



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

## “Noticing the Presence of God” August 13, 2023

Prelude	Sheila Epp
Welcome	Malynda Penner
Lighting the Peace Lamp	
Call to Worship	
L: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place.	
<b>P: Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.</b>	
L: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.	
<b>P: Our lives need moments of rest.</b>	
L: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.	
<b>P: Praise God who offers to us a shelter and rest.</b>	
Gathering Prayer	
* Song – <i>Morning Has Broken</i>	VT #495
* Greeting each other	
Hearing the Scriptures	Psalm 89:20-37
Offering – Central Plains Mennonite Conference	
Offertory	
Song – <i>Quietly, Peacefully</i>	VT #533
Hearing the Gospel	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Song – <i>God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song</i> (to be read)	VT #539
Message – “Noticing and Sharing the Presence of God”	
Prayer response to message	
Children’s Story	Lacey Friesen
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
* Sending Song – <i>Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee</i>	VT #573
* Benediction	
Postlude	

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

This morning’s theme is “Noticing the Presence of God.” We are so glad that you have joined us for worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

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

**Aug. 13-17 (Sun-Thurs)** – Turner County Fair grandstand booth

**Aug. 18 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

**Aug. 19 (Sat)** – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 125-136) at 7:30am

**Aug. 19 (Sat)** – Rachel Miller will share about her MVS experience in San Francisco at 7:30pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – August 20

Next Sunday’s theme is “*Unity*” and the text is Psalm 133.

Next week the offering is for **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary**.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Paul & Darlene Engbrecht.
- students, teachers and staff who are preparing to begin school. May God bless their learning and may they both receive and reflect the love of God in their school settings. We pray also for our church-related schools, Freeman Academy and Hillcrest Academy.

Everyone is invited to come listen and learn about **Rachel Miller's experience with MVS** (Mennonite Voluntary Service) in San Francisco on Saturday, August 19 at 7:30pm. There will be light refreshments served afterwards.

**Adult Sunday school teachers:** *Salt and Light* leader guides are now available for the fall quarter. Pick up your copy in the church office at your convenience.

We are encouraging **singers to join the choir** for the last Sunday in August. We'll have a short rehearsal Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30pm. Sunday, August 27, will also be the final "Psalm" Sunday theme celebrated with lots of varied music and praise. Please join us.

## Community Connections

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Donate your best pie to the **Turner County Fair Contest** to support your local food pantries. Many prizes to win, for more information check the poster on the bulletin board. Bring your best tasting pie, not best looking. Thank you, from the Pie Committee.

**MDS REQUEST:** SD MDS is looking for volunteers to help with siding and window replacement for homes of Native Americans that were damaged in a hail and windstorm in Red Lake, MN. The project date is August 27-September 2. Transportation, meals, and lodging will be provided. Please contact LeRoy Pullman (605-660-1014) or Karl Ries (605-261-0703) if you are able to assist.

**MCC SCHOOL KITS:** Throughout the month of August our church will be collecting items for MCC School Kits. There will be a box in the narthex in which you may put your items when you come to church. These are the items and the amounts that are required for each kit:

- 4 spiral or perforated pages notebooks (70 pages each)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat must indicate 30 cm, inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes)
- Kit bags

Cash donations for purchasing items may be given to Marlyce Miller, Janette Epp or by check made out to Salem-Zion with 'school kits' written in the memo line. By donating items like notebooks and pencils, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God's love with children around the world.

**Women of all ages welcome!** All women are invited to this year's CPMC Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg, SD, on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17. We are excited to have as our speaker Sara Dick, who most recently was General Manager of the Et Cetera Shop in Newton (KS) and before that was pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. The theme of her presentations will be "Joining God's holy work of liberation through rest, recreation, and repair." Retreat will be a time of rest and relaxation interspersed with the opportunity of interest sessions, worship and singing, canoeing or kayaking, eating homemade meals, and catching up on sleep in restful lodging (all linens provided). Cost to attend is \$95, beginning with coffee, rolls, and fruit at 9am on Saturday and ending with Sunday noon meal. Register online at [myslcc.org/register](http://myslcc.org/register) or (605) 326-5690. More information is on Facebook at Central Plains Mennonite Women or by emailing Elisabeth Harder Schrock at [eharderschrock@gmail.com](mailto:eharderschrock@gmail.com).

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