



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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**November 25, 2018**

## *Prayers of the Faithful*

“...Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed.” – James 5:16

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude – *Prelude on Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp Gloria Graber

Call to Worship (from Psalm 105)

L: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds.

**P: We will sing praises to our God and tell of his wonderful works.**

L: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**P: We seek the LORD and his strength; we seek God’s presence continually.**

**ALL: In our prayers of praise, we will remember and celebrate the wonderful works that God has done!**

Opening Prayer

### **PRAISING GOD**

\* Gathering Song – *Come, we that love the Lord* HWB #14

Greetings and Announcements

Child Dedication Service

Levi Graber, son of Dan and Tina Graber

Olan Schrag, son of Nick and Sonja Schrag

Ezekiel Unruh, son of Austin and Lindsey Unruh

Ainsley Wollmann, daughter of Alex and Emily Wollmann

Offering our gifts – Shalom Mennonite Church, Eau Claire, WI

Offertory Prayer

Offertory – *Meditation on St. Crispin* R. McMahon

### **HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Special Music – *It Is Good to Give Thanks* Dan Forrest

Hearing the New Testament James 5:13-20

Sermon – “Praying at all times” Corey Miller

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayers of Anointing for Blessing and Healing “Rain down” SJ #49

Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *Praise God from whom* HWB #118

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Now Thank We All Our God* Paul Manz

\* 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**

James encourages the church to pray for each other, in times of joy, sorrow, sickness and sin. The praying community is “powerful and effective.”

Today, we offer prayers for you. During our worship, the deacons will offer prayers of blessing, healing and love upon each one. We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning.

**Greeters:** Elmer and Judy Gross; **Organist:** Dan Graber; **Special Music:** Chancel Choir; **Nursery Care:** Lance Friesen and Malynda Penner

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

12:15-2:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve program practice at Salem-Zion (gr. 3-8)

6:00 p.m. – Free supper for farmers and farm-related persons

### **“Celebrating Giving”**

This morning we receive an offering for the Shalom Mennonite Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. We partnered with other churches in Central Plains Mennonite Conference in this church plant. This is the final offering to be taken to financially support Shalom. However, our partnership with Shalom continues. We will continue to pray, visit, and walk with them in the journey forward. A special thank you to our church representatives John and Beth Epp and Paul and Charity Ortman. Please keep them in your prayers as this partnership continues to grow and mature. Thank you again for your support of this ministry.  
-The Deacons

**Tonight** – If you are (or were) a farmer or are in a farm-related business, you are invited to a special Chili supper hosted by the deacons. This is a time to eat, share, lament and celebrate together. The supper begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short “program.”

### **THIS WEEK**

Nov. 27 (Tues) 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education meeting

Nov. 28 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – Children’s choir, Chancel choir

8:00 p.m. – Ladies choir; Men’s choir

## **NEXT SUNDAY – December 2**

Next Sunday we will begin our Advent theme, “*The Lord is our Righteousness.*” The focus of the morning is “*Watching and Waiting*”, the texts are Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will be receiving 3 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material; **NEW items only, sizes 3-12 months**) during our regular offering for MCC infant kits.

**Greeters:** Jim and Teresa Dick; **Organist:** Lisa Kaufman; **Special Music:** Children’s Choir; **Offering:** Mennonite Church USA; **Nursery Care:** Lacey Friesen & Polly Waltner

## **COMING EVENTS**

Dec. 1 – Deadline for submitting information for the 2019 yearbook

Dec. 2 – First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 9 – Choir-led worship service at Salem-Zion at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 16 – Christmas Open House at Miller Home from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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

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

- Salem-Zion was blessed to be able to worship with our good friends and neighbors from Salem Mennonite on Thanksgiving morning. Our worship, singing and praise to God filled our hearts with thanksgiving!

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

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.
- our young families as they care for, nurture and love these children that God has blessed them with.
- people who are traveling back after the holiday activities.

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

- The blessings of this Thanksgiving season. For all of God’s good gifts to us, “Thanks be to God!”

**Thank you** to the people of Salem-Zion for your concern and support following my surgery. I appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement and welcome your support as my recovery continues.

- Tim L. Waltner

**Advent Infant Kits:** Every week during Advent, we will be receiving items for MCC’s infant kits. Please bring your items into worship and the children will collect them during the offering. On Epiphany Sunday (January 6<sup>th</sup>), we will dedicate these infant kits to the Lord. Watch each week’s bulletin (see above for Dec. 2) and the December newsletter for further details.

**Advent** is a time for us to remember where Jesus enters God's story and our own stories; to remember what it means to live righteously, and to look to the future as we seek God's plan for us as faithful individuals and faithful communities. With this in mind, during the Advent season we plan to begin worship with a gathering song at roughly 10:25 every Sunday. This song is intended to bring us together and prepare us for entering into God's story. Please make your way into the sanctuary in a timely manner for this song. There will be a short musical prelude following a welcome to continue to prepare ourselves for worship. Our prayer is that you will encounter Jesus in a fresh way this Advent and Christmas season.

On Sunday morning, November 18, money and a partially used Hy-Vee gift card were taken from a choir member's purse while the choir was in the choir loft. **Please return these to the church office.** The owner of the purse was saddened by this violation of trust.

**It is time to renew our group subscription to The Mennonite.** If you are not currently receiving The Mennonite and would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office. If you are currently subscribing, please submit any address corrections or inform the office if you'd like to be removed from the list for 2019. The deadline for submitting changes is December 5.

## **Community Connections**

**Rural Revival** will hold its monthly meeting at 8 pm at the Freeman Public Library on Monday, November 26th. Come see what we’re all about!

**The Prairie Arboretum** will be having a Holiday Brunch on December 1, 2018 at the Prairie Arboretum Visitor Center. Proceeds go to the Prairie Arboretum. To purchase tickets call 605-925-4204.

Mark your calendars for the 1-6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas musical presented by Freeman Academy Elementary students! Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Dining Hall! **Radio J-O-Y!** is a musical in a radio station set on the 1225 AM dial where the *best songs are songs about Christmas!* Join us as the students share the story of Mary, Joseph, the Wise Men and the animals via a radio show performance! Refreshments will be enjoyed!

Believe it or not, it’s that time of year again! **The Et Cetera Shoppe is seeking donations of peppernut cookies** for us to sell as an additional holiday fundraiser for Mennonite Central Committee. Peppernuts baked from your favorite recipe can be brought to the shop ANYTIME. Bring your peppernuts in Ziploc bags or ice cream pails and we will package them

here. This can be a fun project to do with grandchildren, mentees, friends, Sunday School classes, etc. Your heart will be filled with the joy of giving, and your house will be filled with the aroma of the holidays!

**Traveling Quilt:** Swan Lake Christian Camp is selling tickets for a Christmas quilt. It measures 68" by 76". Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. They can be purchased from Janette Epp (SLCC Representative), by calling the camp (605-326-5690) or emailing (campoffice@myslcc.com). Drawing will be December 3.

Limited **Schmeckfest sausage** available. Great for gifts or a special family/friends meal during the holidays. Call 925-4237 to get yours while it lasts!

**Practicing the Peace of Christ:**

*I can have peace of mind only when I forgive rather than judge.*

- Gerald Jampolsky

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