



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Christ's Peace Witness
June 30, 2024

"...Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." - Mt. 5:44

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *I've Got Peace Like a River* (arr. Keveren) Mavis Ortman

Welcome and Call to Worship VT #13 Mary Mannes

Opening Prayer

* Singing our Praise – *This Is My Song* VT #710

* Greeting each other

Children's Story Brian Paff

Lighting the Peace Lamp

L: The light shines in the darkness.

P: And the darkness did not overcome it.

Offering – Mennonite Church USA

Offertory – *There Shall Be Showers of Blessing* (arr. Raney)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Jeremiah 29:4-7, Romans 12:14-21

Hymn – *O Day of Peace* VT #787

* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon Stacey Waltner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – *Quietly, Peacefully* VT #533

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Go, My Friends, in Grace* VT #810

* Blessing

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Jesus' teaching on peace has shaped the Mennonite Church from its infancy. The revelatory words in Matthew 5:38-48 continue to inspire, challenge, and motivate us to pray and act for peace in our lives and in the world. May we all be surrounded by the Prince of Peace as we worship God together. We are so glad you are here!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA**.

9:00am – Coffee time

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Now-July 1 – Pastor Corey will be on vacation ending Tuesday

July 2 (Tues) – Deacon's meeting at 7:30pm

July 5 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

July 6 (Sat) – Cheesepocket making for MCC in the church kitchen at 9am

NEXT SUNDAY – July 7

Next Sunday we will continue our Summer Series on the Sermon on the Mount. The theme for the morning is "*Salt and Light*" and the text is from Matthew 5:13-16. Ruth Harder (pastor at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City) will be preaching and reflecting on her research on stained glass windows.

The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

COMING EVENTS

July 7 – Adult and Children's SS Lesson on the Blizzard of 1880. Susan Schrag will be presenting.

July 8 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

July 11-14 – Youth Service trip to Sienna Francis House in Omaha, NE

July 20 – **MCC Relief Sale** in Freeman

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:

- Hannah Miller and Silas Driver were united in marriage on Saturday afternoon, June 29th at Salem-Zion.

- Pastor Corey will be back in the office on July 2.

Remember to praise God for:

- the hope of experiencing peace in this world because of Jesus' example and words.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Paul & Darlene Engbrecht.
- people near and far as they clean up after the recent flooding in our area.
- Hannah and Silas as they begin their married life together.

Adult Summer Sunday School continues today with LeRoy Epp and friends

talking about Peace Witness: The 150th anniversary committee (Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Pastor Corey) is excited about our summer Sunday School time of remembering, learning, and growing. Each week we will be focused on one aspect of our faith story and our journey in this place as we strive to follow Jesus. Coffee on at 9:00am.

A reminder to the North Church family that the youth group will be taking much-needed everyday supplies along on its July 11-14 service trip to the Siena Francis House in Omaha and is inviting members of the congregation to participate in this important mission. Totes will be set up in the narthex Sunday, June 30 through Wednesday, June 10 for the collection process. Items welcomed include general hygiene products like toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc., with a **high need** for the following:

- Towels (can be used)
- Shaving products (razors, blades, cream)
- Underwear for men and women

Items can be left at the church this Sunday and next, or anytime during the week through Wednesday morning, June 10.

The youth group will be leaving early Thursday morning, June 11 and will return later on Sunday afternoon, June 14.

A heartfelt "thank you" in advance. The youth group is eager to show love and service to others through the good work done at Siena Francis House. To learn more about the shelter in Omaha, visit sienafrancis.org.

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)

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.

Please see the bulletin board to read recently received **thank-you notes** in response to our financial gifts to Freeman Academy, Mennonite Mission Network, and Bienvenidos a Brookings.

Community Connections

MCC Relief Sale reminders:

1. **My Coins Count** – keep saving those coins for Bolivia where water shortages are a very real threat! \$100 will help provide pure water for drinking and help to pipe spring water from the mountains for household use and irrigation
2. Consider making a **theme basket** with family, friends or S.S. class – need an idea, go to Google
3. Plan now for what you can donate to the **bake sale**

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

God's Peace Through our Love: "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

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