

SHAPED BY TESTING

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SALEM-ZION MENNONITE CHURCH



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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Sherilyn Ortman
Welcome	Mary Mannes
Lighting the Peace Lamp	
Choral Call to Worship	
People: <i>You Are All We Have</i>	VT #701
Singers: Protect us God from all our trouble; forgive from our sin. We celebrate the One who surrounds us with songs of deliverance.	
People: <i>You Are All We Have</i>	VT #701
Prayer of Invocation	
* Hymn – <i>The Lord Is My Light</i>	VT #437
Greeting each other	
Children’s Story	Susan Schrag
Offering – Bienvenidos	Gloria Graber
Offertory	Simon Ortman

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Old Testament leads to Confession	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Leader part	
Silence	
Response	<i>Kyrie eleison</i> (2 times) VT #147

HEARING GOD’S WORD

* Hearing the Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11
Song – <i>Jesus, Tempted in the Desert</i>	VT #307
Sermon – “Tested in becoming our True Self”	Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
New Testament	Romans 5:12-19
* Song – <i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	VT #564
* Benediction	
Postlude	

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We begin the season of Lent in the wilderness with Jesus. As we ponder various places where we have experienced temptation, may we remember how these seasons and places shaped us and formed us to be faithful disciples of Christ. May our worship today be a fragrant offering of praise to God.

Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Bienvenidos** ministry in Flandreau.

The photo on the bulletin cover was provided by Tim Waltner.

8:45am – Lenten Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Freeman Academy reservation: Maggie in the Meantime

THIS WEEK

Mar. 1 (Wed) – Board of Education meeting at 6:30pm

Mar. 2 (Thurs) – Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm

Mar. 2-6 (Thurs-Mon) – Corey and Nancy will be traveling to San Francisco to visit Rachel. Contact deacon chair Gwen Ortman for any pastoral needs during Corey’s absence.

Mar. 3 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

Mar. 4 (Sat) – Women’s book study at 9:30am (books available in the narthex)

NEXT SUNDAY – Mar. 5

Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent. The theme is “*Shaped by Birth*” and the scriptures are Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, and John 3:1-17. Sarah Martin, Bible Professor at Freeman Academy, will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury**.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Mary Schmidt “graduated” from Avera Physical Therapy and is now back again in her room at Stoneybrook.
- With winter winds blowing, Salem-Zion offered a ZOOM worship service on Ash Wednesday. The scripture texts used were Joel 2:1-2,12-17, Isaiah 58:3-9, Psalm 51, and Matthew 6:1-6,16-21.

Remember to praise God for:

- Food, Shelter, and a Caring community in the midst of winter storms.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: LaVonne Schrag.
- the people of Ukraine as they continue to deal with the trauma, chaos, and grief because of the Russian invasion.
- our cattle farmers, especially as they begin calving season and struggle to keep animals fed and cared for in these winter and cold conditions.
- those working in cities and counties to remove snow from the roads. Pray for safety and protection in difficult winter conditions.
- courage to face the temptations that serve to diminish, reduce, and thwart our identity as God’s beloved children.
- the good and peace-filled work of the Agape Peace Center and the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute, both in Minnesota.

Prayer Time During Lent at 8:45am: Every Sunday morning during the season of Lent, everyone is invited to a time of scripture reading, reflection, silence, and prayer surrounding the Biblical texts for that Sunday. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Corey and the deacons will be providing leadership during this prayer time.

A Saturday morning **women’s book study** will begin on March 4 at 9:30am. Copies of “Tongue-Tied” are available in the narthex, and participants are invited to read the first chapter this week. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Epp or Polly Waltner.

Community Connections

Sponsored by South Dakota Arts Council and Dr. Donald Schenk, join Freeman Academy for **Maggie in the Meantime** today, Sunday, February 26th at 2PM, at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Founded in September of 2009 in Sioux Falls, SD and inspired by Celtic and folk forms both old and new, Maggie In the Meantime is a blend of ballad, folk and storytelling that gives these master-level musicians a broad appeal. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15. Kids 10 and under are free. Funds raised will benefit Freeman Academy.

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, February 27, at 7:30 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are invited to attend.

Kuchen making days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the dining hall. If you have glass pie plates we can borrow, please bring them, clearly labeled. We ask that you bring a sack lunch and join us for all or part of the day. Thank you!

Swan Lake Christian Camp will be hosting its annual meeting on March 5, 2023 at 4:00. The meeting will be held at the camp in the dining hall. All are

invited to attend. Norman Hofer will be sharing some history of the camp. A supper will be served following the meeting. Please RSVP to Judi at campoffice@myslcc.com or 605-326-5690.

The January 12, 1888, blizzard will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the **annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association**. Her book, "Trailing the Schoolchildren's Blizzard" chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm's route extending from Canada down through the United States. Dr. Preheim has degrees from Freeman Junior College, the University of Nebraska and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a retired kindergarten-twelve principal having taught pre-school through college age students. Currently she resides in Newton, Kansas. The annual meeting will be held on March 12, 2023, at 2:30 at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge, KS.

Praying God's Peace during Lent: "What if we view this desert time of Lent as not just a time to reflect or to lament or to confess or to fast, but a time where we learn to be free." - Megan Westra

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Bienvenidos a Brookings

A Summary of Services Provided to Latino Immigrants in
Moody and Brookings Counties
February 2023

As of December 2022, it has been 42 months since Bienvenidos a Brookings (BaB) was officially recognized as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation by the South Dakota Secretary of State (April '19).

Total expenditures spent in support of Latino immigrants and families during this period is slightly more than \$68,000. Most of the funds to cover BaB's spending have been donated by individuals and churches along with a few businesses (88%). The balance (12%) was received as a grant to BaB for its part in delivering COVID-relief aid in 2020-21 to immigrants in Eastern South Dakota who were not eligible for government pandemic assistance.

While this report outlines categories for actual dollars spent, it does not contain the entirety of BaB's total fiscal impact as the result of its activities in support of the Latino community. As examples:

Travel costs (gas, meals and lodging) to immigration courts, etc. have all been covered by BaB volunteers out of their own pockets. Likewise, rides for immigrants to doctor and dental appointments have not been reimbursed.

Numerous donations of food, clothing and household items, like furniture and mattresses, have been picked up and delivered to immigrants by our members at no expense to Bienvenidos a Brookings.

Bienvenidos a Brookings has also coordinated with and sought out the services of other organizations to attain additional assistance for immigrants such as: Feeding South Dakota and Feeding Brookings, The Brookings Salvation Army, The SDSU School of American & Global Studies, Inter-lakes Community Action Program of Flandreau, Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Brookings, The Delta Dental Bus of South Dakota, South Dakota Voices for Peace, SD Department of Social Services, and Messiah Lutheran Church in Moody County.

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A Breakdown of BaB Expenditures Since Inception As A Percentage of the Total (\$68,000)

- Flandreau Assistance – Needs assessment of new immigrant arrivals; translation services; referrals for legal services; transportation; immigration document review; assistance with school enrollment; ESL class coordination and student recruitment; and donation collection and coordination: **51%**
- Purchases of food, clothing, diapers and some household essentials: **16%**
- Education Support – the purchase of backpacks and school supplies for Latino children in the Flandreau School System (20 in '19, 35 in '20, 70 in '21, 82 in '22) and textbooks and supplies for in-person and on-line ESL students: **14%**
- Annual Christmas Celebration – a party for Latino children and families in Flandreau ('19, '20, '21, '22) with small gifts, food and a visit by a Spanish-speaking Santa: **13%**
- Rent and Utility Assistance: **5%**
- Administration: **1%**