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Meet Lisa and William Courts



Lisa and William Courts live in Nappanee. They have 13-month-old identical twin daughters, Bella Noelle and Abby Rose. Lisa grew up in Elkhart and then moved to Goshen when she was 12 years old. She went to Bethany for four years and then transferred to Goshen High School for her junior and senior years. She attended Waterford during that time. Her parents are Stan Byler and Dore Peterson. William grew up in New Mexico.

Lisa and William were married in Taos, New Mexico, and graduated together with Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees from Eastern New Mexico University (while she was four months pregnant with the twins). They then moved to Colorado Springs, where they were part of Beth-El Mennonite Church and where the twins were born. In September 2014 they moved to Nappanee.

William works at Borkholder Building Supply and Lisa is a stay-at-home mom. They both enjoy hiking and being outdoors. William enjoys making pottery and Lisa enjoys doing colored-pencil drawings.

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~~Vacation Bible School~~ Bible School Retreat update

Plans are underway for our first-ever "Bible School Retreat," July 17-19. Using the MennoMedia Vacation Bible School curriculum, we're giving the event a new name for a new faith formation experience. Make it a priority to join us and to invite your friends and neighbors. Bible School Retreat is open to those students between the ages of having turned four through having completed sixth grade.

In "Message Received: Hearing God's Call," students will join leaders on Friday evening from 3-5 p.m. for Session 1, the story of Samuel. We'll eat supper and have recess from 5-6, before regathering for the story of Esther from 6-8 ~~p.m.~~ in Session 2.

Session 3 will ~~be~~ from 10-12 Saturday morning, followed by lunch and Session 4 from 1-3. Session 3 studies Mary's call and Session 4 the disciples. Session 5 (Lydia) will be built into Sunday morning worship and the Sunday school hour.

Each session will have worship, followed by "Bible," "active," and "creative" response groups. In the weeks to come, you'll hear about opportunities to give leadership. In addition, we're exploring the possibility of adult Bible studies accompanying the event.

—Lyle Miller, for the Children's Cluster
of Family Life Ministry Team

Save the Date

Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer and their children are returning to Goshen from Ecuador on June 23. On Saturday, June 27 we will gather to welcome them home and listen as they share stories and experiences of their work with indigenous peoples in Ecuador. Look for further details in the coming weeks.



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Enjoy Your Summer, Please Protect Yourself from the Sun

Summer's finally here and it's time to enjoy the sunshine; but remember, be safe while you do. The Mayo Clinic website has these suggestions:

1. Avoid the sun during peak hours (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) even on overcast days.
2. Wear protective clothing including pants, long sleeves, sunglasses, and hats.
3. Use sunscreen. Often it isn't applied evenly or washes away with sweat and water so use frequently and generously.
4. SPF's (a measure of how well sunscreen deflects UVB—the one that causes sunburn) greater than 50 doesn't offer much more protection than those with SPF between 15-50.
5. Worry less about brand and more that SPF is 15 or greater, water resistant, broad spectrum, and not expired. (Yes, sunscreen can expire!)
6. Apply generously to all sun-exposed areas of skin 30 minutes before you go outdoors. Reapply every two hours and right after swimming or heavy sweating. You can still get burned on a cloudy day so still wear sunscreen.
7. Use sunscreen on children over 6 months; babies younger than that should be kept in shade as much as possible.

Be safe and have fun!

—Health Care Resource Group

Evening of Outdoor Games

Do you enjoy croquet or corn hole or wiffle ball or volleyball or another fun outdoor game? Do you enjoy desserts? Do you enjoy casual conversation with others from WMC? If you answered yes to any of those questions, plan on spending the evening with your church family on Sunday, June 21! We will gather from 6-8 p.m. to enjoy an evening of lawn games, desserts, and conversations! Please bring: your favorite lawn games, lawn chairs and/or blankets, and a dessert to share. Adult Nurture Ministry Team will provide the paper supplies as well as drinks. We are looking forward to a relaxed and fun evening together!

Women's Fellowship This Thursday

Women of all ages are invited to meet together to quilt, knot, knit, or craft together. Summer can bring a more relaxed schedule so come any time after 8:30 a.m. and join in the work and conversation; bring something to share for lunch and join in the meal; bring an open heart and join in the devotions. Come and join us and stay as long as you like. The group usually finishes up shortly after lunch.

Thank You

I want to thank the church for the hanging plant and the cards that were sent to me. I appreciate the church that remembered me in prayers and I will continue to do so. Thanks again.

—Jane Otto