



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

February 13, 2022
God is Love

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp

Welcome and Call to Worship Paul Ortman

L: Your steadfast love, Lord, never ceases,

P: Your mercies never come to an end;

L: They are new every morning; so let us proclaim –

P: Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your love. Great is Your mercy. (2x)

ALL: And greatly is Your name to be praised!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn - *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT #7

Greeting Each Other and “Passing the Peace”

“The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.”

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Celebrating our Mission with Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Children’s Story Elizabeth Janssen

PROCLAIMING

* Hearing the Gospel John 15:12-17

Song – *Gott ist die Liebe* #158

Hearing the New Testament I John 4:7-21

Sermon – “Perfect love casts out fear” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song – *Your Love Is Washing Over Me* #166

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #638

Blessing

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

As we continue our journey with I John, we are reminded again that God is love and perfect love casts out fear. Where are the places of fear and concern in your own life, in our community, or in the world? How does God’s persistent love change a fear-based narrative to a trust-based narrative? Welcome to our time of worship.

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

THIS WEEK

Feb. 16 (Wed) – *Feeding Our Faith* (FOF) with supper and activities planned for all ages. The adult study will focus on “*Worship*.” Supper at 6:00pm and activities will follow for the children as we continue to reflect on our mission statement.

Feb. 16 (Wed) – Worship Committee meeting at 8:00pm

Feb. 17 (Thurs) – Deacons meeting at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – February 20

Next Sunday we will continue our series on I John. We invite you to read over this letter prayerfully and to bring your Bibles to worship as we learn and grow together. Our theme is “*God is Greater*.” The scriptures are I John 2:18-26, 4:1-6 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **Deacon Sharing Fund**.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 26 – *Finances God’s Way!* workshops at Freeman Academy 9:00 – 11:30am. Sponsored by Everence.

Sunday, March 20 – Ross Richers sharing in worship at Salem-Zion

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- We heard the wonderful news that our mission partners, Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer, will be coming to South Dakota on March 20 to share with both the South and the North churches during our times of worship!

- On Saturday, a group of “talented tiers” gathered in the fellowship hall to put the finishing touches on six comforters. These comforters, along with the

supplies gathered during advent for MCC's infant kits, will be taken to Kansas in a few weeks, where they will be sent off to those in need.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Helen Tieszen.
- willing participants to adult delegate session in Kansas City in May to discern membership guidelines. Talk to any of the deacons if you are willing to serve in this capacity.
- those who are married, that their love will continue to grow even as the years pass by.
- those who were married, but through divorce or death, find themselves single and often lonely.
- those who are yearning to be married, but are having to wait for the right person to come along.
- our sister churches in South Dakota: Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls and Bethany, Hutterthal, Salem, and The House Church of Freeman.

The two **elective book studies** will be held from 9:30 to 10:20 at church. "No Cure For Being Human" will be held in Fellowship Hall and "Healing Haunted Memories" will be in the combined classroom just north of Fellowship Hall. Books are being ordered now and should be available in the church when they arrive. Please read the first chapters before classes begin. Zoom classes will continue for those who wish to study the Salt and Light material. The classes run from 9:00 to 9:50 so people have time to get to the church service. The Zoom link is located near the end of the weekly bulletin. Need help with Zoom, contact Diane Ellinger or myself. - Marlan Kaufman, SS Superintendent

Mennonite Church USA is holding a Special Session of the Delegate Assembly in Kansas City from May 27 – 30, 2022. At this gathering, the delegates will vote on a resolution to retire the Membership Guidelines as the active polity in Mennonite Church USA. Resources can be found at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/mc-usa-delegate-resources.html>. **Salem-Zion is seeking delegates for this Special Session.** Please talk to one of the deacons if you are interested or have further questions.

January Mission Fund Offerings & Gifts: Gideons - \$200; Bethany Food Pantry - \$200; Turner County Food Pantry - \$200; FA - \$400; MMN - Dale Nafziger - \$500; AMBS - \$500; MCC Shepard Project - \$234; Salem Mennonite Home - \$1,165; SD MDS - \$1,400; MC USA - \$1,460; MCC - \$2,000; CPMC - \$2,130; MCC Meat Canning - \$2,355.

Community Connections

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will hold **cheese pocket work days** Feb. 18-19. The cheese pockets will be made to sell at the walk-in Country Kitchen fundraiser on March 26 and April 2. Volunteers are needed to help with prep work on Friday, Feb. 18 after 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 will be a full day, starting at 9 a.m. Please bring your own sack lunch. Workers would be greatly appreciated and bring a friend. Whether you are a pro or someone new making cheese pockets, come enjoy time cooking and visiting together. Anyone who would prefer to make cheese pockets at home is encouraged to do so. Contact Kathy Kleinsasser, 925-7952 for more information.

Freeman Academy is seeking a new **Resident Director** for our on-campus boarding students. Primary responsibilities include building relationships with students and overseeing life at the dorm, including preparing the evening meal, coordinating student activities and communicating with parents. This rewarding position also includes salary, health insurance, retirement, room and board. For more information, visit <https://freemanacademy.org/employment/> or contact Nathan Epp, Head of School, nepp@freemanacademy.org or 605-925-4237.

Events at Freeman Academy *Register online at FreemanAcademy.org

Feb. 14, Monday	Kids Club – Learning Adventure: paper rockets – 5:45pm
Feb. 21, Monday	Discovery Day – Meet teachers, visit classrooms.*
March 11, Friday	Science Steve – Live afternoon performances
April 5, Tuesday	Kindergarten Screening – register for a time*
April 8, Friday	Applications due for fall enrollment

The Voices of Conscience exhibit at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives (HHM&A) that was interrupted by Covid-19 in 2020 has returned. It is open to museum visitors February 14 - April 24. This traveling exhibit created by the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, Kan., remembers the witness of peace-minded people against the First World War 1914-1918. It premiered at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City at a symposium in October 2017 and then began a tour across North America. After the interruption created by the pandemic, the tour has resumed; it was installed at the historic Bethel Mennonite Church at HHM&A. Admission to the exhibit is included with the regular museum admission fee of \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$ for students (grades 1-12). A program coinciding with the exhibit will be held at Pioneer Hall on March 25 & 26 starting at 7:30 each evening. It will focus on one of the stories in the display, the experience of Hutterites from this community including brothers Joseph and Michael Hofer, who died from mistreatment while imprisoned by the United States military system. Watch for more details next month.

God's Peace at Work: "Fear is at the root of polarization, and it needs to be excavated to make room for the growth of love, the unsurpassable love of God." - Dan White Jr., Love Over Fear

Praying 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."

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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