



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

27844 443rd Ave. Freeman, SD 57029
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August 19, 2018

Stewardship of Time

“...You are my God. My times are in your hands...” – Psalm 31:15

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – <i>Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	arr. Manz
Choral Call to Worship - <i>I owe my Lord a morning song</i>	
Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp	Tim Waltner
Call to Worship	
Opening Prayer	

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn – <i>Holy, holy, holy!</i>	HWB #120
Greetings and Announcements	
Children’s Story	Lynelle Hofer
(as children come forward) “ <i>I will stand in the congregation</i> ” (v. 1) SS #113	
Testimony	Hannah Miller
Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference	
Offertory Prayer	
Offertory – <i>Adagio</i>	Marcello

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 9:11-12
Special Music – <i>River in Judea</i>	Kyle & Polly Waltner family
Gospel Reading	Luke 5:15-16, 29-32
Sermon – “Managing the time given to us”	Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – <i>O God, our help in ages past</i> (vv. 1,4,5,6)	HWB #328
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
* Sending Song – <i>Teach me thy truth</i>	HWB #548
* Benediction	
Postlude – <i>Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele</i>	Walther

* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Time is a gift from God given to each of us. How we manage time in ways that honor God and build up the church is the question for us all. Are we ever called to “waste time” so we can be more fully present to God? We are so glad that you have taken time to worship with us today. Welcome to Salem-Zion Mennonite!

Greeters: Nancy and Hannah Miller; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Nursery Care:** Malynda & Jay Penner

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
 2:00-4:00 p.m. – Allen & Ardelle Schrag’s open house

“Celebrating Giving”

This week’s offering supports the ministry of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Our gifts aid the conference in paying salaries, assist in resourcing congregations, church plants, a ministry partnership in Venezuela and Ecuador, peace and justice issues, and many more ministries in the Upper Midwest.

THIS WEEK

Aug. 22 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – Baptismal candidates will meet with deacons and parents to share their faith statements in anticipation of their baptism.
 Aug. 25 (Sat) 10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Vera Schrag
 Aug. 25 Retreat activities begin at Swan Lake Christian Camp

NEXT SUNDAY – August 26

Next Sunday we will conclude our theme “*Stewarding Our Lives*” by reflecting on the land on which we live. There will be no worship services held at 27844 443rd Ave, but Salem-Zion will be gathering at **Swan Lake Christian Camp** for our worship time. We will celebrate believers baptism at 9:00am, cinnamon rolls and coffee will be at 10:00am and our worship will be at 10:30am, with communion offered. Lunch is at noon. The focus of the whole weekend will be Stewarding God’s Earth. The texts are Genesis 2:4b-8, 15 and Luke 12:42-48. S. Roy Kaufman will be preaching as well as

providing input on Saturday. Sunday morning's offering will support our Deacon Sharing Fund.

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 29 Joint meeting of deacons and administrative boards at the South Church at 7:00 p.m. Similar to the meeting last held in 2015, this will be a time to reflect on our shared ministries together.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- LeRoy Epp was released on Monday from the hospital and will have more testing in the upcoming week.
- Many volunteers helped serve at the fair this past week.
- Nick and Sonja Schrag welcomed the birth of their firstborn son Olan on Wed. morning. He was 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 20.5 in. Everyone is doing well.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Verda Schrag.
- Leroy Epp as he yearns for increased strength and health again.
- Vera Schrag's family as they remember their mother's faithful life.
- our children as they head back to school this week.

Remember to thank God for:

- all the ways that we grow in our relationships by working together.
- Allen & Ardelle's gift of love through many seasons.
- the gift of Olan Johann Schrag. The rosebud is in honor of him.

Allen & Ardelle Schrag invite the congregation to an open house to help celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary, in the North Church fellowship hall this afternoon, August 19th from 2:00-4:00. No gifts. Greetings may be sent to: 502 Tieszen Drive, Marion, SD 57043.

Devotionals for 14 Scriptures: Please consider writing some reflections on any one of the 14 scriptures and send them to Corey at his email. **October 1** is the cutoff date (only 2 months left). Thanks so much!

There is a card to sign in the narthex for the outgoing pastor of Shalom Mennonite, Adam Nussbaum, and his wife Fjaere Nussbaum. Paul and Charity will be taking this card and a canvas print of our church bell tower as a farewell gift this coming weekend to the quarterly reps meeting and potluck. If anyone is interested in joining us for this visit next weekend please be in contact.

PATHWAYS study coming in September! From the Future Church Summit that happened at the delegate assembly in Orlando in 2017,

Mennonite Church USA is encouraging all churches to study the *Pathways* curriculum that endeavors to move us forward as a church. At Salem-Zion, we will have a series of Wednesday night meetings where we will look at this together (**September 5, 12, 19, 26**) and then on Sunday mornings, we will be highlighting the themes from the previous Wednesday night. It should be a good month of Bible study, discernment, worship and growing together!

Community Connections

Freeman Academy Convocation: All parents, students and community members are invited to attend school opening activities Sunday evening, August 19. The evening begins with a lite picnic supper served in the Link from 5:30-6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will gather in Pioneer Hall for a service of blessing for the new school year. All faculty and staff will be introduced along with new students. Hope to see you there!

Urgent Request: The MDS volunteer coordinator is asking for 5 workers for the week of Aug. 26-Sept. 1 to go to Pine Ridge. One of the newly constructed MDS houses has been severely damaged from recent storms. If you can help with this effort please contact Dennis Ries at 605-925-7788 or LeRoy Pullman at 605-660-1014.

Creating Hope -- Discover MEDA's inspiring and sustainable approach to alleviating poverty in over 60 countries. Learn more about what connects you with fellow farmers and entrepreneurs around the world. On **Tues., Aug. 28**, enjoy homemade ice cream from Berrybrook Organics and casual conversation with MEDA staff, including senior director of resource development, Mike Miller, associate development officer and Freeman native Vanessa Hofer, and MEDA supporter Bob Engbrecht. Join us! 7pm at the Prairie Arboretum Interpretive Center. To RSVP, contact Vanessa at vhofer@meda.org or text 605.321.1884.

Practicing the Peace of Christ:

"Peace begins with a smile." - Mother Teresa

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