



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 1, 2022

Resurrection Appearances: Diving In!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *God is here among us* (VT #62) (arr. David Cherwien) Ken Mannes

Welcome John Epp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 30)

L: Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones. Give thanks to God’s Holy name!

P: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing!

P: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you!

ALL: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever and ever!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* VT #95

Greeting one another “Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

Children’s Story Lynelle Hofer

Celebrating our Offerings – Household Treasury

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Holy Spirit’s Movement Acts 9:1-6, Revelation 5:11-14

Song – *Sometimes a Light Surprises* #618

* Hearing the Gospel John 21:1-19

Sermon – “Joy after mourning” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song – *Will You Come and Follow Me* #540

Prayers for Christ’s Church Children

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Move in Our Midst* #827

Blessing

Postlude – *Praise to the Lord, the almighty* (VT #88) (David Cherwien)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

As we continue rejoicing in this Easter season, the scriptures today all invite us to a time of joy after a season of mourning. As we meet the risen Christ who heals, redeems and reconciles, may we find our spirits filled with God’s effusive love that transforms. Welcome to our time of 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

Today – Our community **Baccalaureate Service** will be held for the graduating seniors of Freeman Public and Freeman Academy at the Freeman Community Building at 4:00pm. The Freeman Ministerium is hosting this event and the service will be livestreamed as well through the Salem-Zion website.

Pastor Corey will be attending the annual leaders retreat at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, Nebraska, beginning this evening. He will be returning back home on Tuesday afternoon.

THIS WEEK

May 3 (Tues) – Deacons meeting at 7pm

May 4 (Wed) – Worship Committee at 8pm

May 5 (Thurs) – Outreach and Service Committee at 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY – May 8

Next Sunday the theme is “**The Lamb at the Center**.” The scriptures are Acts 9:36-43, Ps. 23, Revelation 7:9-17 and John 10:22-30. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

COMING EVENTS

May 27-30 – Special **MC USA** delegate sessions in Kansas City. Janette Epp, Janelle Ortman, and Tim Graber are our delegates from Salem-Zion. Please read through the recent copy of **Scattered Seeds** as it addresses the resolutions that will be voted on as well as keeping Jesus at the center in the midst of differences.

June 6-10 – Bible School at Salem-Zion

June 16-19 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference at Freeman Academy. The theme is: “*Come to the Table*” and if you are interested in attending as a delegate, talk to the deacons.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- The family of Delmar Ortman has decided that the memorial service for Delmar will be on **June 25th** at the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church.
- Genevieve Hofer is in the process of moving to Dewald apartment #5.
- Paul Engbrecht received good news regarding his cancer. Paul's note to the congregation is as follows:

Last Friday I had a pet scan to determine the success of the cancer treatment. I visited Dr. McKean on Monday and the scan showed that the cancer treatment has been very successful. No cancer was detected on the scan. I want to thank Pastor Corey and members of the congregation that prayed on my behalf. While I still have some stomach issues, I have seen some improvement with that as well.

Wishing all of you God's Blessings. - Paul Engbrecht

- The results of the Salem-Zion 2022 Time/Talents survey are completed. Many thanks to Lisa for compiling your responses and many thanks to all of you who filled out a survey. The results will be given to committees that will find it helpful in fulfilling their ministries. Many hands make little work!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Bernie Koller.
- Merton Schmidt, Cleo Kapsch, Mary Mannes, Dave Janssen and others who have lost loved ones recently.
- gratitude for the rain that we hope to receive as our planting season begins.
- 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.

On behalf of the Mentor Mentee Committee, I would like to announce **two new mentor pairings**: Jay Penner and Solomon Ortman, and Brett Pidde and Liam Ortman. Please keep them in your prayers as they develop enriching relationships throughout the coming year.

To celebrate the upcoming wedding of Kelly Hollifield to Gabriel Eisenbeis we'd like to have a **card shower**. Either bring your own card or sign the one in the narthex. If you wish to contribute to a monetary love gift, please give those to Elizabeth Janssen. We'll collect cards and gifts through Sunday, May 22.

The **Junior Sunday School Department is looking for teachers** for Sunday School during the summer. Materials will be provided. The junior group tends to get small during the summer so it will be one group. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a slot or two! If we are not able to find teachers, we will have to cancel class. Thanks for

helping us nurture our children! If you have more questions please contact Malynda at mrs.penner@hotmail.com or 605-929-7314 (call/text).

We are excited to announce that we will be having **DVBS** this summer! It will be held June 6-10 from 9am-1:15pm. Registration forms will be available at South and North Church. They will be due May 22. Our theme is Passport to Peace! Every day we will focus on a different country/continent. We are looking for some willing individuals to let us borrow some décor and/or pictures from Africa, North America, Asia, Europe and South/Central America. We are wondering if there would be a few individuals willing to share a personal story about peacemaking. We are also looking for the following supplies: Big world maps, globes, safety cones, empty milk jugs, 10 empty 2 liters, 4 boards that are 2inx6inx6ft, train decor, train puzzles, map puzzles, airplane decor. If you are willing to help out or have questions, please contact Lacey Friesen, Lynelle Hofer, Carmelle Miller or Libby Miller.

Thank You Lisa! In honor of administrative assistant's day this week (April 27th), I want to publicly acknowledge all the amazing work that Lisa Kaufman does for our church. I also encourage everyone to find a way to say 'thank you' to Lisa for all that she does as our administrative assistant. Thank you Lisa!

Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors (although if you are delegate, youth delegate or pastor and haven't registered—register now!) -All are invited to Freeman, SD June 16-19 to worship, learn, fellowship, and discern together! Visit our website to learn more and to register! www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2022

The Annual Meeting for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference will be held in Freeman, starting Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19. Some conference attendees prefer to stay in family homes, and we are putting together a list of potential hosts from the local congregations for in-home lodging during the conference. **If you are able to provide in-home lodging for CPMC Annual Meeting participants**, please contact Brent Brockmueller at brentbrockmueller@gmail.com.

April Offerings & Gifts: Household Treasury - \$9,086.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$20.00; Flandreau - \$20.00.

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

April Household Treasury Report – Income: \$9,086.00; Expenses: \$12,447.15; Balance: \$15,863.55.

God's Peace in the midst of differences: "Our primary identity should be that of Jesus at the center of our faith, Community at the center of our lives, and Reconciliation at the center of our work." – Palmer Becker, Anabaptist-Mennonite Distinctives

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."

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<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/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rlBAaS3A>

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