



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Signs of Resurrection”
April 26, 2026

GATHERING TO PRAISE

- Prelude/Gathering Music Anne Waltner
- Welcome and Call to Worship Nathan Epp
- Prayer of Invocation
- * Singing our Praise – *Come, We That Love* VT 31
- Sharing the Peace
- Children’s Story Diane Ellinger
- Children’s Dedication
Nora Caroline Graber, born 11/13/25 to Jonathan and Liz Graber
Katja Marie Schrag, born 12/13/25 to Nicklaus and Sonja Schrag
Addison Lynn Wollmann, born 1/20/26 to Chris and Maggie Wollmann
- Special Music – *All Good Gifts* (Lon Beery) Children’s Choir
- Offering – Deacons Mental Health Fund
Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35
On the journey to Emmaus Clara Beseman
- Meditation – “Were not our hearts burning” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- Song – *On the journey to Emmaus* (Sing the Story) (on screen)
- Sharing Joys and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

- * Sending Song – *God of Grace and God of Glory* VT 716
- * Benediction VT 1066
- Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

In this Easter Season, we continue our celebration of our resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Welcome to our worship. We are delighted that you have joined us in this sacred hour.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Deacons Mental Health Fund**.

- 9:30am – Sunday School
- 10:30am – Worship Service
- Noon-3:00pm – Church picture directory photos taken
- 2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

TODAY: Over 80’s Tea!!!! If you are 80 or over, you are welcome to join the deacons for our annual tea party in the fellowship hall. Please come and enjoy tea, cookies, and wonderful fellowship. The tea begins at 3:00pm.

THIS WEEK

- Apr. 27 (Mon)** – Spiritual Formation Team meeting at 7:00pm
- Apr. 28 (Tues)** – Worship Team meeting at 5:00pm
- Apr. 29 (Wed)** – Children’s choir rehearsal, 6:15-6:45pm
- Apr. 29 (Wed)** – Acts Bible Study. “*Citizenship*.” Acts 22:22-23:11
- May 1 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – May 3

Next Sunday continues our Eastertide series on “*Signs of Resurrection*.” The texts are Deuteronomy 10:12-21a and Matthew 25:34-40. Shella Franz will be bringing the message.

The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Reed Schrag spent a few days in the Freeman Hospital recovering from a UTI.
- Delano Tieszen moved from Salem Home to Oakview Terrace this week. LaVonne remains a resident at Salem Home.

Remember to praise God for:

- warming weather that prepares the ground to receive the good seeds that we plant in faith.
- God’s Dreams of bringing Healing, Salvation, Peace, and Wholistic Witness to the world.
- the gift of our young children, their families, and our church that celebrates their lives.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Bernie Koller.
- peace in the Middle East. Productive peace talks that lean in on creative responses instead of military action. Patient resolve to work at the underlying issues that cause tension in the world.
- Reed Schrag and his family in his continued journey with health needs and concerns.
- Delano Tieszen as he adjusts to a new living situation.
- Ted Ellinger as he continues his chemotherapy treatments.
- others who are dealing with health issues, work related stress, or other difficulties.
- our farmers and gardeners as they plant the good seeds in the earth.
- J. Epp who is being installed as the pastor of preaching and congregational life at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson, NE and Marc Schlegel-Preheim who is being installed as the pastor of First Mennonite Church of Iowa City, IA today.

Bible Study in Acts: Next Wednesday night (April 29) is the last Bible Study session on the book of Acts and Christian Nationalism. Come dwell in the Word with us and learn how we can dialogue with others around this issue of Christian Nationalism. Once again, we will hear insights from Dr. Drew Strait and his book, *“Strange Worship.”* We will meet in the fellowship hall at 7:00pm.

DO NOT miss the opportunity to **sign up to teach Jr. Sunday School this summer** (sign up sheets are in the Narthex). You can teach one Sunday or a few, it is up to you. There will be three classes that will need a teacher each week. Sign up with a friend, a spouse, a child, or just by yourself. There will be teaching materials from the Shine curriculum available for each Sunday for each class. If you have not taught for a while, sign up and get to know some of the youth from our church - they are truly amazing!!

Registration forms for **Bible School** (June 1-5) are in the narthex. Please fill one out and return it to Lacey Friesen or Kelsey Pidde or put it in our mailbox. Online registration is available at <https://forms.gle/9Dfc4Pvv nud6SkV68>. If you have any questions please talk to one of us! Thanks!

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!



The Freeman Ministerial Assoc. invites you to the **2026 Community Baccalaureate Service** for Freeman High and Freeman Academy. It will be

held on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm, at the Freeman Community Center. Join us as we celebrate this milestone in the lives of our graduates, and invite God's blessing on their future endeavors. This year's speaker is Pastor Randall Koehler. If you are not able to join us in person, the event will be live streamed here: <https://www.youtube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051>. Following the service, we extend a warm invitation for you to join us for some cookies and juice. It's a perfect opportunity to continue celebrating our graduates.

Community Connections

Mennonite Disaster Service's April edition of **On the Level** is now available at <https://conta.cc/41yFw6H>. In this edition, read about the nine new homes in Douglas, Georgia, discover the miracle of riding a bicycle after a devastating hurricane, and a college student explains why he is inspired by the opportunity to serve others.

Rural Revival will meet Tuesday, April 28th at the Freeman library. Starting at 7:30pm Nate Preheim will give an update on the current buffalo project plans. The regular monthly meeting will start around 8:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

A Search Committee is actively seeking applicants for the role of **Executive Director for the Freeman Academy Non-Profit**. Interested applicants should send their resume and letter of intent to Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi on behalf of the Search Committee at jjzjantzi@gmail.com by May 15, 2026. The job description is posted in the narthex.

Swan Lake Christian Camp is looking for mature Christian young people to serve on staff this summer for \$450 a week. Full-time summer staff (not counselors) need to have been out of high school for one year. May 18 - July 31 - 11 weeks. Contact Luke Patterson at 605-305-6515.

The **Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary fund drive** continues throughout April. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for details.

Love Brings Peace: People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. People who really want help may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway. Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt. Give the world your best anyway.
Anyway -- Mother Teresa (from *Meditations from a Simple Path*)

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