

LLI 2022 Midwinter Lectures

January 12 – John Roth (1:30 pm)

“Mennonites and the Holocaust:
Coming to Terms with a Conflicted Past”

It is no surprise that the stories we tell about ourselves--individually and collectively--are usually positive. Narratives that present us in our best light are uplifting and inspiring. Yet we also know that our past often includes shadow sides and the reality of pain and failure. This presentation will summarize recent research that suggests that many Mennonites in Europe in the years around World War II were much more complicit with the rise of Hitler and the cause of National Socialism than the standard narrative might suggest. The goal of this presentation is not to stand in judgement, but to "remember rightly--confronting the evidence with honesty and humility. John D. Roth is prof. of history at Goshen College where he also serves as director of the Mennonite Historical Library and editor of *The Mennonite Quarterly Review*.

January 19 – Jeremy Stutzman (1:30 pm)

Goshen: A City of Growth, Opportunity and Vision

Mayor Jeremy Stutzman will talk about how the city government is working to build quality of life for the Good of Goshen.

About: Jeremy Stutsman, current Goshen Mayor has served the community of Goshen for over two decades. Stutsman took office as Mayor of the City of Goshen in January 2016, becoming the 30th and youngest elected Mayor.

January 26 – Danny Graber (1:30 pm)

Capturing Amish Farming Culture on Camera

Danny Graber spent several summers visiting Amish farms and photographing the tenants of faith and community in action. Herald Press published a book of these photographs along with a narrative, also by Mr. Graber. These photographs have received acclaim and he will share them with you. When have you last seen a wooden threshing machine built in 1905 still in use? The photographs and writings were not done by doing roadside snapshots -- the information was gleaned and harvested by Mr. Graber working alongside the farmers in the fields and sharing noontime dinner tables. Hear a funny story or two about his experiences. Danny Graber is a local professional photographer and writer.

February 2 Bob Lerch (1:30 pm)

Sites of the Grand Teton National Park From the view of a driver guide

Upon retirement from a 38 year teaching career Bob Lerch moved from Pocatello, Idaho to Jackson, Wyoming. Looking for part time work Bob began a new career driving bus! At first he drove a bus to take and return tourists for rafting on the Snake River. Bob soon began driving and providing the narrative (tour guide) on bus trips through the Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks. In this presentation you will hear stories and see pictures from Bob's 15 years' experience as a bus driver and tour guide. Bob Lerch started his teaching at the high school level (Math?) and retired from teaching at the Idaho State University. (Education?)

February 9 Rich Meyer (1:30 pm)

Clubhouse? Cora Dale House? -- What's that?

Ten years ago Elkhart County Clubhouse opened on Fifth Street in Goshen, but the Clubhouse is still a too-well-kept secret. The name doesn't tell much about what is happening inside. A Clubhouse is a support community for adults with mental illness; we are one of 320 Clubhouses around the world. We'll hear the history of the Clubhouse movement and how Clubhouses operate. Now the name is changing to "Cora Dale House." Why change the name, and who was Cora Dale? Rich Meyer and a member will tell us more about Clubhouse and Cora Dale House. Rich is the founding Director of Elkhart County Clubhouse.

February 16 – Kimber Confirmed (10:30 am)

Title: The Beauty and Challenges of Working in Antarctica

Kimber spent 15 seasons working in Antarctica. There's a saying on that continent: "You go to Antarctica the first time for the experience. The second time for the money. And the third time because you don't fit in anywhere else anymore." I don't think that is exactly right, but there are nuggets of truth there. I found my tribe there – the curious, the travelers, the nerds, the out of the box thinkers. I found the corporate mentality that reaches its ugly tentacles all the way to the bottom of the world. I found mostly pretty normal jobs in a very exotic location. Come enjoy my tales of the good, the bad, and the mundane from my experience working on "The Ice." Kimber grew up as a very shy, young Goshen girl with no vision of living anything but the very normal type of Midwestern life. Yet spent her early 20s nannying in Manhattan, in her twenties working in Portland, Oregon, her early 30s guiding various outdoor jobs including snorkeling in Alaska, kayaking. and white water rafting. And for 15 seasons she worked in Antarctica.

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