



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Prayer”
October 1, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Bruyeres* (Debussy) Sherilyn Ortman
Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Ken Mannes

Call to Worship

Leader: Compassionate Christ, if you are my light,

People: shine in me.

Leader: If you are my life,

People: live in me.

Leader: If you are my jewel,

People: adorn me with beauty.

Leader: If you are my joy,

People: rejoice in me.

Leader: If I am your dwelling place,

People: inhabit me.

Leader: May I fully be your instrument, that my body, my soul, and my spirit may be holy.

All: Eternal Way, lead me! Eternal Truth, teach me! Eternal Life, revive me!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* VT #25

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Mary Mannes

Sharing our Offerings – Household Treasury

Offertory – *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (Bradbury, arr. Labenske)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Ephesians 1:15-19, I Timothy 2:1-2

Sermon Lois Janzen Preheim

RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (sing twice) VT #682

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Gwen Ortman

* Sending Song – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* VT #628

* Benediction

Postlude – *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (Traditional, arr. Carter)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

In order to faithfully bear witness to Christ’s redeeming work in the world, believers are invited to pray for the Spirit to move, inspire, and transform. As we focus on specific practices this month, we begin by exploring prayer. We are so glad that you have joined us in prayer this morning as we worship our living God!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury.**

9:00am – Coffee/Fellowship time

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Oct. 4 (Wed) – Children’s Choir rehearsal, 6:00-6:30pm

Oct. 4 (Wed) – Youth Group at 6:30pm

Oct. 5 (Thurs) – Visitation for Bernette Ensz at Salem-Zion from 5:00-7:00pm

Oct. 6 (Fri) – Funeral Service for Bernette Ensz at Salem-Zion at 10:30am

Oct. 6 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – October 8

Next Sunday we continue our Fall series “*God’s Faithful Community*,” and the focus of the morning will be “*Generous Giving*.” The texts will be II Kings 4:1-7, Acts 16:11-15, and Mark 12:41-44. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we will celebrate communion at the Lord’s Table.

Next week the offering is for **Mennonite Church USA.**

COMING EVENTS

October – Pastor Appreciation Month

Oct. 8 – World Wide Communion

Oct. 15 – Fall Gathering at Salem Zion - "Harvesting our Faith", 4-6 pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Eva Goosen moved recently to Oakview Terrace in Freeman. Her new room number is #120.

- Sam Friesen (Dave and Brandy’s son) had to spend a few days at the Avera Hospital for some infections still lingering from his appendix surgery. He was able to return home on Wednesday.

- Corey and Nancy left on Thursday for Virginia and will be returning back home on Tuesday.

Remember to praise God for:

- the yields that this year's harvest is bringing. Praise God who is the Lord of the harvest!
- all the faithful shepherds in Central Plains Mennonite Conference as Pastor Appreciation Month commences. Our conference is blessed with the leadership of so many good pastors!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Bernie Koller.
- continued ways that our church might practice the Spiritual Disciplines as we faithfully follow Jesus together.

Survey reminder: Please remember to turn in your **Congregation/Pastor reviews**. We had a great response to our church potluck and are hoping to get a great return response from the surveys. Surveys are available in the church narthex or they can be emailed to you from the church office by request. Completed surveys should be returned by October 8th. You can return them to the box in the narthex, mail them to the church or email to the church office.

Join us on Sunday, October 15 for a Fall Gathering at Salem-Zion - "Harvesting our Faith", 4-6 pm: Activities include a fun run/walk around the church grounds, pumpkin painting, apple bobbing, lawn games, soccer and fellowship. We will be roasting hot dogs for a light supper starting at 5:00. You are welcome to bring a side dish. Bring your own lawn chair. We look forward to sharing this time with you! If you have questions, ask Sheila or Charity.

Selection ballots are being distributed with this week's bulletin; extra copies are available in the narthex. Please place completed ballots in the ballot box in the narthex by Monday, October 16. There is one update to the ballot to note: Lois Kaufman does not want to serve another term on the library committee.

The October church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

Dear members of Salem Zion, those who attend and those who watch online: the **household treasury** has been struggling to stay in the black. There has been an extra \$15,000+ in expenses that we don't normally have. Our insurance skyrocketed and we had some unexpected expenses with the furnace. Right now the household treasury balance is more than -\$20,000. I am sending out a request to ask those who are able to give or give some extra, consider doing so. Salem Zion is our community and in order for this community to continue to function,

we need your help! Our fiscal year ends at the end of October and it would be wonderful to end with a positive balance! Please contact your loyal treasurer if you have any questions! Thanks in advance for your generosity!!!! - Lacey Friesen, treasurer

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

The arrival of October signals a shift in hours at **Heritage Hall Museum & Archives**. The museum will be open weekdays from noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment. Call 605-925-7545 or email info@heritagehallmuseum.com. Fall/winter hours will continue through April for the museum, archives and mercantile. HHM&A also encourages individuals to volunteer at the museum this fall and winter. There are many ways you can get involved; stop in, call or email us to learn more.

MCC is hiring a Peace Education Coordinator! The Peace Education Coordinator leads MCC's church education efforts nationwide in the U.S. related to peace and nonviolence. This includes peace theology, conflict transformation, and response to violence (including gun violence prevention, anti-militarism, and mass incarceration). Education efforts involve engaging MCC's constituency on these peace-related topics by working with MCC regional staff and with denominational and other partners. Apply at mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator by October 16.

Practicing God's Peace: "The primary purpose of prayer is to bring us into such a life of communion with the Father that, by the power of the Spirit, we are increasingly conformed to the image of the Son."
- Richard J. Foster, Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home

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