



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

## “Contend for the Faith”

“keep yourselves in the love of God.” – Jude 21a

January 29, 2023

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sherilyn Ortman

Welcome Elizabeth Janssen

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (from Jude)

L: To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ.

**P: May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.**

**ALL: In our worship, we will contend for the faith of Jesus Christ.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn – *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT #57

Greeting each other

Children’s Story Corey Miller

Celebrating our Offerings – Feeding South Dakota  
Offertory Sam Friesen

Hymn of Thanksgiving – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VT #419

### PROCLAIMING

Scripture Jude 3-7, Jude 8-13, Jude 14-23

Song – *O God, We Call* (sung between the three Jude readings) VT #683

Sermon – “Upholding Christ’s Church” Corey Miller

### RESPONDING

Song – *When We Walk with the Lord* VT #570

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *God, Be with Us* VT #613

\* Benediction Jude vv. 24-25

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

We welcome the message of Jude this morning in our time of worship. Jude’s call to “*contend for the faith*” was a word for the early church and a word for us. In a season where it seems that Christianity has been distorted by all sides, we seek Jesus above all to guide us toward faithful living. We are delighted that you have joined us for worship. Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Feeding South Dakota**.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

2:00 p.m. – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Feb. 1 (Wed) – *Feeding Our Faith*.** Supper at 6:15pm and study and children’s programming for all ages at 7:00pm. We are continuing our study on various Gospel texts to better understand how Jesus dealt with differences. Come and join these important conversations.

**Feb. 3 (Fri) –** Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – Feb. 5

Next Sunday the theme is “*Salt and Light*.” The scripture is Matthew 5:13-20 and Kate Friesen will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury**.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Judy Rechnagel had carotid artery surgery on Friday at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.

- Judy Rechnagel as she recovers from her surgery and regains her strength.

- Digna as she returns home and continues to process her sister Alpha’s illness and death.

- those who volunteer as leaders in our conference serving on various committees and boards such as the Conference Board, the Christian Formation Committee, Pastoral Leadership Committee, Outreach and Service Committee, Stewardship Task Force, Shalom Readers, Peace and Justice task group and all other conference volunteers. We give thanks for those who are willing to serve!

There is a sign-up sheet for **Schmeckfest workers and food donations** in the narthex. We appreciate your willingness to help! If you have any questions, please contact Polly Waltner with food questions and Sheila Epp with worker questions.

Every year we send **Valentine Boxes** to Salem Zion youth who graduated from High School last year up to 4 years post high school graduation and those in our congregation who are doing service work. We will be packing these boxes at Feeding our Faith on Wednesday, February 1. There is a sign-up sheet to donate items for these boxes on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please have your items in the church kitchen by Wednesday, February 1. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Epp.

A number of **new library books** are available for you to view and checkout in the narthex. Information about the books was emailed with this week's bulletin and copies of the book list and synopses are available in the narthex, as well.

### **Community Connections**

**FA Noodle Making Days Planned:** The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be making noodles for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen and meals on Saturday, February 11 in the Pioneer Hall dining room starting at 9 a.m. If a "snow date" is needed, we will make noodles on Monday, February 13. Cancellations will be announced on the *Courier* and Freeman Academy websites. Volunteers to help make noodles will be greatly appreciated. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

**MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new webinar series, *Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities.*** Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 p.m. CST/5:30 p.m. MST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. **Registration link:** [mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars](http://mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars)

**God's Way of Peace:** *"Jesus was not killed by atheism and anarchy. He was brought down by law and order allied with religion – which is always a deadly mix. Beware those who claim to know the will of God and are prepared to use force, if necessary, to make others conform. Beware those who cannot tell God's will from their own."* - Reverend Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor

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