



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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October 28, 2018

Harvest Mission Festival

“Other seed fell into good soil, and brought forth grain.” – Acts 4:20

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude – *O Bless the Lord My Soul* arr. Haan
- Choral Call to Worship – *Good News Celebration!* Wood
- Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp Janelle Ortman
- Call to Worship (from Psalm 65)
- L: Praise is due to You, Our God in Zion and to You shall vows be performed!
- P: You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich all creation!**
- L: You provide the people with grain, for so You have prepared it!
- P: You crown the year with Your bounty; fields overflow with richness!**
- L: The hills gird themselves with joy and the meadows clothe themselves with flocks!
- P: The valleys deck themselves with grain!**
- ALL: They shout and sing together for joy!!**
- Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

- * Gathering Song – *Sing to the Lord of harvest* HWB #98
- Greetings and Announcements
- Children’s Story Joe Sawatzky
- Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Offertory Prayer
- Offertory – *Holy Spirit, Come With Power* arr. Held
- Special Music – *Who Will Go for Me?* Larson

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the Gospel Mark 4:1-9
- Sermon – “Bearing fruit that will last” Joe Sawatzky

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- Song – *We will follow* SS #40
- Congregational Prayer – *Come, bring your burdens to God* SS #50
- * Sending Song – *Thuma mina* HWB #434
- * Benediction
- Postlude – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Haan

* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

While the harvest has finally begun here in our community, we recognize that God’s Spirit is bringing about good fruit all throughout the world. We are so glad that Joe Sawatzky, church relations person for Mennonite Mission Network, has been able to spend some time with us this weekend inspiring us through God’s Word.

Greeters: Jenny and Joe Danny Hofer; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Special Music:** Mixed Octet; **Nursery Care:** Polly & Kyle Waltner

- 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

“Celebrating Giving”

This morning we receive an offering for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. This offering will help resource and support our sister churches in the upper Midwest.

Noon: Please plan on staying for our **potluck meal** today as we share with each other and with our friends from the South Church about God’s Mission in our lives, our community and the world.

Tonight: Harvest Mission Festival Wrap Up (for 50’s and under)

This evening, **October 28th**, our harvest mission festivities will conclude with a gathering of all the younger families at the Miller Farm for food, games, music and inspirational thoughts from Joe. Activities begin at **4:00 p.m.** Please bring **lawn chairs** to the Miller’s for this event.

THIS WEEK

- Oct. 31 (Wed) 9:30 a.m. – Pastor Congregation Relations Committee
- Nov. 1 (Thurs) 7:30 p.m. – Outreach and Service Committee

NEXT SUNDAY – November 4

Next Sunday we will continue our theme in James “*Becoming Mature.*” The focus of the morning is “*Seeking Wisdom*”, the texts are James 1:5-8, 13-18 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will have a special time in our service to remember all who died from Salem-Zion in the past year.

Greeters: LeRoy & Janette Epp; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Offering:** Mennonite Mission Network; **Nursery Care:** Malynda & Jay Penner

COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 4 – Annual Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner
- Nov. 7 – Children’s choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11 – Over 80’s Tea at Dewald Village from 3-5 p.m.
- Nov. 18 – Annual Congregational Business Meeting at 12:30 p.m.
- Nov. 25 – Child Dedication at Salem-Zion
- Dec. 1 – Deadline for submitting information for the 2019 yearbook

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Sharon Schmidt was able to return back to Oakview Terrace in Freeman last Wednesday.
- Leora Ortman had a good week of recovering from her broken ribs in the Freeman Hospital.
- Liz Graber’s grandfather, Russell Hicks, died this past week. Services were held yesterday (27th) in Kadoka. Please keep Liz and her family in your prayers.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- Sharon and Leora as they wait for God’s healing hand upon their lives.

Remember to thank God for:

- EVERYTHING that God has done in us and through us in this past year. This Sunday is the last Sunday of our church fiscal year. We thank God for all the offerings that were given (time, money, talents, service) so that we can fulfill our missional call which is: *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.*

Thank You! For all the gifts, notes and gestures of love we have received this past month, we thank you. In fact, we feel loved and cared by Salem-Zion all throughout the year and are so blessed to be with you as we journey together in following Jesus. With deep appreciation, Corey and Nancy.

Please take some time today to look at the **tables in the narthex**, which display items from those who have done service work around the world.

GUESTS AND HOSTS participating in Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner next Sunday, November 4, please pick up your assignments **TODAY** in your mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Graber, Hospitality Committee at 925-4045.

From the church office:

- Please take a look at the yearbook and **see if any of your contact information needs to be updated.** Submit new information to the church office or to Marnette Hofer (marnettehofer@gmail.com).
- Reports for the annual business meeting are due on **November 5.**
- The deadline for submitting all information for the 2019 yearbook is **December 1.**
- Lisa’s church office hours may vary slightly during the harvest season but she can be reached by e-mail or cell phone (951-1871) and the bulletin will be printed as usual on Thursdays. Thank you!

Freeman Academy’s Annual Fall Church Drive is underway. During this traditional harvest season, we invite alumni and friends of Freeman Academy to consider a gift for the school’s general fund. Help us surpass this year’s goal of \$50,000! Stewart Graber and Kyle Waltner will be available at a table in the narthex today to receive your donations. If you are not in church and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes are available on the narthex table for your convenience.

The Minnekota Board will hold its annual public meeting at 9am on Saturday, Nov 10 at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church.

Community Connections

Freeman Academy Community Service Day will be held **Friday, November 2.** Students and staff will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to do leaf raking for persons who need assistance with strenuous work and who live in Freeman. All work is strictly volunteer - **NO PAYMENT** is accepted for the work. **Please call the school office, 925-4237, by noon October 30 to schedule a job.**

Practicing the Peace of Christ:

On Monday, Eugene Peterson died peacefully at his home. Peterson wrote many books encouraging pastors but his most famous work was “The Message”, which was the Bible translated in fresh language. He was 85.

“Resurrection does not have to do exclusively with what happens after we are buried or cremated. It does have to do with that, but first of all it has to do with the way we live right now. We practice our death by giving up our will to live on our own terms. Only in that relinquishment or renunciation are we able to practice resurrection.” - Eugene Peterson, *The Pastor*

Pastor Corey Miller

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