



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

July 17, 2022

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude Austin Unruh
- Welcome Jon Graber
- Lighting the Peace Lamp
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- \* Hymn – *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* VT #348
- Greeting one another “*Peace be with you.*” “*And also with you.*”
- Children’s Story Kelsey Pidde
- Celebrating our Offerings – Community Peacemaker Teams

## PROCLAIMING

- Hearing the Scriptures Exodus 15:1-21 and Psalm 34
- Sermon – “We all have a refrain, what is yours?” Stacey Waltner

## RESPONDING

- Song – *I Sought the Lord* VT #161
- Sharing and Congregational Prayer Stacey Waltner
- Sending Song – *O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True* VT #583
- Blessing
- Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

This morning we welcome Stacey Waltner to the pulpit. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Community Peacemaker Teams** (formerly Christian Peacemaker Teams).

- 9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

**July 21 (Thurs)** – Worship committee meeting at 7:30pm

**July 21 (Thurs)** – Youth gathering for food and fun! Time and place TBD

### NEXT SUNDAY – July 24

Next Sunday Brad Anderson, Head of School at Freeman Academy, will be preaching. The Scripture texts for the morning are Genesis 41:46-49, 53-57; Genesis 47:14-20; Acts 2:42-47; and 2 Corinthians 8:13-15. The offering is for **The Banquet**.

### COMING EVENTS

**August 11** – Serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls

**August 28** – Sunday morning worship service and a potluck at the Prairie Arboretum in Freeman

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Pastor Corey and Nancy during this time of sabbatical.
- Swan Lake Christian Camp staff, counselors and sixth grade campers this week.
- those who are organizing faith formation programs for the next school year and for those who will lead and teach.

We'd like to **thank everyone** for the food, cards, memorial gifts, prayers and all the expression of support and care as we grieve the passing of David. - The Family of David Janssen

There will be a **youth gathering** for food and fun on July 21! Time and place TBD.

Salem-Zion is scheduled to serve the evening meal at **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls on **Thursday, August 11**. 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 Anita Eisenbeis or Linda Graber. **Checks** should be made out to **Salem-Zion Mennonite Church (memo line The Banquet)**. Information about this organization is available at [www.thebanquetsf.org](http://www.thebanquetsf.org).

**Living our Mission:** “As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ’s kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together.”

### Community Connections

Join the fight against hunger: There are many things to do locally to help others who suffer from food insecurity. The **Bethany Food Pantry** is looking for casual volunteers (approximately 4 hours once a month) to assist with distributing food. If you have ever thought about joining our team and volunteering, please contact us. We would love to visit with you. We are also looking for folks to (1) serve on our board of directors, (2) help with managing food orders twice a month, (3) coordinate with Feeding South Dakota, or (4) help with bookkeeping. There are many God-given talents that would be a good fit. Give us a call. - Barry Uecker, Bethany Food Pantry Board of Directors, 605-261-2611

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be on July 25 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

**Please join MCC Central States in welcoming 3 new people to our staff!** Brocia Mueller, volunteer coordinator in the MCC Workroom in North Newton; Wesley Wilder, human resources coordinator and Mahlet Mamo, young adult program coordinator.

**Conflict is a normal part of life, but learning how to work through it is key.** MCC has a resource to help you work through divisive issues, a new adult Sunday school curriculum, Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict. It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus’ call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other. To follow up on the Peaceful Practices curriculum, MCC has two conversation guides, to help congregations dialogue on sensitive topics. *#BlackLivesMatter: Can we have a conversation?* and *Critical Race Theory: How should race education be taught in schools?* are available for download at <https://mcc.org/peaceful-practices>.

**MCC School Kit season is right around the corner!** MCC is working to fulfill requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti.

Here are some things to keep in mind when making school kits this year:

-Sewn school kit bags may be requested from the MCC Material Resources Center if needed.

-MCC in North Newton has a large supply of pink erasers, so feel free to skip erasers and they’ll be added when the kit is checked by volunteers at MCC.

-The pencil sharpeners need to be metal, not plastic.

-You can find the directions for school kits at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org), or reach out to Kate at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720 with any questions.

Thank you so much for your continued work with these important kits!

**July 26 MCC webinar: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers** - When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families’ ability to lay down roots. Join MCC on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. CDT to learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions>.

#### Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139>

#### Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

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

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