



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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November 4, 2018

Seeking Wisdom

“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously...”

– James 1:5

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – <i>Praise to the Lord</i>	Paul Manz
Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp	S. Roy Kaufman
Call to Worship	
Opening Prayer	

PRAISING GOD

* Song of Praise – <i>We praise thee, O God</i>	HWB #99
Greetings and Announcements	
Children’s Story	Beth Bontrager
Missional Moment from AMBS	Tony Hartman
Offering our gifts – Mennonite Mission Network	
Offertory Prayer	
Offertory – <i>Awake, awake to love and work</i>	Wilbur Held

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the New Testament	James 1:5-8, 3:13-18
Sermon – “Wisdom from Above”	Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – <i>How firm a foundation</i>	HWB #567
Remembering Salem-Zion Sisters and Brothers	
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
* Sending Song – <i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	HWB #366
* Benediction	
Postlude – <i>Praise to the Lord</i>	Johann Walther

* 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.

An Abiding Memorial
November 2017 – October 2018
Dedicated to the Glory of God
And in loving Memory of

Walter Epp	February 20, 1922	December 1, 2017
LaVella Kaufman	April 21, 1934	January 7, 2018
Lillian Glanzer	February 5, 1918	April 3, 2018
Lawrence Waltner	January 4, 1951	June 11, 2018
Vera Schrag	July 27, 1921	July 19, 2018
Arlyss Ortman	July 17, 1927	September 12, 2018

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We all seek to be wise, but we don’t always know what true Wisdom is. James invites us to ask in faith for God’s Wisdom and so we are glad that you are here to join us in seeking this wisdom. Welcome!

Greeters: LeRoy & Janette Epp; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Nursery Care:** Malynda & Jay Penner

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Noon – Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

“Celebrating Giving”

Today our offering will be going to Mennonite Mission Network to help resource and support global mission. Thank you for your support of this organization.

THIS WEEK

Nov. 6 (Tues)	8:00 p.m. – Deacons meeting
Nov. 7 (Wed)	7:00 p.m. – Children’s choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY – November 11

Next Sunday we will continue our theme in James “*Becoming Mature.*” The focus of the morning is “*Friendship with the World*”, the texts are James 4:1-12 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Greeters: Mark & Lori Ortman; **Keyboardist:** Sheila Epp; **Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference; **Nursery Care:** Tina Graber & Paul Ortman

COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 11 – Over 80's Tea at Dewald Village from 3-5 p.m.
- Nov. 12 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 18 – Annual Congregational Business Meeting at 12:30 p.m.
- Nov. 22 – Joint Thanksgiving Worship Service at South Church
- Nov. 25 – Child Dedication at Salem-Zion
- Dec. 1 – Deadline for submitting information for the 2019 yearbook

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

Leora Ortman continues to recover from her broken ribs in the Freeman Hospital. She is in room #7.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Elsie Schmidt.
- The families and loved ones of those who have died over the past year in our congregation. We give thanks for their lives and continue to be inspired by their examples.
- The Tree of Life congregation and community in Pittsburgh as they grieve the loss of life in what is described as the deadliest attack on Jews in the U.S. Oh Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us all.
- Pastor Alex Huesca. October 19 marked the one year anniversary of when pastor Alex was deported. He is the pastor of Iglesia El Balsamo in Muscatine, IA. The Huesca family is feeling some sense of hope that it will be possible to have Alex returned to his family. Of course, it is difficult to be optimistic about such a possibility when one looks at our current immigration system. If you want to show your support to pastor Alex and his family, you can address checks to Cecilia Huesca @ 1210 Park Avenue Muscatine, IA 52761. Any amount is greatly appreciated and very helpful.

Remember to thank God for:

- Another week of being safe in the fields and another week of seeing God's goodness all around us.

Those who signed up as **GUESTS** for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner are asked to stop in the Fellowship Hall after the service today to receive the name of your hosts.

