



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

February 24, 2019

*Loving Your Enemies*

*“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.” – Luke 6:27*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Lisa Kaufman  
 Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp Sheila Epp  
 Call to Worship (from Psalm 37)  
 L: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
**P: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.**  
 L: He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
 and the justice of your cause like the noonday.  
**P: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
 do not fret over those who carry out evil devices.**  
 L: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall  
 inherit the land.  
**P: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;**  
**ALL: God is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

Prayer

## PRAISING GOD

\* Hymn of Praise – *O come, loud anthems let us sing* HWB #68  
 Greeting each other and Announcements  
 Children’s Story Lynelle Hofer  
 Offering our gifts – Service and Mission Fund  
 Song – *Praise God from whom* HWB #119

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Genesis 45:3-11,15; Romans 12:14-21  
 Anthem – *The Fruit of the Spirit Is Love* Geisler/arr. Grundahl  
 \* Hearing the Scriptures Luke 6:27-31  
 Sermon – “Love’s Big Test” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* Song – *Love divine, all loves excelling* HWB #592  
 Sharing and Congregational Prayer  
 \* Sending Song – *When we walk with the Lord* HWB #544  
 \* Benediction  
 Postlude – *O Lord my God* Dupré

\* 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

The way to become a transformed witness in the world is to love like Jesus. In Luke’s Sermon on the Plain, Jesus invites us to love our enemies and urges us to follow the Golden Rule. We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us.

**Greeters:** Andre and Lillie Eisenbeis; **Special Music:** Ladies Choir

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

### “Celebrating Giving”

This morning the offering received is for the Service and Mission fund. This fund has been established to aid and support various mission projects that are part of Salem-Zion’s broader ministry such as Bearcat Avenue, those who are in service, and many more that are yet to come! For more information about this fund contact a committee member. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Salem-Zion.

### THIS WEEK

Feb. 26 (Tues) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall painting  
 Feb. 27 (Wed) 7:30 p.m. – Men’s choir rehearsal  
 Mar. 2 (Sat) 9:00 a.m. – Comforter Blitz

### NEXT SUNDAY – March 3

Next Sunday we continue our series “*Following Jesus Into the World*” and the focus of the morning is “*Faith, Belief, Trust.*” The texts are Exodus 4:1-17 and John 20:24-29 and Nathan Epp will be preaching.

**Greeters:** Gary & Gloria Graber; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Offering:** Household Treasury; **Special Music:** Men’s Choir

### COMING EVENTS

March 6 – Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m.  
 March 11 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### Happenings over the past week:

- Caley Ortman was licensed for pastoral ministry last Sunday at First Mennonite Church in CA.
- Jenna Graber was admitted to Avera hospital on Wednesday due to complications from her pregnancy.
- The funeral service for Willard Becker was held on Saturday at Salem-Zion.

### An Update from Flandreau:

A small group of folks from Freeman met with Sister Peggy from the Presentation Sisters in Sioux Falls on Tuesday to learn more about the situation in Flandreau. While we are learning more about what types of needs these immigrant families have, we still are waiting for more information. When we know what will be most helpful, we will let you know how you can help.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.
- Jenna and Tom Graber as they face uncertain times regarding their twin girls.
- the families that have recently moved to Flandreau seeking a better life.
- Tim Detweiler as he travels throughout the conference to make his final visits with pastors before his (well-deserved) retirement.

### Remember to thank God for:

- all the ways that God reminds us of God's redeeming, healing, reconciling love.
- encouraging stories that speak of loving our enemies.

Book options for the upcoming **adult Sunday school elective quarter** are available in the narthex. Today is the last day to sign up. All are invited to participate!

The trustees are looking for volunteers to help **paint the fellowship hall** on Tuesday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring paint rollers, pans, and brushes, along with a sack lunch. Contact any of the trustees with questions.

**Comforter tying** will take place on Saturday, March 2 starting at 9:00 a.m. 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.

## Community Connections

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**Rural Revival** will hold its monthly meeting at 8 pm at the Freeman Public Library on Monday, February 25th. Come see what we're all about!

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 on March 1, 7 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!

**Swan Lake Christian Camp's** annual meeting is March 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will start at 4:00 followed by an appreciation meal. All are invited to attend. We want to thank all of you for your financial support and prayers over the last year. Please RSVP to 605-326-5690. Also, the February issue of the Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter is now available at [myslcc.com](http://myslcc.com).

**Freeman Academy Creative Arts Feature:** Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Dr. Russell Svenningsen, vocal, and Dr. Anne Waltner, piano, collaborate on Franz Schubert's song cycle *Winterreise* (Winter Journey). Schubert's compositional artistry is on display in the beautifully interwoven conversation between piano and voice. An admission fee of \$15 includes a dessert reception. Admission fee is available at the door. Doors will open at 2:30 pm.

**The S.D. Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) unit annual mtg.** will be held Sun., March 10, 2 pm, at the Bethany Mennonite Church in Freeman. Norman Hofer from Freeman will be the featured speaker. A business meeting will follow. More details next week.

### Freeman Academy Discovery Day:

What: Open house 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: March 15 from 9:45 am-1:30 pm

Registration: online at [freemanacademy.org](http://freemanacademy.org) or email Lynnelle Allison at [lallison@freemanacademy.org](mailto:lallison@freemanacademy.org)

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for information about the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association **annual meeting** in Kansas.

**Practicing Christ's Peace:**

*Love is creative and redemptive. Love builds up and unites; hate tears down and destroys. The aftermath of the 'fight with fire' method...is bitterness and chaos, the aftermath of the love method is reconciliation and creation of the beloved community...Yes, love-which means understanding, creative, redemptive goodwill, even for one's enemies-is the solution.*

– Martin Luther King Jr.

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