

## Courses for Spring 2025



of Elkhart County



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## Lifelong Learning for All

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) of Elkhart County provides stimulating and affordable short courses in many fields for community members. Courses are held in fall and spring, along with a free lecture series in midwinter. There are no tests or grades, no previous studies or degrees required — just the joy of learning. Classes typically meet for one and a half hours, twice a week, for two weeks.

LLI instructors are former teachers and other professionals who volunteer their time to teach in the areas of their expertise or special interest. Courses are held at Jennings Auditorium at Greencroft Goshen Community Center unless otherwise indicated. Some courses may require extra fees for supplies, transportation or tickets to special events.

Course information, secure registration and payment are available online at [life-learn.org](http://life-learn.org)

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*The Lifelong Learning Institute of Elkhart County is part of a worldwide grassroots movement. Seniors everywhere seek stimulation, continued growth and connections to others with similar interests. Our local LLI is co-sponsored by Goshen College and Greencroft Communities, and is a member of the Road Scholar Institute Network, developed by Elderhostel, an association of more than 400 LLIs across the country. Online at: [roadscholar.org](http://roadscholar.org)*

## 2025 Spring Series

Classes are held in **Jennings Auditorium, Greencroft Goshen Community Center**, unless otherwise noted.

### Hell in A Handbasket: Views of the Afterlife from Homer's Odyssey to C.S. Lewis's Screwtape Letters



Judith Davis

**March 3, 5, 10, 12 | 10-11:30 am**

What happens after we die? People have wondered about the afterlife, from the earliest pre-Christians to contemporary thinkers. In this class, we will explore classics like Homer's Odyssey; apocalypses (revelations about the afterlife) from the early centuries of Christianity; Dante's Divine Comedy; and C. S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters. Judith Davis, Professor Emerita of French and Humanities, is retired from Goshen College. She has taught Lifelong Learning classes on the Virgin Mary and on the New Testament Apocrypha, among others.

### Know the Show Before You Go



Marcia Yost

**March 17, 19, 24 | 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Jennings Auditorium**

**March 26 | 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Goshen College Umble Center**

This spring, the Theater Department at Goshen College will present "Rent," a musical loosely based on Giacomo Puccini's opera "La Bohème." "Rent" won the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical and the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

The story takes place in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when friends in Manhattan's East Village struggle to build the lives of their dreams. Pennilessness, substance abuse, HIV/Aids, social tension, and political unrest, among other hardships, challenge the group physically and emotionally. Facing the problems head-on, they make personal self-discoveries and find what really matters most in life.

Together, we will examine themes through the music and dialogue, understand their correlations to the opera "La Bohème," and learn about the show to better enjoy the production. The class will have the opportunity to visit Umble Center to talk with the production staff and enjoy a free brush-up rehearsal. Marcia Yost will teach this class.

## 2025 Spring Series

### Paintings of the European Renaissance: Glorious, Blessed, and Powerful

Randy Horst

April 1, 3, 8, 10 | 2-3:30 p.m.

The European Renaissance often holds a charmed place in our popular imagination, and its artists are central to that perception. This four session class will examine 15th and 16th century painters, their groundbreaking art, and the broader historical and cultural contexts that helped the Renaissance give birth to the modern world. Taught by Goshen College emeritus Professor of Art who taught Art History in addition to studio classes in Painting, Drawing, and Graphic Design.



### River District bus trip

Marshall V. King

April 17 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join us on this exclusive tour of the changes and growth happening in downtown Elkhart. We'll get a tour and meet with the developer of the River District, tour Elkhart Health & Aquatics, and spend the afternoon at Wellfield Botanic Gardens, where spring will be in full bloom and the new visitors center and pavilion are now completed. Lunch will be included. Marshall King is director of communications for the Community Foundation of Elkhart County. *Class is limited to 20 people.*



### Be Calm and Gamelan

Marcia Yost

April 21, 23, 28, 30 | 10-11:30 a.m.

