

# From Security to Generosity



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SALEM-ZION MENNONITE CHURCH



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### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Connor Epp, Liam Ortman  
Welcome Kelsey Pidde

Preparing for Peace *And I Will Raise You Up*

Call to Worship

L: Together we seek the way of God,

**P: through the wilderness of Lent, through the wilderness of life.**

L: We crave the safety of God's shelter,

**P: the cool comfort of the divine shadow, the security of the holy fortress.**

L: God offers the care of angels,

**P: the gentleness of creation, the protection of love.**

L: God is generous to all who call on the holy name.

**ALL: So come, let us seek God's way of generosity.**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns*

VT #101

Children's Story

Leo and Penny

### PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Dedication of Offering

Song – *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

#747

Hearing the Scriptures

Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

Song – *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

#307

(quartet vv. 1-3, congregation joins on v. 4)

Sermon – “Holding On and Letting Go”

Corey Miller

### RESPONDING

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Receiving Lana Tieszen as Associate Member at Salem-Zion Mennonite

Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

#840

Blessing

Postlude

Musicians: Mavis Ortman, Andre Eisenbeis, Beth Bontrager, Kerwin Graber, Sheila Epp

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

As we begin the season of Lent, we are encouraged to notice God's movement in these days. As we seek God's way, we move from prioritizing our personal security to living with generosity toward our neighbors. We are so glad that you have decided to join us for worship.

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

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

**Mar. 10 (Thurs)** – Deacon meeting at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – March 13

Next Sunday we continue our Lenten series “Seeking God’s Ways.” The theme is “*From Fear to Compassion*.” The scriptures are Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Luke 13:31-35 and Philipians 3:17-4:1. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

### COMING EVENTS

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

**Sunday, March 27** – Potluck and Conversation about the Resolutions to be voted on in Kansas City in May

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### **Happenings over the past week:**

- The Ad Board met on Saturday to do some envisioning work for Salem-Zion. Ask any of the board members what exciting things happened at their worshipful work!

- Last week, Ashlyn Benjamin gave birth to her daughter, Zeppelin Rhae, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. Mother and baby are doing good and an email will be sent out with information regarding meals for the Benjamin family.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Paul & Darlene Engbrecht.

- Sharon Wollmann as she recovers from her surgery.

- Ardelle Schrag as she celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday at Tieszen Home in Marion.

- Lana Tieszen as she settles into a new community and as she begins her responsibilities with Mennonite Disaster Service.

- the people of Ukraine as they experience the trauma of war, and the people of Russia, who feel frustrated at the unnecessary violence. We continue to lift our voices and pray that the violence would stop in this area.

- Ashlyn Benjamin and her daughter, Zeppelin Rhae, as they navigate through this new time together.

- Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God's will.

**Time/Talents Coming Soon:** The deacons have been working on updating the Time/Talents sheets in recent weeks and they will be coming to your church mailboxes next week (March 13<sup>th</sup>). You can begin by prayerfully considering how you want to share your gifts, talents, and abilities with your church so we can fulfill God's mission for us. More information will be coming.

**Update from Covid Task Team on mask wearing:** Following the CDC recommendation and the low number of positive covid tests in the local area wearing of **masks** at church services is **optional**. Masks will continue to be available for those that wish to wear them for various reasons. We ask that you continue to remain respectful to others' choices around mask wearing and other concerns. The Task Team will provide updates as necessary. It has been a long season and we are thankful for the lessening of the virus at this time. Covid Task Team - Janette Epp, Jay Penner, Corey Miller

Thinking about **Sunday school at home**? A “zoom” class is offered every week from 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. on a zoom channel listed near the end of this bulletin. Just click on the (blue) link and follow the directions to get on the zoom class. This quarter's Bible study in the “*Salt and Light*” study guide centers on stewardship and discipleship. Guides are available in the church narthex. Join us, even if you haven't read the lesson. Contact me if you need help with “zoom”. kaufmanmj@unitelsd.com - Marlan Kaufman, S.S. Supt.

We appreciate Stacey and Jeremy Waltner for their willingness to be sponsors for our youth. They are doing a great job, but we would like to find individuals or couples who would be willing to help them out. Please give your suggestions/ideas for **additional youth sponsors** to the deacons.

