



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

## “Harvest Mission Festival” October 29, 2023

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude – *Legende* (Georges Enesco) Anne Waltner  
 Choral Call to Worship – *Mountain of God* (VT #11)  
 Clara Beseman, Lynelle Hofer, Kelsey Pidde and children  
 Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Corey Miller  
 Call to Worship  
 L: We gather on this Holy Day to worship our living and loving God!  
**P: We come from the North and the South, the East and the West to seek Jesus’ way and truth.**  
 L: We invite the Holy Spirit to move us, inspire us, and guide us to see God’s mission for us.  
**ALL: We freely give ourselves to this time of worship for the glory of God!**
- \* Hymn – *We Sing to You, O God* VT #80
  - \* Opening Prayer
  - \* Hymn – *Sing to the God of Harvest* VT #122
  - \* Greeting each other
  - Children’s Story Sheila Epp
  - Sharing our Offerings – MMN Mission Partners, the Ross Richers
  - Offertory – *We Thank You God* Preschool and Kindergarteners

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the Scriptures Deuteronomy 8:1-3, Philippians 2:5-8  
 Special Music – *Somebody’s Knocking* (James E. Clemens) Children’s Choir  
 \* Hearing the Gospel Luke 4:1-13  
 Meditation – “Power Over or Power With? Joining the Jesus Way of Mission”  
 Eric Frey Martin

### RESPONDING TO GOD

- Sharing and Congregational Prayer  
 \* Sending Song – *Praise God* VT #70  
 \* Blessing VT #1011  
 \* Benediction – *Go Now In Peace* Children’s Choir  
 Postlude – *Slavisch Fantasie* (Carl Hohne)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Our Harvest Mission Festival is a time to celebrate God’s Mission from across the streets to around the world. We rejoice that Eric Frey Martin, from Mennonite Mission Network, is here to proclaim God’s Word and we welcome our friends from the South Church in our worship today. We are so glad that you are here!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for our Mission Partners, **the Ross Richers**, and their ministry in Ecuador.

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

Noon – Potluck

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

**Eric Frey Martin, Interim Director of Constituent Engagement**, began work with Mennonite Mission Network in February of 2020. Prior to that, he served with his wife, Kelly, through Mission Network in Colombia, working with the Colombian Mennonite Church in the areas of youth ministry, leadership development, and theological and biblical education. Eric has a BA in Religion from Bluffton University (Ohio) and a Master of Divinity from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Indiana). Eric and Kelly live in Goshen, Indiana, and attend Silverwood Mennonite Church.

### THIS WEEK

**Nov. 1 (Wed)** – Children’s Choir rehearsal, 6:00-6:30pm

**Nov. 1 (Wed)** – Youth Group at 6:30pm

**Nov. 3-4 (Fri-Sat)** – CPMC Council of Committees at Salem-Zion

**Nov. 4 (Sat)** – Deadline for submitting annual business meeting reports

### NEXT SUNDAY – Nov. 5

Next Sunday we will begin a Worship Series on Colossians. The theme is “*The Supremacy of Christ*” and the text will be Colossians 1:15-23. Everyone is invited to read through the entire chapter of Colossians 1 in preparation for our worship time. We will also be remembering our dear church members/friends who died over this past year.

Next week the offering is for our Household Treasury.

### COMING EVENTS

**Nov. 5** – Remembering our Loved Ones who died over this past year

**Nov. 6-7** – MCC Meat Canning in Freeman

**Nov. 9 and 12** – FACC rehearsal & Fall Concert at Salem-Zion

**Nov. 13** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00pm

Nov. 19 – Annual Business Meeting at 12:30pm

Dec. 1 – Yearbook deadline

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### Happenings over the past week:

- Susan Schrag had successful surgery last Tuesday to remove the tumor from her leg. Susan remains at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.
- On Thursday, Pastor Corey took a day for a spiritual retreat in Nebraska.

### Remember to praise God for:

- the successful surgery that Susan Schrag experienced and for healing hope ahead.
- medical resources that are readily available for our health and well-being.
- the harvest that continues to flow from the fields and into the world.

### Remember to pray for:

- our young adults: Kaitlyn Epp.
- all who continue to heal from recent surgeries and illnesses. Pray for Susan, Diane and others as they continue to recover.
- all those who are working to bring aid to the suffering people of Gaza, the grieving people in Israel, and the wounded people affected by the violence in the Middle East. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
- Mennonite Mission Network as it sends willing servants out into the world to share Christ's Good News and learn about what God is already doing in the communities where they serve.
- Strength, Power, and Joy as we all are sent out to bear witness to Christ's love and light in the world.
- the Central Plains Mennonite Conference Council of Committees meeting next weekend as members of each of the committees from around the conference gather in Freeman, SD to fellowship, study the Bible, dream, and plan together.

The **Serving One Another in Love volunteer sign-up sheet** is now in the narthex on the bulletin board. If you do not yet have plans for plugging-in at Salem-Zion for the 2024 year, please consider the volunteer options listed. Signing-up with a friend is welcome!

The **MCC Meat Canner** will be in our community on Nov. 6 & 7, canning meat for hungry people abroad and here in our area. Using the C & B Operations (formerly Fred Haar John Deere) shop, we will count on volunteers to assist the canner crew of four. Please consider when you can help out and sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADA729A5F5C43-45250714-mccmeat>. If you need assistance with the online sign-up sheet, ask someone in

your congregation for help or call Ben Carlson (605-750-0469). In light of the abundance we enjoy, we surely can take some time to be hands & feet for our Lord. Rarely is helping those in need so easy and this much fun!

**Minutes** from the September Deacons meeting have been posted 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.

**Seeking God's Peace on the Journey:** "Some journeys are direct, and some are circuitous; some are heroic, and some are fearful and muddled. But every journey, honestly undertaken, stands a chance of taking us toward the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need."  
- Parker J. Palmer