



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**Trusting God
July 21, 2024**

“But seek first God’s Kingdom and His Righteousness.” - Matthew 6:33

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude	Sheila Epp
Welcome and Call to Worship	Clara Beseman
Opening Prayer	
* Singing our Praise – <i>Seek Ye First</i>	VT #417
* Greeting each other	
Children’s Story	David Friesen
Lighting the Peace Lamp	
L: The light shines in the darkness.	
P: And the darkness did not overcome it.	
Offering – Community Peacemaker Teams	
Offertory	

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures	Job 38:33,39-41, Matthew 6:25-34
Song – <i>See the Birds That Fly</i>	VT #289
Sermon – “Called to Deep Trust”	Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Trust	Philippians 4:4-7,19
Song – <i>Our God in Heaven</i>	VT #673
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Sending Song – <i>In the Rifted Rock I’m Resting</i>	VT #619
* Blessing	
Postlude	

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

When disciples worried about daily needs, Jesus instructed them to look at birds and flowers! Even within these parts of creation, God cares deeply and invites followers of Jesus to trust deeply as well. Bring your worries, uncertainties, even your anxiety and meet the God who holds us all in grace. Welcome to our time of worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Community Peacemaker Teams**.

9:00am – Coffee time
9:30am – Jr. SS Opening; Sunday School for all ages
10:30am – Worship Service
2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

Selection ballots are due today.

THIS WEEK

July 23 (Tues) – Ardelle Schrag memorial service at 11:00am. Family visitation will be at 10:00am.

July 24 (Wed) – Special Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

July 26 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – July 28

Next Sunday we will continue our Summer Series on the Sermon on the Mount. The theme for the morning is “*Judging*” and the texts are Matthew 7:1-5, Jeremiah 11:18-20, and Romans 2:1-4. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we’ll be hearing testimonies from our CPMC delegates. The offering will be for the Student Tuition Sharing Fund.

COMING EVENTS

July 28 – Adult SS Lesson on the Worship practices and Hymns/Songs/Music that shaped our faith throughout these 150 years. Gwen Ortman will be leading.

July 28 – **Movie Night at Salem Mennonite Church at 7:00pm. Zwingli.** Information about the film has been posted in the narthex.

August 4 – **Miller BBQ** at Nancy and Corey’s farm. Music, Food, and Rides! 5:30pm-8:30pm.

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:

- The MCC Sale was held in Freeman on Saturday. Thanks to the many volunteers, contributors, and buyers that make a difference for people around the world.

- Billy, Clara and Bella Beseman moved recently to their new home in Marion. Address is: 304 S Randall Ave, Marion, SD 57043.

- Martha B. Yoder, retired pastor and visual artist, passed away on July 13. Memorial services will be held on July 25 at West Union Mennonite Church, rural Parnell, Iowa. Please keep her husband, Darwin, and the rest of the Yoder family in your prayers.

- On July 18th, various Mennonites and allies affiliated with Mennonite Action began an 11-day, 135-mile march from Harrisonburg, VA, to Washington, D.C., to call for a cease-fire in Gaza and an end to U.S. military aid to Israel. Marchers will also call for a release of all hostages and political prisoners, and a political solution that includes an end to the occupation of Palestine and peace for Palestinians and Israelis. Dennis Lehmann from our community is one of the marchers.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: LaVonne Schrag.
- the Ardelle Schrag family as they prepare for Ardelle's memorial service.
- those who are walking and protesting this week, that Jesus' light and love will shine through all that happens.
- our sister churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin: Bethel, Emmanuel, Faith, First-Mountain Lake, Lao Fellowship, Rochester, Saint Paul Hmong Mennonite, Third Way and affiliated groups Fargo-Moorhead Faith Mennonite Fellowship in Minnesota, and Shalom in Wisconsin.
- 5th and 6th Grade Camp 2 at Swan Lake Christian Camp.

Adult Summer Sunday School continues today with Polly Waltner leading a panel discussion about farming through our 150 years of living here. 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.

Sign-up sheets for the grandstand booth at the Turner Co. Fair are posted in the narthex and online (go to signupgenius.com and search for sign-ups created by sherilynortman@gmail.com). Proceeds from the grandstand booth benefit the Salem-Zion youth group. In addition, the youth group is accepting donations of ground beef for chili meat. If you care to donate, talk to fair committee members Will & Sherilyn or Matt & Digna.

Words cannot express how grateful I am to all that came to help with the clean-up of the building from snow damage. Your willingness to volunteer your time, equipment, tools and manual labor, will not be forgotten! I appreciated all the help from the ladies who assisted with the food. **Thank you to ALL of you** for the service you provided and MDS for organizing the project. May God Bless You! - Lucille Graber

If you helped with the MDS project at Lucille Graber's farm and are **missing a Dewalt driver or a wonder bar** with blue tape on it, please contact LeRoy Pullman at 605-660-1014.

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

Inviting all singers to join us for a special choir performance on September 8th, 2024, at 7 PM in Pioneer Hall in Freeman. This event will be the grand finale of our 150th anniversary celebration of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites settling in the greater Freeman area. There will be two rehearsals -- Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 7 PM, and Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7 at 2 PM. We will also be singing at the Sunday morning service on Sept. 8th. We welcome EVERYONE to join us in this celebration of our musical heritage. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/150Choir> to sign up. Then help us spread the word by sharing this link with others who might be interested in joining us. We look forward to singing with you in September!

Community Connections

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 apply. For more information or to apply, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

Freeman Academy is needing housing for an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) worker planning to come for the 2024-25 school year. This young man is an English teacher from Chad, and he will be working at FA as a teacher's assistant in a variety of capacities. He would need to have transportation to and from school each day, in addition to regular room and board, lasting from mid-August to the end of school (with a few breaks for holiday/IVEP event travel). MCC will reimburse hosts \$450/month, and it is possible to commit to only one half of the year, if you are unable to host for a full year. If you have an interest in hosting, please contact Brad Anderson at 605.925.4237 or banderson@freemanacademy.org.

Praying God's Peace: "We have very little faith in the Lord, very little trust. If we trusted the Lord as much as we trust a friend when we ask him to do something for us, neither we as individuals nor our whole country would suffer so much." – Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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