



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

The Light of God's Love

July 7, 2024

"You are the light of the world." - Mt. 5:14a

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Fantasiestucke, Op. 73, No. 1* (Robert Schumann)
Song Without Words, Op. 109 (Felix Mendelssohn)

Welcome and Call to Worship From Psalm 122 Tim Graber

Opening Prayer

* Singing our Praise – *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT #1

* Greeting each other

Children's Story Lacey Friesen

Lighting the Peace Lamp

L: The light shines in the darkness.

P: **And the darkness did not overcome it.**

Offering – Household Treasury

Offertory – *The Swan* (Camille Saint-Saens)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Genesis 1:1-5,14-19, I John 1:5-7

Special Music – Prayer "From Jewish Life", No. 1 (Ernest Bloch)

* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon Ruth Harder

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – *You Are Salt for the Earth* VT #297

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* VT #766

* Blessing

Postlude – *Danse Rustique* (William Henry Squire)

Musicians: Sonja Kraus, cello; Karl Graber, piano

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The stained glass windows are a fixture in our worship space at Salem-Zion. Pastor Ruth Harder has been studying and pondering various stained glass arrangements in worship spaces for some time. How do these windows bring in light and what do they say about who we are as a worshiping community? As we reflect on stained glass windows, we also hear Jesus calling his disciples to be "*the light of the world.*" Welcome!

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

9:00am – Coffee time

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

July 8 (Mon) – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

July 10 (Wed) – Outreach and Service meeting at 7:30pm

July 11 (Thurs) – Deacon's meeting at 7:30pm

July 11-14 (Thurs-Sun) – Youth Service trip to Sienna Francis House in Omaha, NE

July 12 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – July 14

Next Sunday we will continue our Summer Series on the Sermon on the Mount. The theme for the morning is "*Fasting and Prayer*" and the texts are Matthew 6:5-18, Isaiah 58:6-8, and I Thessalonians 5:12-18. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for the SD MCC Relief Sale.

COMING EVENTS

July 14 – Adult SS Lesson: Reflecting on the Land and our Stewardship of it. Marlan Kaufman will be presenting.

July 20 – **MCC Relief Sale** in Freeman

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

Remember to praise God for:

- all the ways friends and neighbors have helped us out with the recent heavy rainfalls.

- all the ways that our country has been able to offer hospitality, healing, and hope to people throughout our history.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Ardelle Schrag.
- those who continue to clean up and rebuild after the recent flooding.
- Josh and Lynelle as they prepare for their move to Indiana.
- our youth group as they anticipate their service trip to Omaha this week. Pray for safety, learning experiences, and a sense of Christ's spirit in their midst.
- Swan Lake Christian Camp as they continue to clean up from flooding. 7th & 8th Grade Camp 2 will be held this week.

Adult Summer Sunday School continues today with Susan Schrag talking about the 1880 Blizzard. 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.

Josh and Lynelle Hofer will be moving to Goshen, Indiana in the near future. As a way of offering care, support, and love to the Hofers, we want to have a Love Offering this Sunday (July 7th) at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Checks, cash, or cards would be appreciated. A basket has been placed in the foyer and you can give as you feel led to help this young family move to their new home.

North Church family: The youth group will be taking much-needed everyday supplies along on its July 11-14 service trip to the Siena Francis House in Omaha and is inviting members of the congregation to participate in this important mission. Totes will be set up in the narthex through **Wednesday morning, July 10** for the collection process. Items welcomed include general hygiene products like toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc., with a **high need** for the following: Towels (can be used), Shaving products (razors, blades, cream), Underwear for men and women. A heartfelt "thank you" in advance. The youth group is eager to show love and service to others through the good work done at Siena Francis House. To learn more about the shelter in Omaha, visit sienafancis.org.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex with **volunteer opportunities for the SD MCC Relief Sale** on July 20.

June Offerings and Gifts: CPMC - \$1,233.00; Household Treasury - \$8,005.00; MCC - \$50.00; MC USA - \$125.00; Outreach and Service - \$200.00.

The Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted in the narthex. The July church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

A friendly reminder to please use the **memo line** on checks written out to Salem-Zion Mennonite Church to designate where you want your donations to go. Thank you!

Community Connections

Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will meet Wednesday, July 10 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Relief Sale Notes:

1. **Friday, July 19, 7pm:** bike ride (registration at 6:30pm)
2. **Saturday, July 20, 9-10 am:** Bring pies and items for the live auction, silent auction and bake sale **to the Pioneer Hall dining room lobby**
3. **Saturday, July 20:** Bring your coins for the MY COINS COUNT for the Bolivia Water 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

Administration Manager (Full-time): Freeman Academy seeks a well-organized self-starter to manage data systems related to student enrollment, faculty certification, and related data. This person also helps organize school meetings and events and assists the Head of School with other tasks as needed. Full benefits, including daycare and tuition discounts, apply. For more information or to apply, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contract Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

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God's Peace found in Christ: "C.S Lewis observed that almost all crimes of Christian history have come about when religion is confused with politics. Politics... allures us to trade away grace for power, a temptation the church has often been unable to resist." – Philip Yancey

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