



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**Anabaptist Sunday**  
**“Loving God, Loving Neighbor”**  
**January 21, 2024**

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Pre-service Music Mavis Ortman

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 90) André Eisenbeis

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place

**P: From generation to generation you have been our God.**

L: Before the mountains were brought forth, you formed the earth and the world.

**P: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: You turn us back to the dust from which we were formed.

**P: A thousand years in your sight are like a dream when it is past.**

**You satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.**

L: So come, Praise our God, O people. Let us praise God for God’s love in all generations.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn of Praise – *What Is This Place* VT #22

\* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Brian Paff

Offering – Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Confession

Scripture Readings I Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon – “Our dwelling place” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *I Sing with Exultation* (Text: Felix Manz ca. 1526) VT #444

Congregational Prayer

## SENDING

Song – *O God, We Read the Holy Law* VT #571

Blessing

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Today is Anabaptist Sunday where we remember the anniversary of the first believer’s baptism in Switzerland. As we recall this event and the many ways that believers in Christ have endured, we ponder what it means to trust in God as our Dwelling Place. We are glad you have joined us for worship. Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA.**

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Jan. 23 (Tues) – Outreach and Service** meeting at 7:30pm

**Jan. 24 (Wed) – Children’s Choir** practice, 6:00-6:30pm

**Jan. 24 (Wed) – Feeding Our Faith**

**Jan. 26 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church** service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – Jan. 28

Next Sunday the theme is “Jesus Teaches with Authority.” The texts will be Dt. 18:15-20, I Cor. 8:1-13, and Mark 1:21-28. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning.

### COMING EVENTS

**Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday**

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Feeding Our Faith met on Wednesday night and a wonderful mix of young and old walked through our church building and prayed for the various ministries and people of Salem-Zion. Lord, hear our prayers.

### **Remember to praise God for:**

- our Anabaptist heritage and the deep faith of sisters and brothers in Christ who continue to inspire us today.

### **We pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.  
- those who struggle with depression, mental health, and addictions in these long, cold, winter days.

- all who feel isolated, lonely, and anxious regarding their lives, the church, and the world.
- an end to the war that rages on in Gaza. Pray for the Christian church in Palestine as it deals with trauma daily. Pray for MCC as it works both with Israelis and Palestinians for peaceful solutions.

**Feeding Our Faith (FOF):** Our FOF will continue our Wednesday programming. Young children’s choir is at 6:00pm, supper begins at 6:15pm, and programming for all ages at 7:00pm. The adults will have Bible Study called “*The Leader’s Table.*” Come and see!

**Continuing Education:** A review of American history will take place during this year’s edition of the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series held at Hesston College. Mark Charles will present “Creating Common Memory: The Doctrine of Discovery and Abraham Lincoln,” which will discuss the history of the doctrine and how it led to injustice for millions of indigenous people in North America. Charles will give a lecture **Jan. 21, at 7 p.m.** in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary as well as several lectures on **Jan. 22**, all of which are free and open to the public. These talks will be available via livestream: <https://buff.ly/3R9uhMn>

Please help yourself to **church yearbooks**, available in the narthex. Everyone is encouraged to contact the church office throughout the year with any updates or corrections. New addresses, etc. received throughout 2024 will be printed in our monthly newsletters. Additionally, please feel free to reach out if you would like to be added to the church email lists or have a new mailbox. Thank you!

Under the umbrella of Wellspring, counselors from The Changing Behavioral Group have been seeing clients at Freeman Regional, providing **mental health support**. Realizing the importance of this service, Salem-Zion has funds available for its members, including children, adolescents and adults. Make an appointment by calling the Freeman Clinic, mentioning you are a Salem-Zion member. If you have questions, please call the Group office at 605-201-0104.

### **Community Connections**

**Rural Revival** will meet on January 22 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Last year, **Swan Lake Christian Camp** was able to offer scholarships to 57 kids totaling \$8,000. Through the generosity of the Jackson Vetch memorial fund and other monies, we offer help to any who feel that they cannot pay the full camp fees. Our policy has been to ask that they pay what they are able and the camp will cover the balance. On average, the parents paid nearly \$100 of the

full week fees of \$260. It is an honor to help these kids. We invite you to join us in this ministry. - Jerry Kroeker, Executive Director

The January edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3u2BztK>. In our current issue: Kevin King shares inspiration from the dentist's chair; learn about a huge boost coming to Crisfield, Maryland; and don't miss the February 8 deadline to register for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February.

**God’s Peace Lived Out:** “True evangelical faith, cannot lie dormant, it clothes the naked, it feeds the hungry, it comforts the sorrowful, it shelters the destitute, it serves those that harm it, it binds up that which is wounded, it has become all things to all creatures.” - Menno Simons

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