



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Communities of Hope”

July 6, 2025

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Fantasia in G* (excerpts) BWV 572 (J.S. Bach) Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship Kaye Waltner

L: We gather in the name of Christ to reflect on being a community of hope.

P: So often we are confused, tired and complacent. We struggle to see and feel hope.

L: God knows our thoughts and our hearts, but this is God’s church, not ours.

P: The Holy Spirit does the heavy lifting, guiding us to experience Christ’s hope.

L: This sets us free to do our work, so that God can do God’s work.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Invocation

* Singing our Praise – *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified* VT #754

Greeting each other

Children’s Story Elizabeth Janssen

Peace Lamp

Offering – Household Treasury

Offertory – *As the Dew from Heaven* (A. Schreiner)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures I Corinthians 3:5-11, Romans 5:1-5

Reflections from Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Chris Eisenbeis, Janette Epp

Special Music Ken and Mary Mannes family

* Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12 VT #295

Sermon – “Cultivating Covenanted Communities of Hope”
Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Response Song – *Blessed Are You* VT #290

Sharing “Where have we seen God’s HOPE this week?”

Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *The Church’s One Foundation* VT #397

* Benediction

Postlude – *Improvised on a hymn*

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The covenant of spiritual practices has guided our conference for the past decade. We reflect on how God’s hope fills us and shapes our outlook. We are so glad you are here to worship with us on this holiday weekend. We joyfully follow Jesus as citizens of God’s Reign and God’s Kingdom! Welcome!!

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

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

July 8-12 (Tues-Sat) – Mennonite Church USA convention in Greensboro, NC. Corey and Nancy are our delegates from Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Members of our youth group will also be attending.

July 11 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – July 13

Next Sunday the theme of the morning is “*Cultivating Covenant Communities of Peace*.” The texts will be Jer. 29:4-13, Mt. 26:47-53, and James 3:13-18. Shella Franz will be preaching.

The offering will be for the SD MCC Relief Sale.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Ruby Waltner passed away last weekend after a fall and a brief stay at the Freeman Hospital. Her memorial service will be on **August 9th** at Salem-Zion. The family visitation and prayer service will be on Friday evening, **August 8th** at Walter’s funeral home.

- Darlene Engbrecht continues to make progress in her recovery from pneumonia and heart issues. She remains a patient at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls.

- Yvonne Mast arrived safely at her new home in Utah. Her new address is: Legacy House, 330 E 1400 N North Logan, Utah 84341.

Remember to praise God for:

- everything in our country that represents love for our neighbor, hospitality for the stranger, and loving care for the poor. When we care for the “*least of these*,” we glorify our Creator.

- being a part of Central Plains Mennonite Conference!

- snippets of grace that come in the form of gentle rain showers.

- all people, places and events that unite with God’s Spirit to bring hope in our world.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: LaVonne Schrag.
- Paul Ortman as he recovers from his recent shoulder surgery.
- Darlene Engbrecht as she waits for her body to recover from her recent health issues.
- Pastor Corey and Nancy as they fly to North Carolina for the Mennonite Convention.
- Matt and Digna Miller and the youth as they travel to the Mennonite Youth Convention.
- 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.

The Freeman Area MCC Meat Canning Committee has been asked whether we want to continue canning meat for distribution through MCC relief programs. The question arises because we have consistently had trouble providing the needed volunteers to efficiently staff the canner for the 2 days it is here. Donations have always funded the effort without special fundraising but now the funds on-hand will not be sufficient. MCC staff assure us that there are several communities in other states eagerly awaiting an opening on the schedule, so if we discontinue, our spot will readily be filled and the donations of canned meat will not diminish. If we do give up our spot on the canner schedule, we most likely will never be able to get back on. Since canning is a collaborative effort by so many of us, it is vital that we hear from all of you who care about it. **After the worship service on Sunday, July 06, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a short meeting to make this decision for Salem-Zion’s part.** Please join us. The committee members from South and Hutterthal churches are not excited about continuing. - Tim Eisenbeis, Canning Committee member

MCC SCHOOL KITS: MCC has challenged churches and individuals to donate 25,000 school kits this summer. Our church plans to participate in helping MCC meet this goal. As you are shopping in the coming weeks think about how you may contribute to this worthy cause. 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 30cm markings; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large eraser, 4 new black or blue ball point pens, and 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes). If you have fabric that could be made into bags that would also be appreciated. We will be collecting these items July 13 thru 27. - Janette Epp & Marlyce Miller

South Dakota MCC Sale - Volunteers Needed: The MCC Relief Sale is happening on Saturday, July 19, and there are many different ways you can help Salem-Zion support this important fundraiser. Here's what we need:

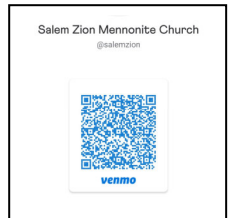
- 6 pies (pie tins are available in the narthex).
- 3 people to help set up (Friday, July 18, 6:00 pm starting with pizza) and 3 people to help take down (approx. 2:30-3:00 pm on Saturday).

Please contact the SZ MCC Sale rep, Maria Paff, with any questions.

Relief Sale Notes:

1. **Friday, July 18, 7pm:** bike ride (registration at 6:30pm). All participants must wear a helmet.
2. **Saturday, July 19, 9-10am:** Bring pies and items for the live auction, silent auction and bake sale **to the Pioneer Hall dining room lobby.**
3. **Saturday, July 19:** Bring your coins for the MY COINS COUNT for the Ethiopia nutrition 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.

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!



Selection ballots for Assistant Sunday School Superintendents are due today, July 6.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for three new flyers from **Everence**.

Community Connections

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet on Wednesday, July 16 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Living God’s Peace: *“Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but those who are kind to the needy honor him.” - Proverbs 14:31*

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