



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

A Bold and Humble Witness
October 23, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Where'er You Walk* (Handel/arr. Beeler)
Brass Quartet: Connor Epp, Liam Ortman, Jayson Allison, trombones;
Seth Balzer, tuba

Welcome Lacey Friesen

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship Psalm 65 screen
“Praise is due to you, O God in Zion!”

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT #120

Greeting one another

Children’s Story Gloria Graber

Celebrating our Offerings – Mennonite Mission Network

Special Music – *Gather by the River to Pray* (Pepper Choplin)
Cantante Domino (Mark Hayes)
Concert Choir; Sherilyn Ortman, piano

Greeting from Freeman Academy Dr. Brad Anderson

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament Joel 2:23-32

Special Music – *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* (Philip Kern)
Chamber Choir
Anne Waltner, piano; Connor Epp, congas;
Aleksi Gomez Hofer & Aryan Saravanan, shaker

* Hearing the Gospel Luke 18:9-14

Sermon – “Bold and Humble” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Special Music – *Joshua fit de Battle of Jericho* (Howard Helvey)
Tenor/Bass Choir
Sherilyn Ortman & Anne Waltner, piano

Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *As You Go Out from Here* VT #841

Blessing

Postlude – *Allegro* (Böhm)
Woodwind Duet: Stefany Cortes, flute and Estelle Waltner, clarinet

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Following Jesus in community is an exercise of boldness and humility, but it is often difficult to have both. To those who trusted in themselves too much, Jesus told a parable that made them rethink what true righteousness is. Jesus’ parable continues to speak to us all. Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here with us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for Mennonite Mission Network.

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

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

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

7:00 p.m. – Swiss Choral rehearsal at Salem-Zion

THIS WEEK

Oct. 26 (Wed) – Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 28 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – Oct. 30

Next Sunday the theme is “*Glorifying God Through Music.*” The scripture texts are Psalm 150, Colossians 3:12-17 and Matthew 26:26-30. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we will be celebrating the gifts of music that Ruby Waltner has brought to our congregation for so many years.

Next week the offering is for Mennonite Central Committee’s work in Ukraine.

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 30 – Sunday Evening Fellowship social gathering from 4-7pm

Nov. 6 – “**Remembering our Friends.**” During the worship service, we will remember our loved ones who died over this past year.

Nov. 6 – Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner at noon

Nov. 14&15 – MCC Meat Canning

Nov. 20 – Annual Business Meeting at 12:30pm (please submit reports to the church office by November 4)

Dec. 1 – Yearbook deadline

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Diane Ellinger continues to heal from her hernia surgery last week and we are grateful for that.
- For some the 2022 harvest has come to an end and for others, the combines are still rolling on.
- On Saturday, Gwen, Stan and Corey traveled to Mountain Lake for a day of

teaching and Bible study with other leadership groups in local congregations. Our Central Plains Mennonite Conference pastors led the study.

- A few weeks ago (October 11), Lexi Covey was admitted into membership in the Christ Reformed Church in Sioux Falls. Lexi and her husband Carson had been attending Christ Reformed Church for a while and after taking a membership class, they now have officially joined that congregation. We celebrate that Lexi and Carson have found a church community to grow in, follow Jesus with others, and have fellowship.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: LaVonne Schrag.
- Hayva Larson as she continues her healing work in Wisconsin.
- Digna Miller's sister Alpha, as she continues her journey of healing after cancer.
- Lexi and Carson Covey as they settle into their new church family in Sioux Falls.
- Jill Hofer as she is licensed toward ordination in the House Church of Freeman, Freeman, SD. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that she and the House Church of Freeman share.

A Response to the Crisis in Ukraine: As the conflict continues on in Ukraine, several have wondered why we haven't done more to support these suffering people in the land where some of our forebearers came from. The deacons have decided to have the 5th Sunday offering in October go specifically for **MCC's work in Ukraine**. We can give confidently to MCC, knowing that those funds will be distributed where most needed in that war torn area. Let us consider giving generously to support those who are suffering indescribable losses.

Spiritual Formation Sheets: Copies of the Spiritual Formation sheets that Pastor Corey spoke about last week are both in your mailboxes at church and were also emailed to you. We invite everyone to take a look at those questions and visit with a trusted person about them. If you would be interested in visiting with Corey more, he would be excited to listen to you and listen for God's movement and activity in your lives. If you somehow lost yours, Lisa can get you another one.

Did you read the newsletter this month? What did you learn about Jordan Dick's bride, Brittany? Today is the final chance to **sign their card and contribute to their love gift**. Thank you for showing your love and support for this couple. Questions? Ask Elizabeth Janssen.

Guess Who's Coming for Dinner is scheduled for November 6. You may still sign up; however, TODAY is the deadline.

