pie Booth by NGMC