



# SHAPED BY BIRTH

March 5, 2023

SALEM-ZION MENNONITE CHURCH



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“Shaped by new birth”  
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### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude – *God, whose giving knows no ending* (Healey Willan) Ken Mannes  
Welcome John Epp  
Lighting the Peace Lamp  
Choral Call to Worship  
**People:** *You Are All We Have* VT #701  
Singers: Lift your eyes; lift them to the hills. Where does your help come from? Our help, it comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
**People:** *You Are All We Have* VT #701  
Prayer of Invocation  
\* Hymn – *O Worship Our God* VT #129  
Greeting each other  
Children’s Story Sheila Epp  
Offering – Household Treasury  
Offertory – *In Thee is gladness* (Paul Manz)

### CONFESSING OUR SINS

- Leader part  
Silence  
Response *Kyrie eleison* (sing twice) VT #147

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the Scriptures Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
Song – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* VT #737  
\* Gospel Reading John 3:1-17  
Sermon Sarah Martin

### RESPONDING TO GOD

- Instrumental Piece  
Sharing and Congregational Prayer Mary Mannes  
\* Sending Song – *How Many Times We Start Again* VT #553  
\* Benediction  
Postlude – *O for a thousand tongues to sing* (Paul Manz)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

With Nicodemus, we ponder the new birth that Jesus invites us to experience. As we enter into the stories and revelations found in the scriptures, may our spirits and lives be shaped by New Birth in Christ. We welcome Sarah Martin to the pulpit today. Sarah teaches Bible at Freeman Academy.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**.

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 – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Mar. 8 (Wed)** – Outreach and Service meeting at 7:30pm

**Mar. 9 (Thurs)** – Deacons meeting at 7:00pm

**Mar. 10 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

**Mar. 11 (Sat)** – Women’s book study at 9:30am

### NEXT SUNDAY – Mar. 12

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. The theme is “*Shaped through thirst*” and the scriptures are Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, and John 4:5-42. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Pastor Corey and Nancy left on Thursday to visit Rachel in San Francisco.

### Remember to praise God for:

- Genevieve Hofer celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday recently and we give thanks for her life!

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Marian Gering.

- the staff of Swan Lake Christian Camp (SD) and Crooked Creek Christian Camp (IA) as they begin to prepare for the summer camping season.

**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.

I want to **thank the church** for your concern and your prayers. I especially want to thank Pastor Corey for his prayers and his visits. - Delano Tieszen

On March 11th Ardelle Schrag will celebrate her **100th Birthday**. The family would like the congregation to help celebrate, with a card shower. Please send birthday wishes to -- Ardelle Schrag at 312 E State St., Marion SD, 57043.

Salem-Zion Mennonite has become a partial sponsor for resettling refugees through **Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and its Center for New Americans** by donating the latest disbursement of Endowment funds toward that end. Another way we can be of help is to donate winter gear, especially for men (coats, caps, gloves, boots, etc.). They can be gently used but should be clean and without significant fault. We will have collection boxes out for these items on Sundays March 5 and 12. There is also a need for volunteers to assist with English language learning. This happens in Sioux Falls; call LSS or check with Tim Eisenbeis for the schedule.

Under the umbrella of Wellspring, counselors from The Changing Behavioral Group have been seeing clients at Freeman Regional, providing **mental health support**. Realizing the importance of this service, Salem-Zion has funds available for its members, including children, adolescents and adults. Make an appointment by calling the Freeman Clinic, mentioning you are a Salem-Zion member. If you have questions, feel free to call the Group office at 605-201-0104.

**Thank you** to the many volunteers who helped during the past several weekends to make noodles, cottage cheese pockets and kuchen for this year’s Schmeckfest. Together, we produce 250 lbs. of noodles, 390+ dozen cottage cheese pockets and 300 kuchen. We are blessed and humbled by your generously sharing your talents, time and resources. Thank you and God bless!  
- 2023 Schmeckfest Steering Committee

Rachel Miller’s monthly **MVS newsletter** has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**February Mission Fund Offerings:** Feeding SD - \$1,490.00; FA - \$540.00; MDS - \$270.00; CPMC - \$1,438.00; MC USA - \$190.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$390.00; Wellspring - \$20.00; MCC - \$20.00; Ross Richers - \$20.00; SD MCC Sale - \$20.00; CPT - \$20.00; Banquet - \$20.00; AMBS - \$20.00; SLCC - \$20.00; MEA - \$20.00; MMN - \$20.00; MCC – Turkey/Syria Relief - \$1,000.00; Bienvenidos - \$2,338.00.

**Schmeckfest Request:** We very much appreciate those of you who have volunteered to work in the kitchen and dining hall during Schmeckfest. There are 50 positions still open that are needed to prepare and serve the meal for our guests. If you are willing to help, please call Debra Schmeichel (648-3430). Thank you!

The March church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

The **Ross Richers** will be sharing with us on Sunday morning, March 19, and a **potluck** will be held following the worship service that day.

**God's Peace in Being Born Again:** "We believe that the first time we're born, as children, it's human life given to us; and when we accept Jesus as our Savior, it's a new life. That's what "born again" means." - Jimmy Carter

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