



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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***Trials and Tests***

“...you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” – James 1:3

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp  
 Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp Lynelle Hofer  
 Call to Worship (from Psalm 150)  
 L: We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
**P: The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**  
 L: And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.  
**P: We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God’s steadfast hope in us.**  
 L: Who today will bless God for God’s surpassing greatness?  
**P: Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!**  
 Opening Prayer

## PRAISING GOD

\* Gathering Song – *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* HWB #76  
 Greetings and Announcements  
 Children’s Story Lacey Friesen  
 Offering our gifts – Service and Mission Fund  
 Offertory Prayer  
 Offertory – *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. John Bacchus Dykes  
Connor Epp, trombone  
 Special Music – *He Never Failed Me Yet* Robert Ray

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the New Testament James 1:2-4, 12-18; 5:7-11  
 Sermon – “Enduring Trials” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *My life flows on* HWB #580  
 Communion  
 Congregational Prayer  
 \* Sending Song – *I am the Bread of life* HWB #472  
 \* Benediction  
 Postlude

\* 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

Testing, Trials and Temptations tend to take life from us, but James invites us to view these times as opportunities to grow, endure and become “mature.” On this World Wide Communion Sunday, we gather with believers across the world to celebrate God’s gracious love in Jesus Christ. We are so glad you are here to worship with us. We invite all who earnestly love Jesus and are committed to following him to come to the Lord’s table.

**Greeters:** Marlyce Miller and Orville Ortman; **Special Music:** Ladies Choir; **Nursery Care:** Tina Graber & Lacey Friesen

9:00 a.m. – Packing MCC school kits  
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School  
 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time  
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### **“Celebrating Giving”**

The offering received today is for Salem-Zion’s Mission and Outreach fund. This fund has been set up to provide assistance in making service opportunities available to individuals and groups to serve beyond our walls such as Bearcat Avenue, Shalom partnership, and service organizations such as MCC. Thank you for sharing in supporting this ministry of Salem-Zion.

### THIS WEEK

Oct. 10 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – Ladies choir rehearsal  
 Oct. 10 8:00 p.m. – Worship committee meeting to plan for Advent

### NEXT SUNDAY – October 14

Next Sunday we will continue our theme of “Becoming Mature” by reflecting on the dance between faith and works. The texts are James 1:22-25, 14-26 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

**Special Music:** Ladies Choir; **Offering:** Mennonite Church USA; **Nursery Care:** Charity & Paul Ortman

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Oct. 27-28** – Harvest Mission Festival with Joe Sawatzky from Mennonite Mission Network. On Saturday morning, Joe will speak at the Arboretum in Freeman to all North and South church folks 60 years and older. On Sunday, Joe will preach first at the South church, and then at Salem-Zion, followed by a potluck meal. Then in the late afternoon, the 50s and under crowd (and their families) will be invited to the Miller farm for games, food, fellowship, Q & A with Joe and music. We look forward to this weekend!

**Nov. 4** – Annual Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

## **Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News**

### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Ruby Waltner was released from the hospital on Sunday evening and is recuperating at home.
- Sharon Schmidt was admitted to the Freeman Hospital on Wednesday for a few hours and was able to return to her room at Oakview Terrace later that day.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Duane & LaVonne Schrag.
- Leora Ortman, Ruby Waltner and Sharon Schmidt as they recover from their recent hospitalizations.
- Our farmers as they patiently wait for the fields to dry down for harvest.
- Healing for all who have been traumatized by sexual assault. Oh Lord, have mercy.
- Healing for all who have been wounded by another person’s words. Oh Lord, have mercy.

### **Remember to thank God for:**

- The opportunity to work together to meet our budget and fulfill our giving goals for this fiscal year. All of our giving represents our joyful response to all that God has done for us.

**Grace is offered! There is more time to write a devotional.** Thank you so much for submitting your devotionals for our booklet on our Top 14 Scripture passages. The good news is that you still have time to submit one to Corey and he will be glad to receive it. Grace is such a wonderful thing!

**Harvest Mission Festival:** On **October 27<sup>th</sup>**, our harvest mission speaker Joe Sawatzky will be speaking at the Freeman Arboretum at 9:00am. This presentation is for our 60 years and older group from both the North and the

South churches. We will be providing cinnamon rolls and fruit for this event and there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for you to offer any items for this day.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month.** God led Pastor Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel to Salem-Zion and for that we are truly thankful. Let them know how much they are loved.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for a **thank-you card** from Adam and Fjaere Harder Nussbaum.

