



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Celebrating Marriage”
July 2, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Ken Mannes

Welcome Gloria Graber

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 48)

L: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

P: We ponder your steadfast love, O God in this place of worship.

L: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

P: Our God will be our guide forever!

Prayer

* Hymn – *God of Grace and God of Glory* VT #716

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Sheila Epp

Offering – Household Treasury
Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 45

Song – *When Love Is Found* VT #524

* Gospel Reading Matthew 19:1-6

Sermon – “Celebrating Marriage” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Prayer of blessing on marriages VT #974

Song – *Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)* VT #130
vs. 1 German, then vs. 1-3 English

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Praise God* VT #70

* Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Summers are often times to celebrate weddings and wedding anniversaries. Today we enter into the joy of Psalm 45 as we celebrate marriage and the gift that it is to us and our community of faith. Whether married or single, we are very glad that you have decided to join us for worship. Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**.

9:00am – Coffee/Fellowship time

9:30am – Summer Sunday School Series: LOFT "Living Our Faith Together"

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

July 2-7 (Sun-Fri) – 7th and 8th Grade Camp 1 at SLCC

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

July 8 (Sat) – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 53-64) at 7:30am

NEXT SUNDAY – July 9

Next Sunday we continue our Summer of Psalms series. The focus of the morning will be “*Praying for Enemies*” and the featured scriptures will be Psalm 59 and Matthew 5:43-48. Kate Friesen will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for the **SD MCC Relief Sale**.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings this week:

- The youth group will leave for MC USA Convention in KC on Monday.
- Pastor Corey will attend the delegate sessions at MC USA on Friday and Saturday.

Remember to praise God for:

- the ongoing work of our Central Plains Mennonite Conference that continues to encourage the practice of spiritual disciplines as a way to work through the issues of our time.
- the gift of our country. For all the ways and the places where the United States has represented welcome to the stranger, hospitality to those in need, and opportunity for all of its citizens, we are grateful.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.
- the youth and their sponsors (Nathan Schrag, Malynda Penner) as they travel to KC this week for the Mennonite Convention. Pray for safety and life-giving experiences that will nurture faith in many ways.

- all those Central Plains Mennonite Conference volunteers who were affirmed to committees and task groups at our Annual Meeting in June. May the mission and witness of the Kingdom of God through CPMC be enlivened by the energy and wisdom of those willing to serve.

Summer of Psalms: We are nearing the half-way point in our Psalm reading experience. Take note of which words and which Psalms have spoken to you and why. Journal about those experiences, share about them with trusted friends, and allow those prayers to center and ground your life in Christ. Take a risk and rise earlier on Saturday to come and see how God's Spirit transforms us when we read and study the Bible together.

Bible Study Reminders: All weekend at Central Plains Mennonite Conference, delegates were guided in good Biblical Study. Two things are needed in studying the scriptures with others: **1. Listening** intently to what the text is saying. **2. Discerning** what the Holy Spirit is saying to us in our time. As we read and study the Bible together in community, may we keep growing in our ability to listen to how the scripture speaks to others and be ever mindful of what the Holy Spirit might be saying to us in our time.

Now that Summer is officially here, you can look forward to the best 4 days of it! **August 13-17 will be the Turner County Fair.** Our church's commitment to the Grandstand Booth allows us to raise funds for our youth to experience Conventions and service trips. There are multiple days and ways of helping - for young and old alike! Keep these dates in mind and look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the coming weeks.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for **volunteers for the SD MCC Relief Sale.** Assistance is needed with set-up and takedown, cooking food, serving food, bringing pies, etc. If you have questions, John Epp is Salem-Zion's SD MCC Relief Sale representative. Thank you!

MCC Relief Sale reminders:

1. My Coins Count – keep saving those coins! \$68 purchases 1 desk, seating 2-3 students, for students attending Christian schools in Zambia
2. Consider making a theme basket – need an idea, go to Google
3. Register for the bike ride

A copy of the Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The July church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

June Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$6,670.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$350.00; CPMC - \$1,171.00; The Banquet - \$445.00; MCC - \$255.00; MCC-My Coins Count - \$200.00; MC USA - \$150.00; Jr SS Heifer International for Chickens - \$260.00; Ross Richers - \$5.00; FA - \$5.00.

Community Connections

This evening at 7pm at First Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls Tanea (Ortman) and Dawson Hull will present a **recital of newly composed music for clarinet and piano.** The recital will feature arrangements of familiar hymn tunes by the pianist Dawson Hull. Tanea is originally from the Wall Lake area and a friend of Dan Graber.

Claiming Christ's Peace: *“The kingdom of God, which Jesus came to inaugurate, is meant to create an alternate reality in this world, and ultimately to transform the kingdoms of this world.”* – Jim Wallis