



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

August 1, 2021

Joy Unites

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Austin Unruh

Welcome and Bringing Peace Amy Kaufman

Call to Worship (Psalm 63:1-3)

L: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**P: My flesh faints for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

L: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**P: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

L: So I will bless you as long as I live.

**P: I will lift up my hands and call on your name!**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *Brethren, we have met to worship* HWB #8

Celebrating our Mission with *The Household Treasury*

## PROCLAIMING

Children’s Story Lynelle Hofer

\* Gospel Text John 17:20-23

Song – *We are one in the spirit* VT #387 (screen)

Scripture Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon – “United even in Conflict” Corey Miller

Song – *Together* VT #389 (insert)

## RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *God of grace and God of Glory* HWB #366

Benediction

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Even the Body of Christ has differences, but when do those differences divide the Body and when are they seen as part of the rich diversity within the Body? In our Joy Ride with Paul today, we are invited to see that Joy Unites. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us. Welcome.

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

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

(No 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class today, Aug. 1)

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

**Aug. 7 (Sat)** – Comforter Blitz in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 9:00 a.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY – August 8

Next Sunday we conclude our series on “*Joy Ride*” based on the book of Philippians. The theme for Sunday is “Joy Rides On” and the text is Philippians 4:9-23. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*.

### **Please join us for Miller Barbecue, August 8 from 5:30-8:30pm**

Everyone is invited to our yard for music, food, games and a whole lot of fellowship. We missed so many things last year, so make plans to come out for an enjoyable evening. Bring your lawn chairs and be prepared to have fun! Special musical guests include a tremendously gifted quartet and a highly talented trio. Come and see who these musicians are! 😊

### COMING EVENTS

**Aug. 8** – Miller BBQ, 5:30-8:30pm

**Aug. 9** – Special Ad Board Envisioning Meeting, 7:30pm

**Aug. 22** – Salem-Zion Worship at the Arboretum in Freeman, 10:00am

**Aug. 29** – *Voices Together* Launch at Salem-Zion, 10:30am

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Hilda Kaufman moved from Salem Home to Oakview Terrace. She is now in room 436A.

- Dorothy Preheim recently moved to a new room at Oakview Terrace. Her room is 103A.

- Virginia Graber recently was placed on Hospice Care. Virginia remains in room 329.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Virginia, Dorothy and Hilda in the recent changes they have experienced. May they feel God's love holding them.
- our youth as they prepare for their Fundraising Event at the Turner County Fair.
- all who struggle with mental health, depression and suicidal thoughts. God uses doctors, counselors, church friends, deacons, pastors and many others to help offer hope.
- rain for God's good earth, so that crops, pastures and gardens can produce.
- those who are most vulnerable in our communities. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us-- and may we be willing to heed God's call.

**Reflecting on our Violent Past**

Last spring, nearly 1000 unmarked graves of indigenous children were discovered on the grounds of former Canadian boarding schools. Since then, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior looked into our country's history with U.S. Boarding schools to try and find unmarked graves. South Dakota had 25 Indian boarding schools at one time and Canton, SD was home to the nation's only insane asylum for Native Americans, called *Hiawatha Indian Insane Asylum*. What happened at this facility was unconscionable. KELOLAND told a portion of the story in the news this week of what happened in Canton. I would urge you to go and listen to the story.

*Lord, give us courage to face our violent past, forgiveness in our complicity, and strength to make things right.*

**WHAT: Comforter Blitz**

WHEN: August 7 starting at 9:00 am

WHERE: Salem-Zion Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall

WHO: You, all of you, your family and friends

WHY: Provide comfort to those in need in the Name of Christ.

SKILLS NEEDED: Square knot tying, attention to detail. Instruction provided.

DETAILS: There are many comforters to tie. Please bring a sack lunch if you plan to stay through to the afternoon. Please, no food or drink near the comforters.

QUESTIONS: Contact Elizabeth Janssen

Michael Van Diepen is the new **SD MCC Relief Sale Treasurer** and the new address to receive your donations by mail is: SD MCC Relief Sale, PO Box 536, Tea, SD 57064. A big thank you to Barb Yoder who has been the Treasurer since the relief sale started here in Freeman. Also, a big thank you for your support of the recent relief sale. You will be able to see a financial report when that becomes available.

The Turkey Ridge 'N Valley band will be sponsoring a **benefit concert for the MCC Relief Sale** on August 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Prairie Arboretum Amphitheater. A freewill offering will be taken. You can come and go as you desire.

**Living into God's Peace:**

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." - *Desmond Tutu*

**Zoom Adult Sunday School**

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

**Livestream link for Sunday morning worship**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBaAS3A>

**Pastor Corey Miller**

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Tues.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. - Noon

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## **Church Library**

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### **Yongie Wondernose**

By Marguerite de Angeli

Seven-year-old Yonie is a wondernose because he can't keep his nose out of anything and is always getting into trouble. When his parents go away overnight, he's left as the man of the house and promised a special reward if he can keep himself and the farm out of trouble. But that night a bad storm brings trouble--the kind that not even a full-grown man could handle easily. (*Ages 6-13*)

### **The Great American Book of Church Signs**

By Donald Seitz

Church signs are a part of the American cultural landscape. Church signs are meant to challenge as well as change. They confront their readers to live better lives, to love more deeply, to pray more often. Church signs act like powerful magnets, drawing us in for a closer look, for a sacred moment of reflection.

Every sign tells its own story, revealing wisdom, wit and faith. In some photos, the words say it all, in others, the message is in the photograph's details. (*A picture book for youth & adults*)

### **Up from the Rubble**

By Peter and Elfrieda Dyck

This is the story of one man's unique journey around the world, in the name of human connection, peace, and active nonviolence. Readers can re-live those incredible days following World War II when the Dycks helped Mennonite refugees escape from war-torn Europe and find new homes in South America and Canada. In addition to the epic story, the book contains many photos. (*Youth and adults*)

### **Invited: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness**

By Leslie Verner

In *Invited*, writer Leslie Verner says True hospitality is not clean, comfortable, or controlled. It is an invitation to enter a sacred space together with friends and strangers. Verner shares stories of life around the table and how hospitality is at the heart of Christian community. *Invited* will empower you to get to know your neighbors. Holy hospitality requires more of Jesus

and less of us. It leads not only to loving the stranger but to becoming the stranger. (*Adult*)

### **Quills**

By Aaron Ratzlaff

Porcupine loves her life until one day her quills fall out in handfuls. She hides in shame and fear that no one can love her anymore. Enter her friend giraffe with a special gift. Thankfully God gives us friends and family who love us unconditionally. (*Pre-school early elementary*)