



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

November 14, 2021

***Our Mission: Welcoming All***

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude – *Now Thank We All Our God* (arr. Burkhardt) Ruby Waltner  
Choral Call to Worship – *Sing Praise* (Mark Patterson) Children’s Choir  
Welcome and Call to Worship – VT #853 Lacey Friesen  
Opening Prayer  
\* Hymn – *Summoned By The God Who Made Us* VT #1  
Greeting Each Other and “Passing the Peace”  
Peace Lamp *God of Peace and Justice* #711  
Celebrating our Mission with *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*  
Children’s Story Beth Bontrager  
Special Music – *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

## PROCLAIMING

- Hearing the Scriptures Leviticus 19:33-34, Galatians 3:28-29  
Song – *For We Are Strangers No More* #409  
\* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 25:31-46  
Sermon – “Welcoming All” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING

- Affirming 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.”***  
Sharing and Congregational Prayer  
\* Sending Song - *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* #392  
Blessing  
Choral Benediction – *Go Now in Peace* (HWB #429)  
Postlude – *Now Thank We* (arr. Held)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

As we continue to explore our mission statement, we reflect on what it means to “Welcome all.” How have we welcomed strangers, those who don’t fit our mold, or those who come from different backgrounds? How do we keep widening the door of our welcome to all? We welcome you here to worship God with us!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

- 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

**Over 80’s Tea at 3:00pm:** The deacons are once again hosting a tea for anyone 80 years old or more in the Fellowship Hall. If you are needing a ride out to the church for this grand event, please contact Steve Graber or Janette Epp and they will help coordinate transportation.

### THIS WEEK

- Nov. 16 (Tues)** – Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**Nov. 17 (Wed)** – Youth Group at 6:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 17 (Wed)** – Children’s choir/Bible study 6:45-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary  
**Nov. 18 (Thurs)** – Deacon Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY – November 21

Next Sunday we conclude our “**Got Mission?**” series by focusing on **Practicing our Faith**. The texts are Psalm 1, Luke 5:12-16, Hebrews 10:25, Acts 2:43-47 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.  
Offering next Sunday will be for **Mennonite Church USA**.

### COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Nov. 21** – *Annual Business Meeting at 12:30pm*. Everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch.  
**Thursday, Nov. 25** – Joint Thanksgiving Service at Salem-Zion at 10:30am with Pastor Bob Engbrecht preaching. The offering will go for “The Banquet” and will be divided between the Sioux Falls and Yankton locations.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Duane Schrag died on Tuesday evening at Salem Home in Freeman. His memorial service will be held at a later date.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Sharon Schmidt.
- LaVonne Schrag in the death of her husband Duane.
- extra grace and Spirit-induced strength as we deal with and respond to Covid, vaccinations and misinformation. We pray for health care workers on the front line as they continue to offer compassionate care for those who are affected by this disease.
- those who struggle with Alzheimer's. November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month and we want to remember that those who suffer with this debilitating illness are 100% human.
- Libby Conley as she is ordained today at First Mennonite Church of Iowa City. Libby has served as a chaplain and congregational pastor. Pray for Libby's continued ministry.

We need **volunteers to fill the open spots** listed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your participation says that you value this ministry. These are one-year commitments. Today is your final opportunity to sign up. Please bring your questions to any member of the executive committee.

Bearcat Avenue was started as a response to the number of low-income families in Marion School District. Sometimes students come to school hungry and seek help from the school counselor. There is a similar need in the Freeman School District. Children are best able to learn when their basic needs are met.

**We are asking you to partner with us to supply the school counselors in the Marion and Freeman schools with items to feed hungry students.** We are asking for granola bars, dried fruits, nuts, and peanut butter crackers. Please bring single serve packages to the combined Thanksgiving Day worship service. Please contact Elizabeth Janssen or Lacey Friesen, representatives of the Salem-Zion Outreach and Service Committee.

Mark your calendars! The "**Christmas Choirs Program**" is scheduled for December 19th at 7:00pm, but instead of our traditional choirs, the Music Committee plans to coordinate small singing groups to mitigate Covid risks. The service will be similar to our August launch of *Voices Together*, this time featuring hymns from the Advent and Christmas sections of the new hymnal. To offer your singing voice, please text or email Charity Ortman or call at 925-7468.

While Salem-Zion's group subscription to *Anabaptist World* doesn't expire until March 4, 2022, we have been asked to review and update our group subscription list now. Please contact the church office by November 24 if you'd like to be added or removed from the subscription list.

The **agenda and reports for the annual congregational business meeting** are available in the narthex.

**Deacon meeting minutes** from September are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The deadline for **yearbook submissions** is December 1. Please share updated contact information (phone numbers, address changes, etc.) with Marnette Hofer, statistician, or the church office.

**God's Peace is Good News:** "The church is not a group of people who believe all the same things; the church is a group of people caught up in the same story, with Jesus at the center." - Rachel Held Evans, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*

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### Community Connections

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be November 22 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

As the holidays approach, the Et Cetera Shoppe once again would welcome your **donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies** made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving!

### 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/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rlBAaS3A>

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