



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Abundant Life”
April 30, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – <i>Prelude in D Major</i> (Fischer)	Lisa Kaufman
Welcome	Paul Ortman
Lighting the Peace Lamp	
Call to Worship (Psalm 23)	VT #725
Prayer of Invocation	
* Hymn – <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	VT #98
Greeting each other	
Children’s Story	Lacey Friesen
Offering – Mennonite Mission Network – Ross Richers	
Offertory – <i>Was Gott thut, das ist wohlgethan</i> (Marpurg)	

HEARING GOD’S WORD

New Testament	I Peter 2:19-25, Acts 2:42-47
Song – <i>Faith Begins by Letting Go</i>	VT #585
Gospel	John 10:1-10
Sermon – “Knowing Jesus’ Voice”	Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – <i>Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song</i>	VT #581
Testimony	
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
Sending Song – <i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	VT #592
Benediction	
Postlude	

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We continue to celebrate resurrection hope as we tune into the life and rhythm of the early church as they met together, studied, prayed, and worshiped regularly. Like the early church who listened to the Voice of the Good Shepherd, we gather today to hear God’s Voice speak to us as well. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Mission Network – Ross Richers**.

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

THIS WEEK

Today-Tuesday – Pastor Corey will be attending the Central Plains Mennonite Conference’s leadership retreat in Schuyler, Nebraska. He will be returning home later on Tuesday afternoon.

May 2 (Tues) – Deacons’ meeting at Salem-Zion church at 7:30pm

May 3 (Wed) – First session of Anabaptist Bible Study at 7:00pm

May 4 (Thurs) – Ladies’ spring salad supper at the South Church at 6:30pm

May 5 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

May 6 (Sat) – Women’s book study at 9:30am

NEXT SUNDAY – May 7

Next Sunday we continue our rejoicing in this Easter season. The theme is: “The Living Church is Built” and the scriptures are I Peter 2:2-10,15-16 and Acts 7:55-60. Matthew Tschetter will be preaching.

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

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:

- Pastor Corey attended the Eastern South Dakota Suicide Prevention Training for Faith Leaders in Sioux Falls on Tuesday. **988 is the Suicide Hotline** that provides a listening ear and resources for anyone who feels trouble. This event was sponsored by South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

- Mary Schmidt was admitted to the Avera Hospital on Tuesday with an infection and tested positive for Covid.
- On Saturday, a lovely group of wise and wonderful 80-something-year-olds gathered in the fellowship hall for tea and cookies. The collective experiences, wisdom, and enduring faith is an incredible inspiration to us all. We are so blessed to have these dear saints in our midst following Jesus together!

Remember to praise God for:

- the Good Shepherd who not only knows our names, but calls our names, thanks be to God!
- the gift of Lisa Kaufman, who is our always friendly, helpful, and efficient administrative assistant. On this Administrative Assistant's Week, we thank God for all the ways that Lisa helps so many of our ministries at Salem-Zion!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.
- Mary Schmidt as she recovers and regains strength.
- willing helpers to fill the teaching positions for our Bible School in June.
- people who suffer from depression, anxiety, and other stressors that affect mental health.
- the work of the Christian Formation Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they help us to be intentional and to think theologically about Christian formation for all ages.

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.

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

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 and is sponsored by the Freeman Ministerial Association. The service will also be live-streamed from this link: [YouTube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051](https://www.youtube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051).

Community Connections

The **Freeman Academy Music Department** will present their High School Spring Concert Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. A variety of music will be performed by the Concert Choir, the Chamber Choir, and the Concert Band (grades 7-12). Music awards will be presented during the evening. Come join us!

God's Peace growing in us: "Your illness is not your identity. Your chemistry is not your character." – Rick Warren

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