



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

July 28, 2019

Kingdom Thoughts

“...if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things.” - Phil. 4:8b

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Adagio* Albinoni
 Welcome and Call to Worship S. Roy Kaufman
 Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn of Praise – *O day of rest and gladness* HWB #641
 Greetings and Announcements
 Children’s Story Sheila Epp
 Offering our gifts – The Banquet
 Offertory – *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* arr. Wood
 * Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Special Music – *My soul cries out* arr. Rory Cooney
 Hearing the New Testament Philippians 4:4-9
 Sermon – “Think on These Things” Dennis Schrock

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Song – *O Christ, in thee my soul* HWB #510
 Sharing and Congregational Prayer
 * Sending Song – *Heart with loving heart united* HWB #420
 * Benediction
 * Choral Benediction – *Agios o Theos* (Translation: *Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.*)
 Postlude – *Deo Gracias* arr. Willan

* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Philippians 4 invites us to “*think about these things*”, the things that bear Kingdom fruit. Sharing from one of our top 14 scripture passages, Dennis Schrock is here to share God’s Word with us. We are so glad that you have chosen to come and worship with us today.

Greeters: Liz & Jon Graber; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Special Music:** Lisa, Amy, Beth Kaufman

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

“Celebrating Giving”

This morning’s offering supports The Banquet, 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.*”

TONIGHT

Tonight, July 28, 6:30 p.m. Salem-Zion’s Sunday evening fellowship, Ekklesia class and the FNJP are inviting you to an evening of listening to our “new friends” from Brookings (Bienvenidos a Brookings) as they share their story of the work among the immigrants coming to Flandreau. Nitza and daughter (Fajitas Bar and Grill) plan to be here as well. A fellowship will follow with bars/cookies and drink.

THIS WEEK

July 31 (Wed) 7:30 p.m. – Deacon meeting

NEXT SUNDAY – Aug. 4

Next Sunday we begin a new series called *Snakes and Ladders*, a worshipful study of the seven deadly sins and the seven holy virtues. The focus of the morning will be Pride/Humility, the scripture texts will be Genesis 3:1-14, Luke 16:19-31, Philippians 2 and Matthew 6:1-6. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Organist: Ken Mannes; **Offering:** Household Treasury; **Special Music:** Doug and Jude Krehbiel

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 4 – Miller BBQ at Nancy and Corey’s home for all Salem-Zion friends. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Aug. 11-15 – Turner County Fair Grandstand Booth

Aug. 24 – Ad. Board retreat on Stewardship with Lyle Miller at Salem-Zion (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

Aug. 25 – Worship at Swan Lake Christian Camp with Lyle Miller

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Donna Brosz began chemotherapy on Wednesday for her uterine cancer.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.
- Donna Brosz as she begins her treatment plan.
- David Boshart as he ends his time at Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We give thanks for his years of wise leadership and faithful witness among us.

Remember to thank God for:

- the opportunities we have to sit in the presence of Jesus to grow in our love and understanding of God.

Pastor Corey on vacation: Pastor Corey was on vacation last week. Corey will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 30th.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the evening meal at the Banquet July 18. A total of 458 people were served a meal. Approximately \$1300 was collected which will pay for the meal and milk. Thanks to all who contributed. Janette Epp and Lillie Eisenbeis

Those attending **Swan Lake Christian Camp** from Salem-Zion the last few weeks include Oliver Waltner (4th grade camp); Ella Waltner and Ashton Kesteloot (6th grade camp); Connor Epp and Blake Terveen (Senior High).

Miller BBQ Coming August 4th: Come on out for our third annual Miller BBQ on the Miller farm for great food, games and live music. **Doug and Jude Krehbiel** from Kansas will offer a concert on the lawn so bring your lawn chairs and appetite! There will be activities for children and we encourage you to bring a friend to share in our community. Serving starts at 5:30pm and will go to 8:30pm.

The Turner County Fair is almost here (Aug 11-15) and the **Grandstand Booth** is in need of your help with our annual fundraiser. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and you can talk to Lindsey or Austin Unruh, Lillie or Andre Eisenbeis or Charity or Paul Ortman if you have any questions. Thanks in advance.

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Help spread the love and peace of Christ and support MCC's efforts to provide care and relief at the US-Mexico border. The SZ Youth Group is heading up an effort to sell these t-shirts to raise money for MCC's detainee care kits. Visit the website above to learn more and submit your order. Orders will ship in the beginning of August. You can pay and enter your shipping location yourself on the website or you can email Austin at au.unruh@gmail.com with your order and he will compile orders for everyone. Thanks, and bring the peace!

Praying for the Holy Spirit: *“Come Holy Spirit, Come. Fill the hearts of thy faithful people and kindle in us the fire of thy love.”*

Community Connections

The **Minn-Kota Sale Board annual public meeting** will be July 30th at 9pm following the SD MCC Sale Board meeting at the Freeman Public Library. The 9pm meeting is open to the public.

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will be meeting at 12 p.m. Wednesday, July 31 in the Freeman Public Library meeting room. Anyone is welcome.

Seeking God’s Peace in our Journey: *“I have come to believe that we do not walk alone in this life. There are others, fellow sojourners, whose journeys are interwoven with ours in seemingly random patterns, yet, in the end, have been carefully placed to reveal a remarkable tapestry. I believe God is the weaver at that loom.”* - Richard Paul Evans

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MCC School Kits in August

August is back-to-school month and what better time is there to give to MCC's School Kits. Vivian and Connie Friesen have been providing leadership to this important ministry for many years and this year, we as a congregation want to support them in helping to gather items for the kits. Our goal is to assemble 150 kits.

Just like what we've done with our Newborn Kits in December, we will be receiving items for the School Kits during our Sunday morning offering. Please consider bringing items in a bag and our "junior ushers" will pick them up. Later on in September, the children will help assemble the kits and we'll dedicate them and send them off to help children wherever they may be.

On the following Sundays, we will collect:

August 4 – **colored pencils** (12 colored pencils in packaging)

August 11 – **plastic rulers** (flat plastic indicating both 30 cm and 12 inches)

August 18 – **notebooks** (spiral or perforated, with 70 sheets)

August 25 – **large pink erasers**

Thanks so much for sharing in this important ministry. May all of God's children be blessed in this.