Sharon Wollmann was released from the hospital on Friday, February 25, following surgery. If you would like to show your love and support by **providing a meal** for Sharon, contact her at 605-925-7276. At this point, Sharon can't have fresh fruits or vegetables, so it would be best to contact her to see what her dietary needs are. Her home address is 409 S Walnut, Freeman.

The family of Ardelle Schrag is requesting a **card shower** to help celebrate her 99th birthday on March 11th. Cards may be sent to -- Ardelle Schrag, 312 E. State St., Marion SD 57043.

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

**February Household Treasury Report** – Income: \$11,562.00; Expenses: \$14,605.96; Balance: \$31,147.38.

**February Offerings & Gifts:** Household Treasury - \$11,562.00; Flandreau - \$1,080.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$4,147.00; Project Fund - \$33,419.47; Mennonite Women - \$60.00.

**Learning about Resolutions to be voted on in Kansas City in May:** MC USA will be 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 MC USA. Resources for this resolution (and others that will be considered) can be found at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/mc-usa-delegate-resources.html>. This is very helpful in understanding what this resolution says, some of the myths floating in the air, and how this affects area conferences/congregations. **Salem-Zion is seeking delegates for this Special Session.** Pastor Corey is not able to attend because of a previous commitment, so please talk to one of the deacons if you are interested or have further questions.

#### **A Prayer for Ukraine, from J. Nelson Kraybil, President, Mennonite World Conference**

We remember you and pray for the peace of your nation.

We cry out to God for peacemakers and for wise leadership in Ukraine, Russia, the United States, and Europe.

May God strengthen you in body and spirit, providing for every physical and spiritual need at a difficult time.

With the Apostle Peter we say, “After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever. Amen (I Peter 5:10,11)

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace, amen.

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.”

## **Community Connections**

**Donations sought for walk-in Country Kitchen; cheese pockets work days scheduled this week:** The FA Auxiliary is planning an alternative to Schmeckfest with a walk-in Country Kitchen market in conjunction with traditional Schmeckfest sausage sales. Homemade sausage, ethnic foods and other baked goods will be sold March 26 and April 2 from 2 to 7 p.m. on the Freeman Academy campus.

Donations of baked items of any kind would be appreciated. Popular foods include: cheese and fruit pockets, kuchen, poppyseed and pumpkin rolls, jam, summer savory, pies and sweet rolls. Contact Amy Waltner, 605-648-3772, or Kathy Kleinsasser, 605-925-7952, for ways to help out with the Country Kitchen fundraiser.

In addition, cheese pocket work days will be held this week, March 8, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch provided; March 11, 2 p.m. till early evening and March 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., bring a sack lunch. Come to the FA dining hall for a full day or a few hours. Enjoy time together visiting and learning the art of making cottage cheese pockets. Masks are optional.

The **Swan Lake Christian Camp** February newsletter is now available. You will find articles on future dreams for the camp, a devotional and information about the upcoming summer. Go to [myslcc.com](http://myslcc.com) and click on the “About Us” tab. A printed copy is also available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The **annual meeting** of Swan Lake Christian Camp will be held March 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm. Diane Gubbles, a quilter from Coleridge, NE, will be sharing “Stories of Inspiration.” As her beautiful quilts unfold, so do the stories that lead to their creation. As a talented designer and applique artist, Diane allows her creative spirit to speak through her quilts. Following the presentation will be the camp business meeting and supper. Please RSVP to [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com) or 605-326-5690 by March 10.

The **Voices of Conscience exhibit** at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives is open to museum visitors through Sunday, April 24. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for admission information and special programs that will be offered.

**God’s Peace:** “To put one’s hope in Jesus, then, is to believe, despite all the evidence to the contrary, Jesus’ way of peace, justice, mercy and compassion will ultimately prevail over the empire’s ways of violence, exploitation, oppression and fear.” - Rachel Held Evans

**Zoom Adult Sunday School**

[https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09](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/UCX8KyFlZChK0Ef-rIBaAS3A>

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