

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Jesus, Lord of Waters

Message Frances Ringenberg
Scripture Matthew 14: 22-33
Breaking Bread Scriptures Matthew 14: 22-33

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, April 13 The Food Pantry served 3 families, including 12 individuals. The Food Pantry will remain open each Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 12:00pm . We are using a “drive through” method in order to best serve our guests. Please pray for our guests and the faithful volunteers who come to serve each week.

Last Week by the Numbers - April 11, 2021

Thank you for sending your tithes and offering by mail or online. The mail is collected regularly and a deposit made each Wednesday. Working together enables us to continue to support the services we provide.

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| General Fund | \$13,161.35 |
| Food Pantry | 250.00 |
| Scholarship Fund | 450.00 |
| Adrian & Susie | 400.00 |
| Mutual Aid Fund | 175.00 |
| Emergency Assistance | 200.00 |
| EGMC Mission Fund (chicken project) | 200.00 |
| Total | \$14,836.35 |

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund \$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget (\$7,426.35)



WELCOME!

Zoom Worship Service You are welcome to call anytime to make an appointment.
10:30 a.m. Occasionally pastoral responsibilities take pastors away from the office.

Zoom Sunday School
9:00 a.m. for children
9:30 J-FROGS

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Please send information items for the *Pathways* newsletter to the church office by Thursday morning. The email address is egmc@eastgoshenmc.org.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Worship Survey: Thank you to all those who responded to the recent worship survey that was provided by our COVID Team regarding in-person worship. The COVID Team is watching the local counts each week. Due to the continued increase in positive cases, our services this week will be on Zoom. Pray for our COVID team as they listen, learn and make decisions.

Some of you will recall **Deus, (an IVEP from MCC)**, from Tanzania who came to our church over a year ago and lived with the Hanna family for a part of his year in the states. His dream was to start a chicken project when he returned home. The Hannas, Joe and Jan Yoder, and Greg Suderman from the Hively Mennonite congregation have been supporting his project in the past year. Today he has 100 laying hens. He wants to increase his flock to 300. Our **Mission Ministries** is giving a \$500 grant to this project. They are inviting others to join. Simply mark your donation Deus Chicken Project if you would like to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-Men's Fellowship, each Thursday at 11:30am on Zoom. Contact Roger Mertz for the link.

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

- Apr. 19, Grace Thomas
- Apr. 20, Phil & Barb Eiler
Cal & Loretta Kaufman
- Apr. 21, Abe Rolon
Jake & Amanda Nolan
- Apr. 23, Andrea Ganger
- Apr. 24, Chris Holsopple Kauffman
Andrew Harris
- Apr. 26, Isabella Graber

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NEWS AND NOTES

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Our congregation: grant us grace, patience, understanding and consideration for everyone as we work at returning to in-person worship.

Nancy Detweiler, hospitalized this week with a urinary track infection.

Bruce Bishop, pray for comfort and peace as he deals with kidney difficulties.

Sam Nolan, brother of Jake (Amanda), who is suffering from severe depression.

Dan Hochstetler, recovering from a heart catheterization this past Friday.

Brian Weaver, son of Mike & Phyllis, as he recovers from Covid.

Becky Mishler, sister of Connie Miller, will be having chemotherapy every other week for the next six months.

Bill Sexton, Judy Gerzeski's brother, dealing with health issues. Pray for peace and comfort through this time.

Our Food Pantry: Sara Chupp and other volunteers as they carry on the weekly distribution of food to our community.

Fred Yoder, Olivia Renze's dad, keeping them in our prayers as they navigate a multitude of health stressors.

Remembering those in other places:

Pastor Naomi, on sabbatical through May 1.

Rosa Powell is attending The Wilderness Way Girls' School Camp in South Carolina.
Rosalinda Powell
c/o Wilderness Camp
175 Camp School Lane
Fair Play, SC 29643

Caleb & Nina Longenecker Fox: Currently in Quito, Ecuador

Adrian, Susie & family: As they make preparations for their work in Djibouti. Pray for wisdom in seeing what God is preparing.

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:
Grand Marais Mennonite, Grand Marais, MI

IN OUR CONGREGATION

2021 Church Directory: The EGMC directory for 2021 has been completed and is in your mailbox here at the church. Those of you who live at Greencroft and do not drive have had your directory delivered. If you are unable to come pick up a directory, contact the church office. Extra copies are available. Due to the pandemic several positions have not been filled this year. Please review your address & birthday to verify that your information is correct. There are always updates and changes, and they are easy to make if you let us know.
Carol Birky

Adrian & Susie update: They are half done with their time in the US before heading back to Marseilles, France and then on to Djibouti. Please pray for 1) future partners especially Saul who is traveling to share God's word, 2) great connections with churches and people in this time to gain more prayer and financial support, and 3) for their family for spiritual growth and smooth transitions. If you would like to know more about how to help them meet their financial needs or how to get updates on their journey, please contact Dorothy Mertz (dmertz51@gmail.com or 574-536-7748).

Reminder: Bethany Christian School is holding their biannual Fish Fry fundraiser on Friday, April 23. This is a drive-thru, pick-up and go! No need to get out of your car. The Juniors are hosting this fundraiser. When ordering tickets online, please consider one of our East Goshen students to receive credit for the sale - Mark Hanna, Caleb Mast or Logan Nussbaum. More info available online.
<https://ticketpeak.co/bethanytheatre/events/5012-Fish%20Fry%20-%20Junior%20Class/17695>

Sunday, April 25 will be Frances Ringenbergs last Sunday with us as Sabbatical Pastor. As these 3 months are quickly coming to an end we want to thank Frances for all the creative time and energy she has given us. If you wish to express your gratitude, you may send notes, emails, etc. to her home address or email: mfrancesvr@gmail.com or mail to her at 414 Vistula St. Elkhart, IN 46516.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

MennoCon21: Registration for MennoCon21 opened April 6 for in-person and online attendance. Learn more here:
<https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>

Amigo Centre Leadership Transition -Amigo Centre is looking for their next Executive Director. This full-time position is responsible for the oversight of all programming, administration and maintenance of Amigo, offering strategic vision toward the future. This position also includes publicly representing Amigo Centre and finding various ways to strengthen support for Amigo within its diverse constituency. Qualified applicants will demonstrate strong leadership skills of leading and managing an organization. They will have a passion for transformative faith experiences and a gift for working with people, including excellent communication skills. Letters of interest and resumes can be sent to amigosearch@amigocentre.org. Join us in praying for Amigo and the search process as we discern a new Executive Director.

Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar on April 21 & 22 at 8 p.m. EST. MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. Join us for this free two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America. Register at mcc.org/hurricanes-webinar.

Pathways Retreat has *Stations of the Resurrection* up in the woods and available online in a virtual format until Pentecost, May 22. Pathways welcomes Betty Schrag as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Daily prayers continue via zoom Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.