



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Praying for Enemies”

July 9, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Mavis Ortman

Welcome LeRoy Epp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 62)

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from God my salvation comes.

P: God alone is my rock and my salvation; I shall never be shaken.

L: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him.

P: Power belongs to God and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord!

ALL: For you repay to all according to their work.

Prayer

* Hymn – *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song* VT #496

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Gwen Ortman

Offering – SD MCC Relief Sale

Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 59

Song – *Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands* (vs. 1-4) VT #485

* Gospel Reading Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon Kate Friesen

RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *Help Us to Help Each Other* VT #722

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *The Lord Lift You Up* VT #832

* Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Jesus taught us to love our enemies, but we aren’t always sure how we should do this. As we continue our focus on the Psalms, we are grateful for the ways that the writers yielded their enemies into the care and keeping of God. We welcome Kate Friesen to the pulpit today. We are so glad that you have joined us for worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **SD MCC Relief Sale**.

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 9-14 (Sun-Fri) – 5th and 6th Grade Camp 1 at SLCC

July 10 (Mon) – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

July 12-15 (Wed-Sat) – Pastor Corey and Nancy will be traveling to Kansas for a few days visiting family

July 14 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

July 15 (Sat) – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 65-76) at 7:30am

NEXT SUNDAY – July 16

Next Sunday we continue our Summer of Psalms series. The focus of the morning will be “*Nations Called to Praise*” and the featured scripture will be Psalm 67. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **Community Peacemaker Teams**.

COMING EVENTS

July 22 – SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

August 6 – Nancy and Corey BBQ with music and games; 5:30-8:00pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- David Friesen had surgery on Friday to remove a portion of his colon.
- The youth group and Pastor Corey were able to return after a full week of conference and delegate sessions respectfully.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Rachel Miller.
- David Friesen as he recovers from his recent surgery.

- our camps, Swan Lake Christian Camp and Crooked Creek Christian Camp, and the ministries they provide to young campers and to the families and groups who retreat in their lodging.

Summer of Psalms: If you desire a holy space filled with the profound wonder of reading and hearing the Psalms within the community of faith, come out and join us on a Saturday morning. I invite newcomers to “come and see” as we meet God with the prayers of Psalms.

Preparations for the **Turner County Fair Grandstand Booth** are under way! And there are ways to help out even now. We are in need of a replacement grill, so if anyone has an extra or is willing to lend out theirs for the week we'd greatly appreciate it. We are also looking for donations of ground beef for the nachos/chili dogs. Contact Andre Eisenbeis or Sherilyn Ortman if you are able to help in any of these ways.

Rachel Miller's June **MVS newsletter** has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for **volunteers for the SD MCC Relief Sale**. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

Relief Sale Notes:

- **Friday, July 21, 7pm:** bike ride (registration at 6:30pm)
- **Saturday, July 22, 9-10 am (new delivery time this year):** Bring pies and items for the live auction, silent auction and bake sale **to the Pioneer Hall dining room**
- **Saturday, July 22:** Remember to bring your coins for the MY COINS COUNT school desk project
- **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
- The entire Saturday event will take place in the Pioneer Hall dining hall

A **letter** from Nathan Luitjens, CPMC Executive Conference Minister, and Susan Janzen, CM for Ministerial Leadership, has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Claiming Christ's Peace: “Healing is a journey for all of us. There are no quick fixes. We make mistakes. We hurt other people with our choices. We break relationships. But, God is there. God is calling us toward restoration.” - Iris de Leon-Hartshorn, associate executive director of Mennonite Church USA

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