



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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Blessed

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”
- Matthew 5:3*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – <i>Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp	Steve Graber
Call to Worship	
Opening Prayer	

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn – <i>Brethren, we have met to worship</i>	HWB #8
Greetings and Announcements	
Children’s Story	Mary Mannes
<i>“We will follow” (while children come forward)</i>	SS #40
Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference	
Offertory Prayer	
Offertory – <i>Day Star (meditation on II Peter 1:19)</i>	Robert Hebble

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:1-12
Special Music – <i>Blest are they</i>	David Haas
Sermon – “Blessed”	Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – <i>Blessed are they</i>	SS #41
Communion	
Congregational Prayer	
* Sending Song – <i>Sent forth by God’s blessing</i>	HWB #478
* Benediction	
Postlude – <i>Improvised</i>	

* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We ponder the timeless truths of Jesus’ words in the Beatitudes this morning. What does it mean to be “blessed” in God’s Kingdom? As we serve communion today, we welcome all who earnestly love Jesus and are committed to Christ to share in the gifts at God’s table. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning.

Greeters: Rosella Schwartz and Vivian Friesen; **Organist:** Ken Mannes;
Special Music: Judy Graber; **Nursery Care:** Lance Friesen & Tina Graber

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

“Celebrating Giving”

This morning we receive an offering for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Delegates from across the Upper Midwest met in Lincoln, Nebraska this weekend for the Annual Meeting. Funds received will go to support the spending blueprint approved by the delegate body. Thank you for supporting this broader ministry.

THIS WEEK

June 27 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – Technology Task Force meeting

NEXT SUNDAY – July 1

Next Sunday we will continue our theme on our 14 Scriptures by looking at **John 3:16-17**, and we will also be hearing inspiring reports from those who attended Central Plains Conference. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Organist: Lisa Kaufman; **Special Music:** Ken Mannes; **Offering:** SD MCC Relief Sale; **Nursery Care:** Malynda and Jay Penner

COMING EVENTS

July 5	7:30 p.m. – Outreach & Service Committee meeting
July 6	Cheesepocket making for SD MCC Relief Sale
July 9	7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board
July 11	8:00 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting
July 12	Serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls
July 28	SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman
Aug. 5	Annual Church BBQ at the Miller home
Aug. 25-26	Annual Church Retreat at SLCC and baptism

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Arlyss Ortman is now a resident at Salem Home in Freeman. Her new room is #101.
- Rita Graber is now at Oakview Terrace in room #333a.
- LeRoy Epp was able to come home on Monday. He is receiving a daily IV in response to an infection.
- Marlan and Rosemary Kaufman, Elizabeth Janssen, Tim Graber, Corey, Nancy and Rachel Miller and Josie Epp all went as delegates and youth delegates to the Central Plains Conference in Lincoln, NE this week.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Sharon Schmidt.
- the children and families that have been traumatized at our southern border in the past several weeks. We pray for healing, for just laws, and for increased compassion. Oh Lord, have mercy. Have mercy on us.
- LeRoy Epp as he regains his strength.
- our Young Adults as they study, work, prepare for and begin their vocational calling.
- those who struggle with depression, addictions, and other areas that affect their mental health.

Remember to thank God for:

- the work, ministry and witness of our Central Plains Conference.

Devotionals from 14 Scriptures: Please consider writing a devotional based on any of these amazing 14 Scripture passages that have guided and nurtured our congregation for decades. These are due in October, but we might as well write them now while we are preaching on them and reflecting on them. Thanks!

We, the family of Lawrence Waltner, want to thank you for your caring thoughts and prayers, your many acts of kindness, your encouraging words, and the support shown to us during Lawrence's battle with cancer. Your expressions of sympathy following his homegoing are greatly appreciated.

Mennonite Church USA speaks: Separating families is wrong. Selectively using Scripture to justify tearing families apart is dangerous and immoral. In such a time as this, Christians need to discern and be diligent to test what is being said and how Scripture is used or misused to advance political agendas. *We as Christ followers need to stay alert and speak against violent laws that destroy rather than restore relationships.* Earlier this month, MC USA's Executive Director Glen Guyton signed on to an ecumenical, interfaith statement condemning government separation of immigrant

families. We urge all across the church to raise your voices in prayer and protest against this unjust policy. Read the statement in its entirety at mennoniteusa.org and look under news and blogs.

Salem-Zion is scheduled to serve the evening meal at **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls on **Thursday, July 12**. The Banquet is a feeding ministry whose *"mission is to equip volunteers to provide food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet. We provide a safe place where people can gather, receive nourishment, and experience love in action"* --taken from their Mission Statement. The cost of the meal will be about \$1000 (we are not asking for any food donations). If you are willing to be part of this ministry you can help by donating to the cost of the meal and/or by signing up to help serve the meal. There is a **sign-up sheet** for workers on the bulletin board in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Janette Epp, Marlyce Miller, or LeAnn Kaufman. **Checks** should be made out to **Salem-Zion Mennonite Women**. Information about this organization is available at www.thebanquetsf.org.

SD MCC Relief Sale Reminders:

- June 30: Deadline to register items for the live auction
- July 13: Deadline to register for the bike ride to receive a tee shirt; later registrations to participate will be accepted
- Please send photos of auction items, theme baskets, craft items for advertising purposes to SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com
- Invite neighbors, friends & family
- Volunteer sign-up sheets & registration forms for the bike race/ride are available on the table in the narthex

If you liked the **Bible study webinars with Keith Slater** last fall—or if you missed them—check out our new series of three sessions on Tips for Leading Bible Study. Keith summarizes all the best tips in three 20-minute videos. Find them at www.centralplainsmc.org/bible-study-videos.

Community Connections

Rural Revival will hold its monthly meeting at 8 pm at the Freeman Public Library on Monday, June 25th. Come see what we're all about!

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will be meeting at 12:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 27, in the Freeman Public Library meeting room. Anyone is welcome.

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