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Committee is hosting a social gathering at church on **Sunday, October 30th from 4-7pm**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those willing to bring a side dish or s'more fixings. Please bring a lawn chair to enjoy a bonfire outdoors, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome!

Chancel choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. Youth and adults are encouraged to join this music ministry to prepare for a choirs Christmas program scheduled for Sunday evening, December 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Joining Voices Together. On Saturday, November 12, Bethel College is hosting a symposium on *Voices Together*. The event will include sessions led by members of the hymnal committee, as well as a community hymn sing. More information is posted in the narthex. The church will cover the cost of registration; anyone interested in attending should contact Lisa at salemzion@gwtc.net. It would be great to find a few representatives to bring home ideas to help us continue to explore and enjoy this new resource!

The **MCC Meat Canner** will be in the Marion/Freeman community again on Nov. 14 & 15 to can meat for hungry people in the name of Christ! There are several ways that you can help: 1) volunteer to help with the canning, 2) volunteer to help set up & take down 3) bring food for volunteers and 4) help to host the canner crew. To help with canning, please sign up on-line for 1 or more shifts of 2-3 hours. Use the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADA729A5F5C43-mccmeat>

There are jobs for everyone between the ages of 5 to 95 years. If signing up online is daunting to you, decide when you'd like to work and let Tim Eisenbeis know. He can sign you up each Sunday after worship. Set-up will take place Saturday, Nov. 12, at 2 pm at the C&B John Deere dealership in Freeman. Take-down will be done on Tuesday afternoon/evening after canning is finished. Call Joey Graber (605) 360-5775 on Tuesday (Nov. 15) to know what time it will be. To help supply lunch food for volunteers, sign up at church in the narthex or talk with Charity Ortman. The MCC canner crew consists of 4 young men and they will need a place to stay from Saturday evening (Nov. 12) through Wednesday morning (Nov. 16). If you can host two of them, someone else can provide for the other two. They will need transportation while here so if you have an extra vehicle for them to use, please contact Joey Graber or Tim Eisenbeis (605) 659-4311.

The **Oyate Concern Christian School newsletter** has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. A thank-you card from **The Banquet** has also been posted in the narthex.

Serving each other in love! Please take a gander at the bulletin board to volunteer your own name for ways to serve each other here at Salem-Zion. The service opportunities vary from organizing Valentine boxes to serving in the kitchen. If you aren't on other committees it's an easy way to dip your toe in the water. Terms are only one year.

Living our Mission: "As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ's kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together."

Community Connections

Rural Revival is meeting on Monday, October 24 at 8:00 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The annual corporation meeting of the **Salem Mennonite Home for the Aged** will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Activities Area of the Salem Mennonite Home and interested parties are invited to attend. The topics of discussion will include potentially combining the efforts of the Salem Mennonite Home with those of FRHS to meet the present and future health, assisted living and long-term care needs of our community. The Salem Mennonite Home for the Aged is a South Dakota nonprofit corporation and operates an assisted living facility located at 106 West 7th Street in Freeman, South Dakota.

Leaf Raking Day on Friday, November 4, 2022: Freeman Academy continues its tradition of community service on Friday, November 4, 2022 by raking leaves for members of the community who need help with fall clean up. Students and staff will bundle up before visiting about 20 yards. To request assistance at your home, please call Sheila Epp at 605-925-4237 x221 and provide your name and address.

MCC Buckets of Thanks: This Thanksgiving season, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for MCC. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks (aka an MCC relief kit) for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. For more information, including supply lists and a ready-to-use curriculum for children, visit: mccbuckets.org.

The September edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3se4Lta>. In our current issue: Learn about the MDS response to Hurricane Ian in Florida; volunteers replant trees after the

Colorado wildfires; and we have information on the up-coming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February.

The places where God calls us to Peace: "*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.*" – Frederick Buechner

Freeman Academy Concert and Chamber Choirs 2022-23

Soprano

Angelyn Allison*
Jada Buse
Arianne Fink
Christian Ortman
Solomon Ortman*
Jessica Paschal*
Autumn Rouse
Estelle Waltner*
Simon Wiersma

Tenor

Jess Bashige
Joshua Cortez
Thomas Ding
Connor Epp
Matthew Hagen
Joshua Janssen
Armando Miller*
Liam Ortman*
Aryan Saravanan

Alto

Ismi Ali
Maddie Anderson*
Stefany Cortez*
Jax Kaufman
Jada Koerner*
Alea Miller
Arianna Miller
Sieta Wiersma

Bass/Baritone

Jayson Allison*
Seth Balzer*
Simeon Eremin
Darion Fore
Aiden Gilbert
David Ilunga
Maddox Kihne
Albert Konlonji
Elshadai Mesfin
Sam Waltner*
Leo Wang

***Chamber Choir member**

Pastor Corey Miller

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