



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Law and Prophets Fulfilled

June 16, 2024

“...I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” - Mt. 5:17b

GATHERING TO PRAISE

- Prelude – *Andantino* (M. E. Bossing) Ken Mannes
- Welcome and Call to Worship VT #869 André Eisenbeis
- Opening Prayer
- * Singing our Praise – *Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT #42
- * Greeting each other
- Children’s Story Estelle Waltner
- Lighting the Peace Lamp
 - L: The light shines in the darkness.
 - P: **And the darkness did not overcome it.**

- Offering – Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Offertory – *Kum Ba Yah* (Traditional African) Simon Ortman

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the Scriptures Jeremiah 31:33-34, Romans 8:1-4
- Hymn – *Joys Are Flowing like a River* VT #375
- * Hearing the Gospel Matthew 5:17-20
- Sermon – “Fulfilling the Law” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- Song – *My Soul Cries Out* VT #412
- Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

- * Song – *We Are People of God’s Peace* VT #797
- * Blessing
- Postlude – *Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho* (Spiritual) Emmitt Ortman

Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is **Tuesday noon**; salemzion@gwtc.net

TODAY

Jesus’ relationship with the Law was confusing to many people, but he proclaimed that he didn’t come to abolish the Law (the Torah and the Prophets), but **fulfill it**. We ponder what that means as we seek to practice a righteousness that honors God above all. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**. Our regularly scheduled offering for MC USA will be received on the open offering on June 30th.

9:00am – Coffee time

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

June 19 (Wed) – Board of Education meeting at 7:00pm

June 20-23 (Thurs-Sun) – CPMC Annual Meeting in Wayland, Iowa

June 21 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – June 23

Next Sunday we will continue our Summer Series on the Sermon on the Mount. The theme for the morning is “*Relationships*” and the texts are Matthew 5:21-37, Exodus 20:1-17, and Colossians 3:12-17. Pastor Corey will be preaching. The offering will be for the Outreach and Service Fund.

COMING EVENTS

June 19-27 – Lisa Kaufman will be on vacation. Charity Ortman will be responsible during Lisa’s absence.

June 23 – Adult SS Lesson on Salem-Zion Mennonite Church History (Marnette Hofer teaching)

September 7-8 – 150th Anniversary of the Swiss-Volhynian Mennonites in Freeman. Please share a story from your family that has been instrumental in your growth and faith formation.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Eileen Kaufman had surgery on Wednesday to place a small drain in her eye to help with the pressure. The delicate surgery went well and they are waiting to see how this will affect Eileen’s eyesight.

Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of long days with sunlight and moisture allowing seeds, plants, and crops to sing, dance, and grow!

- Our oldest man at Salem-Zion, brother John Schwartz, will celebrate his 99th birthday this week on Tuesday. Praise God for John's long life and sound mind!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Our prayers for peace in Ukraine and in the Middle East continue. We long for a time when leaders call for a ceasefire, a return of all hostages, justice, and healing in the land. Sometimes we sigh when we pray and even there, God hears us.
- Eileen as she recovers from her eye surgery.
- those preparing for Central Plains Annual Meeting next weekend in Wayland, IA. We pray that it will be a meaningful time full of worship, fellowship, connections and thoughtful work!

Adult Summer Sunday School continues today with Mennonite History:

The 150th anniversary committee (Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Pastor Corey) are excited about our summer Sunday School time of remembering, learning, and growing. Special thanks to Nathan and Sheila for providing eggs and bacon this morning, starting at 9:00am.

Lisa Kaufman will be on vacation from regular church office duties June 19-27. **Please submit items for the June 23 bulletin by noon on June 18.** Thank you for planning ahead to meet this earlier-than-usual bulletin deadline.

As plans for the celebration of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonite immigration to South Dakota fall into place, we will need additional funds to promote these events. Any monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. The South Church has created an account to fund this celebration. Checks should be made to "Salem Mennonite Church" and given to any of the committee members. - **The 150th anniversary committee** (Corey Miller, Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Everett Waltner and Rudy Brockmueller)

Rachel Miller's May MVS newsletter has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

May Offerings and Gifts: AMBS - \$10; The Banquet - \$2,284; CPMC - \$1,284; CPT - \$10; DSF - \$20; Flandreau - \$10; FA - \$170; Household Treasury - \$18,344; MCC - \$2,252; MCC Meat Canning - \$10; MC USA - \$70; MDS - \$10; MEA - \$10; MMN - \$20; Outreach and Service - \$10; Project Fund - \$500; SD MCC Relief Sale - \$10; SLCC - \$169.07; STSF - \$20; Wellspring - \$60.

The Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted in the narthex.

You are all invited to a Father's Day *Making Music for MCC* program at Hutterthal Mennonite Church this evening at 7pm. You will experience a variety of music (organ, piano and vocal) performed by musicians from several local churches. The offering will be designated to the MCC Relief Sale My Coins Count project to help secure pure water for families in Bolivia. Please make checks out to **SD MCC Relief Sale**. Enjoy root beer floats to end the evening.

ATTENTION LOCAL MCC ALUMNI – in connection with the Father's Day *Making Music for MCC* program at Hutterthal, we are inviting the MCC alumni to form a choir to sing 2 familiar hymns. No rehearsal needed. Whether you are a singer or not, you are welcome in this choir. Please join us for this special evening as we acknowledge those who have served with MCC. **Feel free to wear something representing where you served.** Children who were with their parents while in service with MCC are also invited to sing in this choir. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord as we raise funds for the relief sale My Coins Count clean water water project.

It's that time again for **making cheesepockets for the MCC Sale!** Please mark your calendars down for July 6 at 9am. Please join us for a time of fellowship and making cheesepockets! Any questions please contact Lacey Friesen.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex with **volunteer opportunities for the SD MCC Relief Sale** on July 20.

Community Connections

Church friends, during our busy summer season, if anyone who is driving to Sioux Falls or Yankton would be willing to **haul some boxes of excess or expired donations to Goodwill** for us, we would be so grateful. Feel free to pull up to our back door, and we'll load up as many boxes as you have room for. Thank you for your continued support of our work! - Et Cetera Shoppe

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, June 24 at 7:30 pm at the Freeman library for the annual meeting, board annual reorganization and election of officers. All are welcome to attend.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** is hosting its second event of a 5-part series exploring the background history of the current conflict between Israel and Palestine. On Friday June 28 at 7PM in the Freeman Community Center 224 S. Wipf St. Freeman SD, Shaykh Hamzah Maqbul will present on how the different faith communities (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) interacted with each other throughout history. This event will be live-streamed and recorded. Please follow the Facebook and YouTube pages for the Freeman Network for Justice and Peace for details.

www.facebook.com/FreemanNetworkJusticePeace
www.youtube.com/@FreemanNetworkJusticePeace

Blessed are the Peacemakers: “Peacemaking doesn’t mean passivity. It is the act of interrupting injustice without mirroring injustice, the act of disarming evil without destroying the evildoer, the act of finding a third way that is neither fight nor flight but the careful, arduous pursuit of reconciliation and justice. It is about a revolution of love that is big enough to set both the oppressed and the oppressors free.” - Shane Claiborne, Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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