



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**January 12, 2020**

**Jesus called disciples**

“...And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”  
- Matthew 4:19

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *The Golden Sun Lights Up the Sky* arr. Mark Sedio  
 Welcome and Call to Worship Nathan Epp  
 L: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:  
**P: “[your name], follow me.”**  
 L: A simple call. A hard call.  
**P: Because following requires leaving.**  
 L: We look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.  
**P: We look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**  
 L: It’s hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.  
**P: But we have come this far,**  
**ALL: to this place where we can listen and be transformed.**  
 Opening Prayer

## PRAISING GOD

\* Hymn of Praise – *God is here among us* HWB #16  
 Greetings and Announcements  
 Children’s Story Paul Ortman  
 Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference  
 Offertory – *Lyric Sinfonia* Christopher Uehlein  
 \* Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Genesis 18:13-26  
 Hymn – *Help us to help each other* HWB #362  
 \* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 4:18-22  
 Sermon – “Hearing and Offering the Call” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Confession:  
*Christ Jesus, we hear your invitation: “Follow me,” and we want to follow, but we also want to stay where we are. We want to receive what you offer, but we also want to cling to what we already have. And so we are stuck.*

[silence]

**Holy One, Calm our fears. Forgive our selfishness. Loosen our grip and liven our feet.**

Song – *I heard the voice of Jesus say* HWB #493  
 Congregational Prayer  
 \* Sending Song – *Here I am, Lord* HWB #395

\* Benediction

Postlude – *How Brightly Shines Yon Morning Star* Johann Christoph Bach

\* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

*The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

## Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

### TODAY

Jesus had a voice and he knew how to use it! As he began his ministry, Jesus **called** people to join him. How has Jesus called you and where has he invited you to go? We are so glad that you are here and we welcome you to this time of worship.

**Greeters:** Mavis & Marlo Ortman; **Organist:** Lisa Kaufman  
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School  
 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time  
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

Jan. 13 (Mon) 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board meeting  
 Jan. 15 (Wed) Feeding Our Faith; Supper begins at 6:15 p.m. and programming for all ages at 7:00 p.m.  
 I Peter 2 study for adults: “*Living Stones*”

### NEXT SUNDAY – Jan. 19

Next Sunday we continue our series “*Seeing Jesus in 2020*” and the focus is “*Jesus Healed.*” The scriptures are Mt. 8:14-17, Luke 7:1-10, Mt. 9:18-26, Mk. 1:40-45 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. Think of the times when you have experienced healing and where you still need healing from Jesus.

**Greeters:** Ladonna Waltner & Betty Albrecht; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Offering:** Mennonite Church USA

### COMING EVENTS

**January 22 and 29:** Feeding Our Faith; Supper begins at 6:15 p.m. and programming for all ages at 7:00 p.m.  
**January 26** – Movie at church at 7:00 p.m. “*The Radicals*”, a story of Anabaptist leaders Michael and Margareta Sattler.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Kris Waltner.
- steady heads and non-anxious words from leaders in the United States, Iran and throughout the world.
- Central Plains Mennonite Conference as we continue to search for a Conference Minister.
- the refugee ministry of Quito Mennonite Church. We give thanks for faithfulness and pray for strength as their small team prepares to minister to refugees for another year.

### Remember to thank God for:

- the blessing that every human being has been called “*God’s beloved.*”

**There are Schmeckfest sign-up sheets** for FOOD and KITCHEN WORKERS in the narthex. Sign up early and have your pick of day to contribute with food and/or work. Contact Polly Waltner or Sheila Epp with any questions you might have regarding these assignments.

2020 Salem-Zion **yearbooks** are available in the narthex. Please continue to send any updates to the church office or to Marnette Hofer, statistician, throughout the year. Updates will be published in the monthly church newsletter.

## Community Connections

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**The Great Winter Warmup event is coming!** Who wants to be a part of something BIG? Et Cetera Shoppe is sponsoring an old-fashioned “quilting bee” of sorts, sometimes known as a “comforter blitz”, on Saturday, January 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Freeman Community Center (snow date – January 25). During this time, we will join volunteers at over 40 locations across the U.S. and Canada, who will come together on this date to attempt to tie 6500 relief comforters for Mennonite Central Committee in just one day! MCC distributes these comforters to people in disaster situations in the U.S. and around the world who lack basic necessities. Recipients use comforters as bed covers, room dividers, carpets, curtains, wraps, mattresses and more. This is a “come and go” event, so drop in at any time and stay for as little or as long as you like. You do not need to know how to sew, or know anything about the comforter-making process, to join in the fun! Please consider helping to meet a tremendous need by volunteering some of your time on this day. If you cannot join us, but would like to make a monetary donation toward the cost of comforter materials, please call the Et Cetera Shoppe at 925-7098.

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be **making noodles** for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen and meals on Saturday, January 18 and Tuesday, January 21 in the Pioneer Hall kitchen starting at 9 a.m. If a “snow date” is needed, we will also make noodles on Tuesday, January 28. Cancellations will be announced on the *Courier* and Freeman Academy websites. Volunteers to help make noodles would be greatly appreciated. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

**Freeman Academy Creative Arts Feature:** Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Dr. Russell Svenningsen, vocal, and Dr. Anne Waltner, piano, collaborate on Franz Schubert's song cycle *Winterreise* (Winter Journey). Schubert's compositional artistry is on display in the beautifully interwoven conversation between piano and voice. The 80-minute cycle will be performed with a brief intermission. An admission fee, available at the door, of \$15 includes a dessert reception. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

**New Year's Blessings from the Freeman Ministerial Association!** Thank you for your support of Freeman's local church leaders as we minister in Christ's name. The Ministerial group gathers monthly for collaboration, sharing and prayer for our churches and community. We also maintain a Traveler's Benevolent Fund available to those in need passing through out town. Your contributions go toward administering this. We have also been privileged to organize the Community Baccalaureate Service in recent years. This year's officers include president Shane Van Meveren (pastor, Bethany MC), vice president Terry Makelin (pastor, St. Paul Lutheran), and treasurer Corey Miller (pastor, Salem-Zion/North). You can reach the Freeman Ministerial by contacting Shane at [homileticsboy@hotmail.com](mailto:homileticsboy@hotmail.com) / 605-940-2728 or by mail at 509 S. Juniper Street, PO Box 396, Freeman, SD 57029.

### God's Peace lived in us:

Peacemaking doesn't mean passivity. It is the act of interrupting injustice without injustice, the act of disarming evil without destroying the evildoer, the act of finding a third way that is neither fight nor flight but the careful, arduous pursuit of reconciliation and justice. It is about a revolution of love that is big enough to set both the oppressed and the oppressors free.

- Walter Brueggemann

### Pastor Corey Miller

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