



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“The Road to Emmaus”  
April 23, 2023

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp  
 Welcome Lillie Eisenbeis  
 Lighting the Peace Lamp  
 Call to Worship (Carol Penner)  
 L: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.  
**P: The road between fear and hope,**  
 L: the road between the place where all is lost and the hope of resurrection.  
**P: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we need your company!**  
*ALL: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,  
 Let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.*  
 Prayer of Invocation  
 \* Hymn – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* VT #28  
 Greeting each other  
 Children’s Story Mary Mannes  
 Missional Moment Celeste Utthe-Burow  
 Offering – Wellspring Wholistic Care Center  
 Offertory

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Gospel Luke 24:13-27  
 Song – *Road to Emmaus I* Judy Graber  
 Gospel Luke 24:28-35  
 Song – *Road to Emmaus II* Judy Graber  
 Sermon – “Sorrow that blinds, Bread that opens” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *We Walk by Faith* VT #588  
 Sharing and Congregational Prayer Lillie Eisenbeis  
 Sending Song – *In Christ Alone* VT #332  
 Benediction  
 Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

With the two disciples, we are walking on the road to Emmaus, filled with the things within our hearts, minds, and souls. How and when do we see Jesus walking along with us on the way? May we be open to the ways where Christ is made known to us. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Wellspring Wholistic Care Center**.

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30am – Worship Service  
 2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Apr. 25 (Tues)** – Pastor Corey will be attending a Suicide Awareness in Rural Areas Workshop in Sioux Falls.  
**Apr. 26 (Wed)** – Board of Education meeting at 7:00pm  
**Apr. 26 (Wed)** – Deacons Meeting at 7:30pm  
**Apr. 28 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm  
**Apr. 29 (Sat)** – Women’s book study at 9:30am  
**Apr. 29 (Sat)** – Over 80’s Tea – 2:00-4:00pm at Salem-Zion church

### NEXT SUNDAY – Apr. 30

Next Sunday we continue to celebrate the joyous Easter season. The theme is: **Abundant Life** and the scriptures are Psalm 23, I Peter 2:19-25, Acts 2:42-47 and John 10:1-10. Pastor Corey will be preaching and a special guest will be present!

Next week the offering is for **Mennonite Mission Network Ross Richers**.

### COMING EVENTS

**May 7** – Community Baccalaureate Service  
**May 14** – Child Dedication Service at Salem-Zion

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Eileen Kaufman’s brother-in-law Ken Kauffman died suddenly in Ohio on April 14. His funeral was held on Wednesday. On Thursday, April 20, Eileen’s brother Will Rempel died in Kansas.  
 - Several people in the community and within our church were under the weather with Covid and colds.

**Remember to praise God for:**

- the gift of moisture in various forms, blessed God’s good ground in these parts.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Ardelle Schrag.  
- communities all over this country that are reeling from and are angry about so many recent shootings.  
- our youth group as they meet to grow, learn, serve, and fellowship together. We praise God for Stacey and Jeremy, for Nathan and Sheila, for Nathan, Dan, and André as they collectively serve as sponsors for our youth.  
- the work of the Outreach and Service Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We ask for wisdom and courage as they lead by example and encouragement into new ways of thinking about and doing God's just work in our ever-changing world.

All women of the North church are invited to a **spring salad supper** at the South church on May 4 at 6:30 pm. No need to bring anything except for yourself, your grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, cousins, aunts, etc. Come for a fun and delicious girls' night out.

**Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner! This year the joint North and South Church VBS will be held at the South Church on June 5-9 starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 1:15 PM. If you are interested and willing to help in any capacity, please talk to Kelsey Pidde and Lacey Friesen.

**Two opportunities** for travel and fellowship and to represent our church this summer: Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Annual Meeting June 15-18 in York, Nebraska and/or Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, MO July 3-8. If you are interested in attending either of these conferences, contact a deacon or Pastor Corey. Our church will assist with registration fees and other expenses.

**Community Baccalaureate Service:** Come and worship with the Freeman Ministerial Association and graduates of Freeman Public High School and Freeman Academy. The annual Baccalaureate Service will be on May 7, 2023 at 4 PM at the Freeman Community Center. All are welcome to attend and show their support for this year's graduates and their families. Music will be led by Craig Wollman and the rest of the service will be officiated by members of the Freeman Ministerial Association. The service will also be live-streamed for those who would like to show their support from a distance or from home with this link: [YouTube.com/@saalemzionmennonitechurch8051](https://www.youtube.com/@saalemzionmennonitechurch8051).

**Community Connections**

**Rural Revival** will meet Monday, April 24 at 8:00 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend.

The **Freeman Academy Elementary and Middle School (Grades K-8) Spring Music Program**, featuring both vocal and instrumental departments, will take place Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 pm in the Pioneer Hall Gymnasium. Music directors are Tiffany McLeod, K-6 vocal; Dr. Rolf Olson, 7&8 vocal and Donna Ries, 5-8 instrumental. The public is invited to attend.

Spring has finally sprung! As you dive in to spring cleaning, please consider donating your high-quality items to **Et Cetera Shoppe**. We have an extremely important mission right here in our own community: providing affordable clothing and home items for low-income and fixed-income community members. Many of our customers depend on Et Cetera Shoppe to furnish their homes and closets. We accept donations of clean, folded clothing, working household items, and good condition furniture pieces on Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A thrift store can only be as good as the donations it receives, so help us to be the best we can!

The April edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3USbIhq>. In our current issue: learn why some volunteers feel driven to be a part of the RV (recreational vehicle) program; search and rescue volunteers in Arkansas help bring closure to a grieving family; and volunteers in Florida deliver hope just in time for Easter.

**God’s Peace in Resurrection Hope:** *“Imagine if every Christian in America took the Sermon on the Mount as seriously as gun owners take the Second Amendment. At the heart of the Christian faith is a Savior who suffered tremendous violence, who put death on display in order to subvert death with love and forgiveness and an empty tomb. That should change everything for us.” -Shane Claiborne, “Are we going to protect children or guns?” Anabaptist World (Apr. 14, 2023), page 40.*

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