The Nyai Oyer Gamelan will be the topic and the instruments that will be the focus of this class. You will learn about this gamelan's journey to Goshen and also how to play and enjoy the music of the Indonesian Gamelan. You can expect to learn about the traditions, the music, and the culture that surrounds this ancient ensemble of instruments. This will be a hands-on, participatory class taught by Marcia Yost who is the Director of the Arts: Engagement and Outreach at Goshen College. Come enjoy the Gamelan at the Goshen College Union Building. *Class is limited to 25 students.*



### Spring into Color!!!

John Blosser

April 22, 24, 29, May 1 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Experience the joy of watercolor painting amid the glorious colors of Spring! Learn the basics as a beginner or expand your skills as an experienced painter. We will focus on drawing, paint application, developing a composition, color mixing and relationships, and examine the work of some expert painters. All are welcome. Basic materials are provided. John has taught watercolor painting in college and workshop settings for over 40 years. He knows painting! *Class size is limited to 15. This class will meet at the Goshen College cabin.*



### What is Christian Nationalism?

Drew Strait

May 5, 7, 12, 14 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Drew J. Strait is a pastor theologian who specializes in political idolatry, peacemaking, and how congregations can challenge violent extremism. Strait teaches at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and is the author of the recent book *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism*. In this series of four lectures, Dr. Strait will define what white Christian nationalism is in political and theological perspective and offer suggestions for how Churches can challenge it.



### Better Aging with AI: The Promise and Perils of Artificial Intelligence

Michael Sherer

May 20, 22, 27, 29 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Explore the exciting world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it can improve our lives as we age. Learn how AI can personalize healthcare, provide companionship, and enhance independent living. We'll also examine the potential downsides of AI, including privacy concerns and ethical considerations. Your instructor, Michael Sherer, longtime IT Director at Goshen College and author of "My AI Diabetes Coach" and other health books will guide you through this fascinating landscape.



## Lifelong Learning Institute

### Membership

LLI is a member organization in which participants assist with curriculum planning and help to guide decisions on publicity and finance. There are eleven LLI board members. Sponsoring organizations Goshen College and Greencroft Communities each appoints two. Four are elected by the membership organization participants. Three from the community at-large are elected by the board.

#### Who is eligible for membership?

Courses are oriented to persons 55 and older, but anyone is welcome. You do not need to have attended college or to live at a retirement community.

#### Fees:

- Annual membership is \$50 per year (July 1-June 30). With membership all courses are half price unless otherwise indicated.
- For persons in HUD or on Medicaid membership is \$10 and all courses are free unless otherwise indicated.
- All LLI members are invited to the annual LLI Spring Membership Luncheon.

#### Benefits:

- Goshen College**
  - Free GC Library Community Card
  - Free admission to GC home athletic events
- Greencroft Goshen**
  - Free transportation from GG to LLI classes held at other Goshen locations (Call 574.537.4086 two weeks prior to the class date)
  - Invitation to GG wait list events if you are not a resident.

#### Contact:

For further information, please contact Director **Linford Martin** at 574.536.8244 or by email at [linford.d.martin@gmail.com](mailto:linford.d.martin@gmail.com)

## Registration | Spring 2025

Register online: [life-learn.org](http://life-learn.org) or send in completed form to:

Goshen College Box Office | 1700 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526  
 Located in the Music Center  
 Open: M-F, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Phone: 574.535.7566

Fill out one form per person. Please print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(For possible changes in time or location, etc.)

#### Membership Fee: Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Check one:

- Returning 2024-25 member (*paid in fall*) \$ 0.00
- New membership — \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- New HUD membership — \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2025 Spring Courses:

Check the class and enter appropriate cost.

	Member	Medicaid HUD	Non-member	ZOOM
<input type="checkbox"/> Views of the Afterlife	20	0	40	\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Know the Show	20	0	40	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> European Paintings	20	0	40	\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus Trip	80	80	95	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gamelan	20	0	40	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring into Color	60	40	80	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Nationalism	20	0	40	\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> AI	20	0	40	\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

Payment Options (due with course registration):

- Cash or Check** | Payable to *Lifelong Learning Institute*
- Credit Card** (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover)

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