



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

January 13, 2019

Baptism of Jesus

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire...” – Luke 3:16b

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude Sheila Epp
- Welcome
- Lighting the Peace Lamp
- Announcements and Greetings
- * Gathering Song – *Come, now is the time to worship* SJ #9
- Call to Worship (from Isaiah 43:1-7)
 - L: God says, “Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.
 - P: When you cross deep rivers, you will not drown.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.**
 - L: For I am your God, the Holy One, your Savior.
You are precious in my sight and I love you.
 - P: Do not fear, for I am with you. No matter where you are scattered,
I will bring you home.**
- ALL: I created you for my glory. I made each one of you.
You are mine. Thanks be to God! Let us worship God.”*
- Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

- Special Music – *Books of the Bible* 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders
- Children’s Story – The baptism of Jesus
- Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference
 - Offertory Prayer
 - Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the New Testament Acts 8:9-17
- Hearing the Gospel Luke 3:15-17; 21-22
- Sermon – “Water, Spirit, Fire” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- * Song – *Lord, I want to be a Christian* HWB #444
- Sharing and Congregational Prayer Solomon Ortman
- * Sending Song – *As I went down to the river* SJ #79
- * Benediction
- Postlude

* 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

The season of Epiphany reminds us that God is on the move, revealing to us new things about Jesus. Today, we reflect on the baptism of Jesus and our own baptism experiences. We are so blessed to have our 3rd-5th graders share in this worship service. Special thanks to Rosemary Kaufman in helping our children prepare for this service. Welcome!

Greeters: Clara and Cordell Graber

- 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

“Celebrating Giving”

Salem-Zion Mennonite is a member of Central Plains Mennonite Conference and benefits greatly from this relationship. Central Plains provides resources, staff people, and other support that helps our church carry out its mission in the world.

THIS WEEK

- Jan. 14 (Mon) Administrative Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 16 (Wed) **Feeding Our Faith** with soup supper at 6:00 p.m. and programming for all ages. Gloria Graber will lead a study about the Doctrine of Discovery, a reflection on the real story surrounding Native Americans. Corey and Nancy are leading the children’s study “Detectives of Divinity.” The soup is great, the fellowship is warm and our church is growing! Come and see!

NEXT SUNDAY – January 20

Next Sunday the worship theme is “*Extravagant Grace.*” The texts are Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, I Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Organist: Lisa Kaufman; **Offering:** Mennonite Church USA

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- The memorial service for Scott Kesteloot was held on Monday in Minnesota. Scott was Aidan and Ashton's father.
- Caley Ortman requested a transfer of membership to First Mennonite Church in Reedley, CA, where he is pastoring.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.
- Aidan and Ashton as they deal with the loss of their father.
- our baptism experiences, that we would remember how God was acting and present in that moment.
- the Annual Meeting Task Group as they meet at Iowa Mennonite School on Tuesday to plan for our Annual Meeting June 20-23. Also pray for the Pastoral Leadership Committee as they meet on Friday and Saturday this week in Minneapolis.

Remember to thank God for:

- all the gifts that we have been blessed with in this past Advent/Christmas season.
- the mysterious ways that water, spirit and fire have helped us grow in our desire of following Jesus.

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 (food) or Sheila Epp (workers) with any questions you might have.

2019 yearbooks are available in the narthex.

Drivers Needed. The Transit System that has transported our older church members to church from Freeman is looking for volunteer drivers to continue to allow this service to bless our church. They have said that we can use their vehicle to transport our people ourselves. If you are interested in being a driver, please talk to Pastor Corey.

Community Connections

It's a new year, and that means time to start healthy new habits. How about creating a new habit of volunteering your time to our mission? If you've ever thought that you'd volunteer SOMEDAY – let 2019 be the year you start! **Et Cetera Shoppe is currently seeking new volunteers** to fill a variety of positions, including: clothing steamer (2-3 mornings OR

afternoons per month, flexible), housewares pricer (Friday mornings), sock pricer/organizer (a couple hours per month, flexible). And we always need new clerks and new rug weavers! Please call the shop at 925-7098 to express willingness and to kick off your new year by joining our team of volunteers that are making a real difference to people in need.

On Sunday, January 20, **Heritage Hall Museum & Archives** is showing the film "Hutterite" in Pioneer Hall on the Freeman Academy campus. Admission will be by donation; this is a fundraiser for the museum's Deckert House Project. Inspired by a true story, "Hutterite" tells of a young woman in the early 1970s, determined to leave her colony in order to get an education. A Question & Answer session will follow the 25-minute film. Join us for an interesting and inspiring afternoon!

In preparation for Schmeckfest, **cottage cheese pockets** will be made Jan. 22, Jan. 29 and Feb. 12. We will start at 9 A.M. in the Pioneer Hall kitchen on the Freeman Academy Campus. Bring your rolling pin and be prepared for a fun time of fellowship. Lunch may be purchased at the school.

Northeast Oklahoma was hit by a tornado on November 30, 2018 that was on the ground for 50 miles. **Volunteers are needed** for a week at a time for chain saw work, cleaning up debris, and separating metal from trash in January. See the bulletin board for details. Expenses will be covered. Volunteers can call Dennis Ries, SD MDS Co-coordinator Phone # 925-7788 or LeRoy Pullman for further arrangements.

Claiming God's Promise of Peace:

Faith is taking the first step, even if you don't see the whole staircase.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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