Sign up now in the narthex to **"Serve one another in Love"**. The sign-up sheet will be available until November 18, so now is the time to choose how you will serve those with whom you worship and fellowship. All are encouraged to take part. You can read the explanation of each role, but if there are questions, please ask Elizabeth Janssen, MW Exec. Chairwoman.

An early program date coupled with a late harvest have prompted us to switch gears for our annual **Christmas choirs program**. Instead, we are planning a service of lessons and carols that will involve choirs and congregational singing, and will conclude with the traditional "Peace, Peace." All singers (grade 3 and older) are welcome to join us. Adult singers are encouraged to sing with both chancel and men's or ladies since these three choirs will be seated together in the loft. Because rehearsal time is limited (especially for Chancel choir, which also sings for Sunday morning worship on Nov. 18 and Nov. 25), *regular attendance is extremely important*. Please talk to Kerwin, Mavis or Sherilyn if you wish to participate but have a conflict with rehearsals.

Rehearsal schedule:

- Nov. 7--7 p.m. Children
- Nov. 14--7 p.m. Children, Chancel; 8 p.m. Ladies, Men
- Nov. 21--7 p.m. Children, Chancel
- Nov. 28--7 p.m. Children, Chancel; 8 p.m. Ladies, Men
- Dec. 5--7 p.m. Children, Chancel; 8 p.m. Ladies, Men
- Dec. 8 (Sat.)--7 p.m. Dress rehearsal for all participants**

Parents of children ages 4-14 please check your mailbox for a brochure explaining the Shalom Readers program. This morning the **three children** who completed the program last year **will be awarded a book** of their choosing during the Junior Department Sunday School opening. All attending will also see the new books for the coming year. The program runs now through July 31. Children may register at any time. The children may read the books on their own or have someone read to them. The book list and more information is in the library on the north shelf. Ask a librarian to help you select books or answer questions you have.

October Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$30,928.00; Service and Mission Fund - \$1,200.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$1,060.55; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,963.00; Mennonite Mission Network - \$1,250.00; Tim Limberhand Fund - \$1,220.00.

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. The quilt will be displayed at Salem-Zion, Sunday, November 11.

Community Connections

The Minnekota Board will hold its annual public meeting at 9am on Saturday, Nov 10 at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church.

Freeman Academy Buddy Day, Nov. 12, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Children in grades 1-8 can experience a half-day at Freeman Academy with a Bearcat Buddy of the same age. Children will experience homeroom, art, choir, and chapel before eating lunch with their buddy. Chapel features pastor and artist John Warden speaking on Romans 12 which includes FA's 2018-2019 theme verse: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above your selves." Pastor Warden will pose the question, "Do people see this picture (based on Romans 12) of Jesus in you?" and then he will paint a 4x8 canvas with Jesus's face. Chapel is always open to the public at 10:10 am. For your child to participate, contact Lynnelle Allison at 925-4237 extension 225 or email lallison@freemanacademy.org by Nov. 9.

Help is needed on Monday, November 12 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to process Schmeckfest brochures for mailing. Please contact Vernetta Waltner at 925-4237, ext. 235 or vwaltner@freemanacademy.org if you can help.

Freeman Academy will present the play *The Amish Project* by Jessica Dickey on November 16 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. This serious play is a fictional exploration of a real event that took place in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania, on October 2, 2006, when a man walked into an Amish one-room schoolhouse and shot 10 girls. The play highlights the forgiveness and grace the Amish people showed the family of the shooter that began the healing process for all. **Following the play will be a 15 minute "talk back" with the cast.** The mature content of this play is not appropriate for young children.

Practicing the Peace of Christ:

"I believe that God is a fellow-sufferer. I also believe that if we are to address evil in our midst, we need to participate with God in responding. There are things we can't change, but we can play a part in making this a better world, where violence is not as common place as it seems to be in recent years. We can comfort those who are suffering. We have a role to play, let us not, if it is in our power, let that opportunity pass us by."

- Robert D. Cornwall – Disciples of Christ pastor

Pastor Corey Miller

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