



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Youth Sunday
August 18, 2024

“The face, hands and feet of Christ”

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude Sheila Epp

Welcome Estelle Waltner

Call to Worship

Lighting the Peace Lamp

L: The light shines in the darkness.

P: And the darkness did not overcome it.

Opening Prayer

* Hymns of Praise – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* VT #88
Come, Thou Fount VT #563

* Greeting each other

Children’s story/Backpack Blessing/Bible presentation
Oliver Waltner with Sheila Epp and Malynda Penner

Offering – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Readings 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 5:1-3 Sam Waltner

Sharing Liam Ortman

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 Ben Clark

Siena Francis House report

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response – *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT #778

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* 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

Our youth served in Omaha, Nebraska this summer and we are blessed to hear of their experiences today in our worship. Praise God for our youth, for their energy and faith. Welcome to our worship time!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary**.

9:00am – Coffee time

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Aug. 20 (Tues) – Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm

Aug. 21 (Wed) – Board of Education meeting at 7:00pm
Deacons’ meeting at 8:00pm

Aug. 23 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – August 25

Next Sunday we will continue our series on the Sermon on the Mount. The theme will be *“Building Right”* and the scripture texts are Mt. 7:24-28, Is. 28:16-17, Eph. 2:19-21 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Swan Lake Christian Camp.

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 25 – Our last summer SS class: Ethnic Foods that have sustained us.
Fellowship Hall at 9am for coffee time.

– **Movie Night at Salem Church at 7:00pm. “The Radicals.”**

Sept. 1 – Worship at the Arboretum in Freeman. 10:30am with a potluck meal to follow. Bring lawnchairs and blankets.

Sept. 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

Happenings over the past week:

- Lori Ortman’s mother Darlene died last Sunday. Darlene’s funeral service was held on Saturday, August 17.

Remember to praise God for:

- all the faithful service given at the county fair this past week. Tons of hours and loads of conversations create a bond within community.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Helen Tieszen.
- Lori and Mark Ortman and their families in the death of Lori's mother Darlene.
- 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.

Adult Summer Sunday School continues today with the 150th Anniversary Planning Team leading a session on "Where do we go from here?" Make plans to join us for these last few sessions as we prepare for the 150th anniversary. Coffee on at 9:00am.

Our congregations will share a **meal** following the joint service on September 8, at North Church. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will be looking for donations of kuchen, poppyseed rolls, pies, and homemade dill and beet pickles. Please bring a salad for the meal such as potato salad, cabbage slaw, cucumber salad, or a seasonal favorite to accompany our ethnic meal of sausage and cheese pockets. All food donations should be brought to the Salem-Zion kitchen the morning of the meal before the worship service. Please contact Polly Waltner with questions. Thank you!!

All singers are invited to join us for a special choir performance on September 8th, 2024, at 7 PM in Pioneer Hall in Freeman. This event will be the grand finale of our 150th anniversary celebration of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites settling in the greater Freeman area. The choir will be directed by Dan Graber and there will be two rehearsals -- Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 7 PM, and Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7 at 2 PM. We will also be singing at the joint Sunday morning service at Salem-Zion Mennonite on Sept. 8th. We welcome EVERYONE to join us in this celebration of our musical heritage. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/150Choir> to sign up. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Then help us spread the word by sharing this link with others who might be interested in joining us. We look forward to singing with you in September!

MCC has sent updates for making **comforters**. Copies are available in the narthex, or you can contact the church office if you'd like the information emailed to you.

Community Connections

Joan Mueller Peters and Lisa Mueller Howard will share details about their research and the process of writing their book "**Katy: The Little Rose from**

Ukraine" in a program this afternoon, Sunday, Aug. 18. The program will begin at 3 p.m. at the Interpretive Center at the Freeman Prairie Arboretum adjacent to HHM&A, which is sponsoring the presentation. The sisters grew up in the Freeman community hearing stories from their father, Bruce. They began imagining what it would have been like living through the challenges and adversities their forebears experienced. That led to their decision to write a book, described as historical fiction and geared for readers aged about 8 to 13. It tells the immigration story through the eyes of Katy, their great-grandfather's oldest sister. They will have a book signing at the HHM&A Mercantile from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Admission to the program includes the opportunity to tour the museum before and after the Sunday program – 1 to 5 p.m.

Freeman Academy invites you to attend our annual **Opening Convocation, Sunday, August 18th**. Come enjoy a hot dog picnic on the lawn between the Link and the Admin Building beginning at 6:00pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and visit with new and returning families, as well as the greater FA community. At 7:00pm, we will have a time of worship through music and prayer along with staff introductions and scholarship awards for the 2024-2025 school year. Please join us in this special tradition to get our school year off to a great start!

The **Et Cetera Shoppe** will be hosting Kraft Pillow Service on Friday, August 23, beginning at 9 a.m. This traveling service completely sanitizes the contents of used feather pillows, and places them in brand new ticking pillowcases. Pillows can also be "plumped" with additional feathers. Cleaning for foam pillows is available as well. The process can be done in approximately an hour. Following Kraft Pillow Service's visit, the Et Cetera Shoppe will have brand new feather pillows available for purchase for as long as supplies last. Proceeds from the cleaning of your pillows, as well as the sale of new pillows, go directly to support the relief and development work of Mennonite Central Committee! For more information, please call the shop at 925-7098.

Freeman Academy is hosting a **planned giving seminar** for its constituents and all who are interested, facilitated by Rose Shetler (FA Director of Strategic Development) and presented by Lyle Miller (Everence Foundation). Tuesday, August 27 OR Thursday, August 29, 7-8:30pm at the Prairie Arboretum Visitor Center. Additional information has been posted in the narthex.

God's Peace in Jesus: "When Christianity is working, what we care about is the neighbor. When Christianity is not working, what we care about is Christianity." - John Thatamanil

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