



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Fasting and Prayer July 14, 2024

“Pray without ceasing.” - I Thess. 5:17

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *A hymn improvisation*

Jesus, the very thought of thee (Emma Lou Diemer) Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship

Malynda Penner

Opening Prayer

* Singing our Praise – *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* VT #25
(Octet sings v. 1 & 3; congregation sings v. 2 & 4)

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story

Gwen Ortman

Lighting the Peace Lamp

L: The light shines in the darkness.

P: And the darkness did not overcome it.

Offering – SD MCC Relief Sale

Offertory

Kenzy Penner

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures

Isaiah 58:6-8, Matthew 6:5-18

Song – *Our God in Heaven*

VT #673

(Congregation please join the second time through)

Sermon – “Relearning to Pray”

Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Confession

“Abana alathi”

Sharing and Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Longing for Light*

VT #715

* Blessing

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Postlude – *Improvised*

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, fast, and give according to his Kingdom Ways. When offering acts of piety to God, there is a right way to do it. Today we revisit Jesus’ words and reflect on our prayer lives. Welcome to worship! God is glorified and we are glad you are here!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **SD MCC Relief Sale.**

9:00am – Coffee time

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

July 17 (Wed) – Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm

– Outreach and Service meeting at 7:30pm

July 19 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

July 20 (Sat) – **MCC Relief Sale** in Freeman

NEXT SUNDAY – July 21

Next Sunday we will continue our Summer Series on the Sermon on the Mount. The theme for the morning is “*Trusting God*” and the texts are Matthew 6:25-34, Job 38:33,39-41, and Philippians 4:4-7,19. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Community Peacemaker Teams.

COMING EVENTS

July 21 – Adult SS Lesson on the Farming Practices of our forebearers. Polly Waltner will be facilitating.

July 24 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

July 28 – Movie Night at Salem Mennonite Church. Zwingli.

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:

- Ardelle Schrag passed away on July 10th at the Tieszen Home in Marion. Funeral plans are pending.

- The youth group left for their service project in Omaha on Thursday morning to work and serve at the Siena Francis House. 9 youth are serving and sponsors Jeremy and Stacey are providing leadership.

- Josh and Lynelle, Gideon and Lena Hofer left for Indiana on Saturday morning.

Remember to praise God for:

- the joy of summer gatherings, vacations, and family trips.
- the gift of prayer, that God yearns for us to pray and pray often.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Marian Gering.
- the Ardelle Schrag family as they remember and give thanks for Ardelle's long and faithful life.
- our youth group as they serve, learn, and grow in Omaha this week. Pray for safety, learning experiences, and a sense of Christ's spirit in their midst.
- those who are organizing faith formation programs for the next school year and for those who will lead and teach.
- Albert Kalonji as he serves on the Swan Lake Christian Camp staff this summer.

Adult Summer Sunday School continues today with Marlan Kaufman talking about Land. 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.

Selection ballots were distributed with last Sunday's bulletin; extra copies are available in the narthex. Please turn in completed ballots to the box in the narthex by July 21.

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.

The movie "**Zwingli**" (also known as *The Reformer. Zwingli: A Life's Portrait*) will be shown at South Church on July 28 at 7:00pm. Information about the film (not recommended for young children) has been posted in the narthex.

MCC SCHOOL KITS: MCC has challenged churches and individuals to donate 24,000 school kits in the month of August. Our church plans to participate in helping MCC meet this goal. As you are shopping in the coming weeks think about what you may do to contribute to this worthy cause. If you have fabric that could be made into bags that would also be appreciated. Following is a list of supplies for each kit: 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (70 sheets each), 8 new **unsharpened** pencils, 1 flat ruler (must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large eraser, 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens, 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes). We will be collecting these items during the month of August. - Janette Epp & Marlyce Miller

Community Connections

Relief Sale Notes:

1. **Friday, July 19, 7pm:** bike ride (registration at 6:30pm)
2. **Saturday, July 20, 9-10 am:** Bring pies and items for the live auction, silent auction and bake sale **to the Pioneer Hall dining room lobby**
3. **Saturday, July 20:** Bring your coins for the MY COINS COUNT for the Bolivia Water project
4. **Only donations will be received for meals and booth purchases. Donations can be made in cash or with the use of a buyer number.** Buyer numbers are needed for the auctions. A donation container will be available in each booth but **there will be no cash boxes** so no change will be available for those paying in cash
5. The entire Saturday event will take place in the Pioneer Hall dining room

Maintenance Person (Full-time): Freeman Academy seeks a capable full-time maintenance person to care for our beautiful campus. The successful candidate will have experience with a variety of hands-on maintenance as well as managing supplies and working with outside contractors as needed, and will be supported by our volunteer facilities committee. Position reports directly to the Head of School. Interested persons may submit an application or direct questions to Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org, or 605.925.4237.

Business Manager (75%-100%): Freeman Academy seeks a highly detailed, well-organized individual to manage the financial operations of the school, including payroll, as well as human resource processes. Full benefits, including daycare and tuition discounts, apply. For more information or to apply, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contract Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

Praying God's Peace: "O God and Heavenly Father, grant to us the serenity of mind to accept that which cannot be changed, courage to change that which can be changed, and wisdom to know the one from the other through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen." - C Reinhold Niebuhr, original version of the serenity prayer

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