



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 22, 2022

For the Healing of the Nations

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp
Welcome Nathan Epp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (From Psalm 67)

L: May God be gracious to us, bless us, and make his face to shine upon us.

P: May God's way be known upon the earth and among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

P: For God will judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

ALL: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues* #764

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

Children’s Story The Story of Lydia (Acts 16:9-15) Polly Waltner

Celebrating our Offerings – Mennonite Central Committee

Honoring our High School Senior – Timothy Epp, son of John & Beth

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the New Testament Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Hymn – *Healing River of the Spirit* #642

* Hearing the Gospel John 14:23-29

Sermon – “Healing Leaves” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song of Response – *O Healing River* #706

Prayers for Christ’s Church Children

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *Shall We Gather at the River* #667

Blessing

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The Gospel of Jesus continues to cross lines and borders made by humanity. Today we rejoice that Christ continues to make his home with us just as he did with Lydia. We remember the grand scope of God’s reign for a peaceable kingdom among all peoples and countries where healed relationships rule. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. May our worship be a fragrant offering to the Lamb who is on the throne.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Central Committee**.

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

NEXT SUNDAY – May 29

Next Sunday the theme is “*Ascension Sunday*” and the texts are Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23 and Luke 24:44-53. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for our **MMN Ross Richers Partnership**.

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.

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*.” If you have interest, please contact any of the deacons so we can get you registered for the event.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- With the wind damage of last week’s storm, many continue to pick up and clean up. If you have any needs for assistance, don’t hesitate to contact Pastor Corey or any of the deacons to see how we can help.

- Our recent college students (Josie Epp and Rachel Miller) left for Europe with the Bethel College concert choir, where they will be touring over the next two weeks.

- It has been acknowledged that in the past week, the United States experienced its one millionth death from Covid-19. For all the families who are still grieving and processing the loss of loved ones, may God’s mercy surround all who are hurting.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Paul & Darlene Engbrecht.
- Hayva Larson as she goes through treatment for her eating disorder these days. Pray for Hayva's family as they all seek and yearn for healing.
- Janelle Ortman, Janette Epp, and Tim Graber as they attend the special delegate sessions in KC next weekend. Pray for safe travels, grace in the conversations, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit in this time of discernment.
- our Bible School leaders (Lacey Friesen and Lynelle Hofer) as they prepare for our Bible School next month.
- those involved in planning for Central Plains Mennonite Conference.
- the Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of processes of congregational discernment. We pray for God's leading and guidance in the midst of changing congregational patterns.

Congratulations to Lance & Lacey Friesen on the arrival of Louisa Jane! As a church, let's show them our love and support by **supplying some meals** for them (dislikes: beans, black olives; favorites: enchiladas, tacos, scalloped potatoes and ham, lasagna, potato soup). To arrange a time to take a meal, contact Lacey at 605-595-7646. If she can't answer her phone right away, please leave a message. Thank you!

Hayva Larson, daughter of Josh and Katie Larson and granddaughter of Ted and Diane Ellinger, is an inpatient at the Sanford Eating Disorder Unit in Fargo. Her address is the following: Hayva Larson, Sanford Health Eating Disorders Unit, 801 North Broadway, Unit 4S, Routing 0097, Fargo, North Dakota, 58102. Any cards or notes would be appreciated. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

The two adult Sunday school elective classes will end on May 29 with a combined session in Fellowship Hall to review, discuss and share insights gained from both studies. In addition to the course discussions, ideas for future Sunday morning study options will be considered. At this time, an attempt to conduct the following groups will be made as long as leaders are selected: A Fellowship Hall group, a group in the south room off Fellowship Hall, a Zoom option, a young adult group led by Pastor Corey and a youth group. Your wishes and ideas for spiritual growth during this first hour of Sunday morning Worship will help lead us forward. **All Salem-Zion attendees are welcome to attend this session (9:30-10:20 on May 29)** to help us make plans for the future. - Marlan Kaufman, SS Superintendent

