



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Jesus Teaches with Authority”
January 28, 2024

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude Sherilyn Ortman

Choral Call to Worship – *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*
Henry Friesen and Finley McCune

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 111) Steve Graber

L: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart!

P: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

L: God’s honor and majesty are at work. God’s righteousness endures forever.

P: Holy and awesome is God’s name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

ALL: God’s praise endures forever!

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Opening Prayer

* Hymn of Praise – *Jesus Calls Us* VT #30

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Lillie Eisenbeis

Offering – Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning
Offertory – *Nocturne in E-flat Major* Cadence Hofer

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Special Music – *Roman’s Doxology* Henry Friesen and Finley McCune

* Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28

Sermon – “A New Teaching” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Who Will Speak a Word of Warning* VT #758

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Song – *Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee* VT #573

Blessing

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Jesus with an authority that was missing from the scribes. Not only did Jesus know his Old Testament, he had God’s Spirit within with a new word. We marvel at Jesus’ authority over demons and the past and ponder how his authority shapes our own faith journey today. Welcome to our worship! We are delighted that you have joined us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning.**

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Jan. 31 (Wed) – Children’s Choir practice, 6:00-6:30pm

Jan. 31 (Wed) – **Feeding Our Faith**

Feb. 2 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – Feb. 4

Next Sunday the theme is “Healing.” The texts will be Isaiah 40:28-31, Psalm 147, and Mark 1:29-34. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 7 – Feeding Our Faith

Feb. 14 – Celebrating Love (Feeding Our Faith)
– Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- our Trustees and other willing helpers continued the painting project in the foyer and SS rooms.

Remember to praise God for:

- the Gospel stories that recall the life, teachings, and faith of Jesus, our authority.

- warmer temperatures that allow the good moisture to slowly sink into the earth.

- all those who helped with the painting project in our church.

We pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Paul & Darlene Engbrecht.
- our committee that is planning for our 150th Anniversary of the Swiss Vohlynian Mennonites arriving in South Dakota. The planning committee is Gwen Ortman, Polly Waltner, Marnette Hofer, Rudy Brockmueller, Everett Waltner, and Corey Miller, chair. The celebration event will be September 7 and 8, 2024.
- safe travels for Nathan Luitjens and Joel Beachy who are attending the Ecuador Partnership meetings in Ecuador from January 29-February 8.

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 continue their Bible Study called “*The Leader’s Table.*” Come and see!

In case you missed it, Hesston College hosted Mark Charles last week. His presentation “Creating Common Memory: The Doctrine of Discovery and Abraham Lincoln,” was a powerful lecture. You can go to Hesston College website and go to “Find More News.” From there, scroll down until you come to “Annual Lecture Series” and you can click on the YouTube presentations that Mark did on January 21 and January 22.

2024 Deacon positions: Deacon chair – Gwen Ortman; Secretary – Nathan Epp; Worship Committee – Mary Mannes; Everence Representative – Tim Graber.

Minutes from the January 11, 2024 Deacon’s meeting have been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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

FA Noodle Making Days Planned: Join the volunteer crew to make noodles for the 2024 Schmeckfest meal and Country Kitchen on Saturday, February 10 in the Pioneer Hall dining room. Plans are to begin at 9:00 a.m. Snow date is Monday, February 12. A great time of work and fellowship for folks of all ages! A pizza lunch is provided. Watch the *Courier* or Freeman Academy websites for weather cancellation.

We’re excited! In 2022, Et Cetera Shoppe sent a new record of \$45,000 to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee around the world. In 2023....we were able to send **\$60,000!** It has been exciting to be able to make such a meaningful contribution to a worldwide mission, as well as to provide a beautiful and friendly place for community members on a budget to find affordable clothing and household items. What makes this possible? Your donations! A thrift shop can only be as good as the donations it receives. As we enter a new year, we invite you to consider First Fruits giving to our work. Donate your best! Some of the things we are continually in need of include furniture pieces that are clean and in sturdy condition, and good condition children’s clothing in sizes 5-18. (We accept many, many other things as well!) In September we will celebrate our 45th birthday – come join our team of volunteers in time to celebrate with us!

God’s Peace in Jesus
 If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus.
 If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus.
 If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus.
 If you want to know what grief is, look at Jesus.
 And keep looking until you’re no longer a spectator but part of His grand story.

- N.T. Wright

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