**The household treasury** finished the month of September with a deficit of (\$13,961.71). Monthly expenses usually vary from \$12,000 to \$14,000. In order to close the fiscal year in the black on October 31, the household treasury will need receipts this month to be about \$26,000 to \$28,000. The October 21 offering is the final offering of this fiscal year for the household treasury. Thank you for the support you have already given and please consider what you might be able to contribute on October 21 to enable the household treasury to finish the year on Oct. 31 in the black. The household treasury pays salaries, utilities, maintenance, Sunday School materials, and other operating expenses of the church. – The Trustees

**September Offerings and Gifts:** Household Treasury - \$14,488.03; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$699.83; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$833.35; Mennonite Disaster Service - \$2,192.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$1,875.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,606.27; East River Foster Parent Network (Jr. SS Dept.) - \$171.52; Mennonite Mission Network - \$45.00; Mennonite Central Committee - \$500.00; Freeman Academy - \$250.00.

## **Community Connections**

**The MDS Region 3 annual meeting** will be held on October 26 and 27 at Swan Lake Christian Camp and Retreat. Information & registration forms are available in the narthex. Registration & fees are due to Duane Tieszen by Oct. 15.

**Salem Mennonite Home** of Freeman will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Harvest Festival on October 20 at the Freeman Community Center from 5:30-8:30pm. A full meal, raffles, silent auction and musical entertainment by Grace Notes, featuring Dan and Julie Aughenbaugh at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased on the website (sailemmennonitehome.com) or at local banks, Jamboree Foods or the SMH business office. Donations can also be made at the business office or mailing to: 106 W 7<sup>th</sup> St. Freeman, SD 57029.

**Piano Night at the Lake** will be held at Swan Lake Christian Camp on Sunday November 4 starting at 6:00 pm. A meal will be served along with local musicians playing. There is no cost for the event, but a free-will donation will be taken. Reservations are required. Please call the camp office at 605-326-5690.

**Practicing the Peace of Christ:**

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. This is a time for remembering that around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord’s Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. May the peace of Christ bind us together.

**Announcing the Conference Minister for Christian Formation**

The Conference Board is pleased to announce to Central Plains Mennonite Conference that Amanda Bleichty has been hired as our new Conference Minister for Christian Formation. Amanda is native of Kalona, IA, and grew up at Kalona Mennonite Church. She will officially join the Ministry Staff on January 2, 2019, working out of the Ministry Staff Offices in Kalona.

Amanda graduated from Iowa Mennonite School (2004), Goshen College (2008, BA, Bible, Religion, and Philosophy), and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (M.Div., 2011). Since 2011, Amanda has served as a pastor at Washington Mennonite Church.

The search committee selected Amanda from a pool of highly qualified candidates because of her strong track record in pastoral ministry and her experience in communications.

References for Amanda spoke highly of her growth as a church leader: “Over the past 12 years, Amanda has gone from college student, to seminary student, to co-pastor, and then lead pastor of a congregation. Amanda has consistently preached peace, Christ-centeredness, social justice, hospitality, grace, and the importance of being in community to her church, while also working to live her life in a way that reflects these beliefs and values.”

Reflecting on her faith as an Anabaptist Christian, she said, “I am exceedingly grateful for the Anabaptist/Mennonite distinctives that have shaped and will continue to shape my life. As I read the scriptures, I am continually drawn into stories in the Old and New Testaments that put relationships and community at the center of God’s work in the world.”

Amanda is a strong Christian formation leader, and an excellent preacher and communicator. About her sense of call to this role, Amanda wrote, “I am very interested in the work of discerning new ways of doing and understanding Anabaptist Christian formation in a changing world (and church). She expressed her belief that “good communication is an art that is absolutely essential in our churches and Mennonite denomination today.” Amanda also noted that she has a “passion for finding relevant and important formation resources and sharing them.”

Please welcome Amanda as she equips leaders in congregations to nurture Anabaptist faith in people at every stage of life at church and in the home.

**Pastor Corey Miller**  
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