Minutes from the April deacon meeting have been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Did you know...Our church congregation supports the **Wellspring Wholistic Care Center**. Wellspring was developed to meet the mental health needs of the surrounding areas in the 1970's and is church supported. Currently Wellspring has 3 counselors that are available for appointments. Counseling is a voluntary relationship where the individuals collaborate willingly with the counselor. Wellspring counseling services continue to reflect Biblical principles in offering services to meet the mental health needs of all people. Services are available for individual counseling, marriage and family counseling, Child and Adolescent therapy and addiction counseling. Currently there are monies available to assist members of our congregations for counseling services. You can schedule counseling services by calling the Rural Medical Clinic at 605-929-4219 Monday thru Friday 9 to 4. A counselor will then reach out to you and assist in scheduling an appointment. When you speak with the counselor to schedule your appointment, please let them know that you are a member of the Salem Zion Mennonite church and you wish to use the funds available for services. Please know that all information and services are confidential. For more information or further questions please feel free to contact either Teresa Dick or Diane Ellinger. Teresa and Diane are the Salem Zion Wellspring Wholistic Care Center Delegates.

DVBS will be held June 6-10 from 9am-1:15pm. Registration forms are due today, 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, 10 empty 2 liters, 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.

We are still looking for **teachers for Summer Sunday school for grades Preschool - 4th grade**. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Materials will be provided. For questions or more info please contact Malynda at mrs.penner@hotmail.com or 605.929.7314.

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.

In less than a month, **CPMC will be gathering** in Freeman, SD. Don't miss out! The theme is *Come to the Table* and we want YOU to ...*Come to the table!* Children, youth and adults welcome! See our website for more information and to register: www.centralplainsmc.org.

The SD MCC Relief Sale is less than 7 weeks away. For your information:

- Help us cut advertising costs by liking us on Facebook (SD MCC Relief Sale) and then when you see a new post, share it with your friends. This will be an amazing advertising boost at no cost.
- The **auction registration** forms are now available in most churches and the Et Cetera Shoppe. If you need one sent by email please request it from SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com. **Deadline is June 15.**
- Please send photos of auction and craft items to above email address for promotional purposes on the website (<https://sdmccreliefsale.weebly.com/>) and Facebook page.
- Help us Share God's Love through MCC by volunteering and by inviting family and friends to attend.

?’s: contact Edie Tschetter 605-925-7009 or SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com

Praying God's Peace in time of death: *“May your way may be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.”—Psalm 67:2*

To those who have lost loved ones, we—your fellow citizens—offer you comfort, not condolence, empathy, not sympathy. As a people we have borne this pandemic's cost in the lives of our families; as a nation we shall honor and mourn them together. Let peace and good health prevail among all the nations, O God, and may it be so in our own families, communities, states, and land on this day and each day to come. These families are your families, O Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

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

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be on May 23 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

The **Freeman Regional Hospital Auxiliary** is having a **fund drive** to provide new mattresses for residents at Oakview Terrace. Donations can be made through the end of May. Please make checks out to FRHS Auxiliary to Julie

Crick PO Box 370, Freeman, SD 57029. You can read more information posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Could you be a CASA? Just 1-2 hours a week helps abused and neglected children in our community. If not you, who? Volunteer Training starts on 6/16 and again on 8/18. Call 996-1212 or visit www.mitchellcasa.org to receive an application.

The May edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3LuKia>. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares a story of angels among us, we celebrate the MDS career of Jerry Grosh, and an MDS volunteer is reframing the Psalms as Haiku.

Gardening for good: Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia, May 26 at 7 pm CDT. In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet—from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Learn more and register at mcc.org/virtual-visits.

MCC in need of material resources - MCC is resuming shipments of material resources to Ukraine. Five containers of emergency supplies are being shipped to Ukraine in the next few months with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC's inventory of material resources is getting low. **We need comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits.** Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

Join the MCC Central States team! We are hiring a Human Resources Coordinator, a Young Adult Program Coordinator and a Material Resources Center Volunteer Coordinator. Find out more about each position and apply today at mcc.org/serve/openings.

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-rIBAAaS3A>

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