



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

June 13, 2021
Kingdom Seeds

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp
 Welcome and Call to Worship Nick Schrag
 L: The Kingdom of God is here and now!
P: The Kingdom of God is among us and within us!
 L: Like tiny mustard seeds, God’s Kingdom begins in small unassuming ways,
P: But it grows into something much larger than we can see or understand.
 L: We look not with eyes of the world, but we look with the vision of Jesus,
P: Who is bringing God’s Reign closer every day.
ALL: We worship our God together, in Spirit and in Truth!
 Opening Prayer
 * Hymn – *God of our strength* (HWB #36)
 Choristers: Kerwin Graber, Judy Graber, Lacey Friesen, LeRoy Epp
 Celebrating our Mission with Central Plains Mennonite Conference

PROCLAIMING

Children’s Story Paul Ortman
 Hearing the Scriptures I Samuel 16:1-13, II Corinthians 5:6-10, 16-17
 Song – *We walk by faith* (HWB #570)
 * Hearing the Gospel Mark 4:26-32
 Sermon – “God’s remarkable ways” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song – *We plow the fields and scatter* (HWB #96)
 Sharing and Congregational Prayer Stacey Waltner

SENDING

* Sending Song – *My life flows on* (HWB #580)
 Benediction
 Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

God’s Reign isn’t always seen by human eyes because God is always working behind the scenes. Today we ponder the significance of the mustard seed and how God’s Reign starts small but grows in ways that surpass our imaginations. Welcome to our worship. We are glad you are here!

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

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Tues. – Deacon meeting at 7:30pm
Wed. – Board of Education meeting at 7:30pm
Sat. – Central Plains Mennonite Conference (virtually)

NEXT SUNDAY – June 20

Next Sunday we will celebrate Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The theme for our virtual conference is “*Looking Forward*” and the text is Ephesians 3:14-21. Guest preacher and presenter David Fitch will preach virtually. We will also dedicate the new babies on this special Father’s Day. Offering next Sunday will be for the *Service and Mission Fund*.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Eva Goosen spent a few nights in the Freeman Hospital dealing with some knee problems. She was able to return back to Salem Home on Tuesday and is feeling better.
 - Rachel Kaufman and Connor McLane were united in marriage on Friday, June 10 in Yankton.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Allen & Ardelle Schrag.
 - Rachel and Connor as they begin their married life together.
 - rain for the gardens, fields, and pastures. Pray for trusting faith that God is fully aware of our needs.
 - our marriages. During the summer season, many will be celebrating wedding anniversaries. As we remember these sacred dates, may God’s Spirit enable our love to grow stronger.

- those preparing for Central Plains Virtual Annual Meeting next weekend, especially for David Fitch, our speaker for the weekend.

The **church library** is now open for book, periodical and visual material check-out. Please continue to use Covid-19 precautions as church guidelines suggest. - Marlan Kaufman, librarian

Just one more week until **Central Plains Annual Meeting!** Join us for (free) streamed worship services on June 18 @ 7:00pm with CPMC Exec. Conf. Minister, Nathan Luitjens, June 19 @ 9:00am with David Fitch, and June 20 @ 10:00am for conference-wide worship with David Fitch. Each worship session will feature worship leaders from the Twin Cities. For more information and links to the streamed services, head to our website, www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Community Connections

Freeman Academy is accepting applications for the **Faith and Leadership Scholarship for new students in grades 9-12**. Recipients will receive 40% off regular high school tuition and a scholarship to attend summer leadership training through their denomination or an approved regional or national program. Applicants must be new students who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and who wish to develop their leadership skills through contributions to the school. An interview and essay are required. Scholarship recipients who maintain a 3.5 GPA and complete the leadership requirements, will receive the 40% discount each year of high school. Details at <https://freemanacademy.org/scholarships/>. Contact Lynnelle Allison, Enrollment Director, for more information at lallison@freemanacademy.org.

With the drop in Covid numbers, **Salem Mennonite Home is looking for volunteers to host Saturday afternoon Bingo**. The afternoon starts at 2pm and lasts for approximately an hour, 3pm. You would be responsible for passing out cards & chips, calling numbers, engaging in conversation with the residents and offering a provided snack when the games are finished. Over the past year, residents at Salem Home have missed members of the community coming in and being part of the fun. You may do this as an individual, in pairs or small groups. If you would like to join our Bingo Volunteer Program, please contact Peggy Muchmore, Activities Director at 605-925-4994 or activities@salemmentonitehome.com. Thank you for your consideration.

MCC webinar: June 22 at 7 p.m. CDT join James Wheeler & Linda Herr, Area Directors for Europe & Middle East, to hear The Gift of Love: Doing our part for healing and wholeness in the world. Register for the webinar at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

The MCC Alumni Gathering is July 9-11 and all MCC alumni and their families are invited to join us at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Please sign up by June 25!

Current openings at MCC can be found at mcc.org. Current open positions include Canning & Trucking Manager, Multimedia Producer, Meat Canner and many international service opportunities.

God's Peace Growing within us:

"...new life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark."

- Barbara Brown Taylor, Learning to Walk in the Dark

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523 139

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBAAaS3A>

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