



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 31, 2021
Remembering Loved Ones Who Died

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Austin Unruh
Welcome and Call to Worship (From Psalm 34) S. Roy Kaufman
L: I bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
P: We magnify the LORD and exalt his name together!
L: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
P: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
L: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none will be condemned.
ALL: O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *My Jesus, I Love Thee* VT #133

Greeting Each Other

“The Peace of Christ Be With You. And also with you.”

Lighting the Peace Lamp *The Kingdom of God* #799

Celebrating our Mission with *White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church*

Children’s Story Gwen Ortman

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Scriptures Joshua 4:19-24, I Peter 2:4-7

Song – *You Are All We Have* #701

* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 5:1-11

Sermon – “Remembering Saints and Sinners” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Lighting Candles in Memory *My Latest Sun Is Sinking Fast* #662

Elsie Schmidt – October 29, 2020

Irene Schrag – January 25, 2021

Kris Waltner – January 31, 2021

Janice Stahl – April 27, 2021

Joe Danny Hofer – June 12, 2021

Rita Graber – June 29, 2021

Virginia Graber – August 9, 2021

Allen Schrag – August 18, 2021

Hilda Kaufman – September 14, 2021

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song - *Come, come, ye saints*

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Blessing

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Eternity Sunday has been a tradition in some Mennonite Churches for many years. Eternity Sunday comes from the early church tradition of All Saints Day on Nov. 1 and All Souls Day on Nov. 2, a time to remember Christian friends who died over the past year (Nov.- Oct.) We continue to give thanks to God for all the dear souls who have died over this past year and pray for God’s comfort to hold us. Welcome to our time of worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church** in Busby, Montana. While this congregation didn’t suffer losses from the fires this summer, they are in the process of replacing their coal heating/cooling system with geo-thermal for their church and parsonage. Pastor Willis Busenitz continues to provide steady and faithful leadership at the church.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

Tonight: Bonfire and Fellowship at the church

Yard games for children beginning at 5:00pm will be led by the youth group while adults may bring their own yard games and self-organize. We will feast around the fire on apple cider, hotdogs, brats and carry-in salads/sides.

THIS WEEK

Nov. 3 (Wed) – Children’s choir/Bible study 6:45-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

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

NEXT SUNDAY – November 7

Next Sunday we are beginning a new series called “**Got Mission?**” We will be revisiting our mission statement and the theme is: “*Living and Sharing.*” The texts are Isaiah 52:7-9, Romans 10:9-17, John 4:27-30, 39-42, and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **Household Treasury.**

COMING EVENTS

Monday, Nov. 8 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 14 – *Over 80’s Tea* in the fellowship hall at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21 – Annual Business Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25 – Joint Thanksgiving Day service at Salem-Zion at 10:30 a.m.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Delmar Ortman was admitted to the Freeman Hospital last week because of Covid. He was able to return back to Salem Home on Wednesday.
- Ron Unruh's brother, Rodney Unruh, died last Saturday in Sioux Falls. His funeral service was held last Thursday at the Linwood Wesleyan Church. We pray for Ron in the loss of his brother.
- Today (**October 31st**) is the last day of our fiscal year and once again, we are so grateful for all the ways that you have given faithfully over this past year to support the many ministries that are important to Salem-Zion's mission. The household treasury pays our staff, utilities, SS materials, and many other needs in our ministry. Thank you for your generosity, for it is because of you that we are able to meet our budget goals for this year!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Duane & LaVonne Schrag.
- Delmar Ortman as he recovers from Covid.
- Christina Hofer and Paul Zehr as they anticipate sharing their wedding vows next Saturday, November 6.
- Michael Swartzendruber, pastor of Wayland Mennonite Church, as he is ordained today. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Michael and Wayland Mennonite share.

Parents of young persons in the Youth Class and other interested adults are invited to attend their classes on Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 in Fellowship Hall. Tim Waltner will lead a **discussion on the Anabaptist theology of non-violence and registering as a conscientious objector (CO) to military service**. Youth have been asked to interview members of our church who have served in alternative service as a CO. These two activities tie the theological perspective to the practical application of what it means to be a follower of Christ's peace in our Mennonite tradition.

Serving one another in Love is on the bulletin board. Will you take a look and **see if there's a place for you to serve for a year?** Today, October 31, is the deadline to sign up. Remember to ask any members of the executive committee your questions.

Reminder: There is still time to make a video for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Peace and Justice Task Force. That is to **film a video for Cross-**

Generation Peace Talks. This is for middle school, high school or college undergraduates and guarantees \$100 for every entry. The idea is to interview someone with a peace story. Perhaps they did alternative or voluntary service, remember a church (or any serious) conflict and how it was resolved, witnessed or tendered a kindness to another, etc. There is more information on the bulletin board and I am willing to discuss topics or questions. Janelle Ortman, janelle.orville.ortman@gmail.com, or 925.7437 or 659.1321. The deadline for entries is March 1, 2022.

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

The October **Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The **SDMDS** van will be going to the **Regional 3 annual meeting** in Hesston, KS on Friday, November 12. We will also be attending the Bel Canto Singers concert Saturday evening, returning to SD Sunday afternoon. There is room in the van for more MDS supporters to enjoy this interesting weekend. The camaraderie on the trip to & from Hesston is an extra bonus. Contact Duane Tieszen or Dennis Ries for more information. See "current news" and "events" on the mds.mennonite.net website for the meeting information and registration.

Loving Neighbor: "The hardest spiritual work in the world is to love the neighbor as the self - to encounter another human being not as someone you can use, change, fix, help, save, enroll, convince or control, but simply as someone who can spring you from the prison of yourself, if you will allow it." - Barbara Brown Taylor

"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." - Salem-Zion Mennonite Mission Statement 2015

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFlZChK0Ef-rIBAA3A>

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