



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

February 17, 2019
Blessings and Woes

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for your reward is great...” – Luke 6:23

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – <i>O God, Thou Holy God</i>	arr. Karg-Elert
Choral Call to Worship – <i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	arr. Magee
Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp	Jeremy Waltner
Call to Worship (Psalm 1)	HWB #811
Prayer	

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn of Praise – <i>Come, thou Almighty King</i>	HWB #41
Greeting each other and Announcements	
Children’s Story	Lacey Friesen
Offering our gifts – Deacon Sharing Fund	
<i>Steal Away From Jesus</i>	arr. Martin
Song – <i>Praise God from whom</i>	HWB #119

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the New Testament	I Corinthians 15:12-20
Anthem – <i>Gift of Love</i>	Hopson
* Hearing the Scriptures	Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 6:17-26
Sermon – “Blessings and Woes”	Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Song – <i>Blest are they</i>	SJ #94
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
* Sending Song – <i>Be thou my vision</i>	HWB #545
* Benediction	
* Choral Benediction – <i>The Blessing of Aaron</i>	arr. Rodby
Postlude – <i>Tune “All Saints New”</i>	arr. Willan

* 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

In the “Sermon on the Plain”, Jesus offers words to his disciples and the crowds. These Blessings and Woes speak of God’s Kingdom values and projections. May we have ears to hear Jesus’ words to us today. We’re so glad you are here to worship with us!

Greeters: Joe Danny and Genevieve Hofer; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner;
Special Music: Men’s Choir

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

“Celebrating Giving”

This morning we receive an offering for the Deacon Sharing Fund. This fund has been used to provide financial assistance for those facing difficult times. If you or someone you know needs some help please contact one of the deacons. Distribution of this fund is kept confidential. Thank you for supporting this portion of Salem-Zion’s ministry.

THIS WEEK

Feb. 19 (Tues) 7:00 p.m. – Deacons meeting
Feb. 20 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – Ladies choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY – February 24

Next Sunday we continue our series “*Following Jesus Into the World*”, led by Luke’s Gospel. The focus of the morning is “*Love Your Enemies*” and the text is Luke 6:27-31. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Greeters: Andre and Lillie Eisenbeis; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Offering:** Service and Mission Fund; **Special Music:** Ladies Choir

COMING EVENTS

March 2 – Comforter Blitz at 9:00 a.m.
March 6 – Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to pray for:

- Those who cannot be here today: Anette Eisenbeis.
- Leora Ortman and Johnny Graber as they remember the life of their sister, Bernita Preheim.
- Our Bearcat Avenue ministry. As the cold winter rages on, we pray that families in need will find resources through this ministry.
- The 40-60 families that have been sent from the border to Flandreau, SD in recent weeks. These people are seeking asylum in the United States and have gathered in Flandreau because of the large dairy and poultry farms that can provide work. We will hear much more about what we can do to help these neighbors of ours.
- The churches in the Eastern Iowa cluster as they prepare for Annual Meeting 2019, which will take place on June 20-23.

Remember to thank God for:

- The days that are slowly but surely lengthening, and the calendar that tells us that Spring is coming!

Book options for the upcoming **adult Sunday school elective quarter** are available in the narthex. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex through Sunday, February 24. All are invited to participate!

Comforter tying will take place on Saturday, March 2 starting at 9:00 am. There will be refreshments, but no noon meal is planned. Join us for the morning or afternoon or both. Activities will be available for the younger ones. Please bring mats and rotary cutter.

The **Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Dave Janssen serves as the Everence advocate for Salem-Zion. Please contact him for more information.

School kit bags to be sewn are available near the Mennonite Women bulletin board.

Community Connections

Oakview Terrace is seeking large print books that residents with vision problems could read (not hymn books). If you have large print books to donate, contact Deb or Joline at Oakview Terrace Activities Department.

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be **making noodles** for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen and meals on Tuesday, February 19 in the Pioneer Hall kitchen starting at 9 a.m. Volunteers to help make noodles would be greatly appreciated. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

Volunteers are needed to make **kuchen for Schmeckfest** at the Tyndall Bakery on March 2, 9 and 16. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and car pooling is available. The custard filling will be prepared in the Pioneer Hall kitchen the day before (March 1, 8 and 15) starting at 12:30 p.m. Donations of fruit or money to purchase fruit are also welcome. Please contact Debra Schmeichel (648-3430) if you are willing to help any of those days, or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Service Opportunity – The Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer, Montana is looking for volunteer sheet rock hangers. This would be to install sheet rock in the work/sorting room in their new building. Lodging and meals provided. For further info contact Willis Busenitz @ 406-592-3643 or email: wmbusenitz@gmail.com.

Swan Lake Christian Camp invites you to an **Appreciation Dinner and Annual Meeting** on March 3. Meeting starts at 4:00 pm followed by dinner. Reservations are required: 605-326-5690 or campoffice@myslcc.com.

Discovery Days at Freeman Academy:

What: Open houses for families interested in attending grades 1-12 next fall. Experience chapel, see classrooms in action, enjoy lunch with teachers and current parents, learn about Variable Tuition.

When: Feb. 18 and March 15

Hours: 9:45 am-1:30 pm

Registration: online at freemanacademy.org or email Lynnelle Allison at lallison@freemanacademy.org

Practicing Christ's Peace: Some journeys are direct, and some are circuitous; some are heroic, and some are fearful and muddled. But every journey, honestly undertaken, stands a chance of taking us toward the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need.

– Parker J. Palmer

Pastor Corey Miller

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