



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**August 25, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Swan Lake Christian Camp**  
**Greed/Generosity**

*“...God loves a cheerful giver.” - II Cor. 9:7*

## **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude Sherilyn Ortman  
Welcome and Announcements Corey Miller

Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer (from Isaiah 55)

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

**P: Seek the Lord in the empty places, in the wilderness of your life, among those who also seek him.**

L: Seek the Lord, and he shall be found.

**P: And it will be enough.**

Songs of Praise – *I owe the Lord a morning song* HWB #651  
*Come and see* HWB #20  
*Great is the Lord* HWB #87

Children’s Time Lyle Miller

## **DISORIENTED and REORIENTED TOWARDS GOD’S LOVE**

Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

Song – *Shepherd me, O God* HWB #519

Epistle Reading II Corinthians 9:6-11

Sermon – “From Greed to Generosity” Lyle Miller

Song – *God, whose giving* HWB #383

Prayer of confession and words of assurance

## **NEWLY ORIENTED LOVE FOR GENEROUS LIVING**

Circle of Gratitude (What I am grateful for this day)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Offering our gifts – Swan Lake Christian Camp/large pink erasers for MCC school kits

Song – *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* HWB #324

\* Song – *There’s a wideness in God’s mercy* HWB #145

\* Benediction

\* 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**

Snakes and Ladders! Greed is not just a matter of desire, but also a matter of idolatry. Greed is a worship of money and wealth for its own sake.

Generosity is the opposite of greed. In releasing that which could control us, we return our trust to God.

We welcome Lyle Miller from Everence to our worship space this morning at Swan Lake Christian Camp. We are so glad that you are here to worship.

**Noon** – potluck meal at camp; please bring your own table service

### **“Celebrating Giving”**

The offering received this morning is for Swan Lake Christian Camp. SLCC has provided a way to minister to many children and adults over the years. Thank you for supporting this local ministry.

### **THIS WEEK**

Aug. 27 (Tues) Workday at Lawrence Waltner’s farm

Aug. 28 (Wed) 7:30 p.m. – Deacons meeting at church

Aug. 29 (Thurs) 7:30 p.m. – Outreach and Service Committee meeting

### **NEXT SUNDAY – Sept. 1**

Next Sunday we continue our *Snakes and Ladders* series (7 deadly sins and holy virtues) by reflecting on **Gluttony/Temperance**. The scripture texts will be Ecc. 6:7-9, Phil. 3:17-21 and Luke 16:19-25. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

**Greeters:** Gary & Gloria Graber; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Special Music:** James Schrag; **Offering:** Household Treasury

### **COMING EVENTS**

Sept. 4 – Worship Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 21-22 – Women’s Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp

## **Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News**

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

- The Ad Board met yesterday morning for a working retreat on the topic of money and stewardship with Lyle Miller. Ask board members what highlights they experienced at the retreat.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.
- our new conference ministers, Susan Janzen and Amanda Bleichty as they begin their ministry at CPMC. Pray also for Marcia Yoder Schrock and Firman Gingerich, as they lead in an interim role.
- the beginning of a new school year for our students, teachers and helpers.
- generous hearts to grow our lives into vessels of gracious love.

### Remember to thank God for:

- the hopefulness that comes with a new school year. Praise God for the gift of learning!
- all the items that have been donated for MCC school kits. May these kits enhance learning around the world.
- God's generous love that is lavishly poured out over us every day, beyond what we can imagine.
- the work of our current and former Central Plains Mennonite Conference pastors, including Rosie Epp, former pastor of Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who celebrates the 40th anniversary of her ordination this weekend.

**Church Office:** Lisa will be on vacation from Wednesday, August 28 through Monday, September 2. Thank you to Charity Ortman for filling in.

Sign up now for **Women's Retreat** at Swan Lake Christian Camp Sept. 21-22. Together we will explore the book of Jonah using multiple senses and scriptural engagement practices. There will also be special interest sessions, good food, opportunity for being out in nature, fellowship, and so much more. You can register directly on the camp website ([www.myslcc.com/register](http://www.myslcc.com/register)) or call their office at (605) 326-5690. More information is also available on facebook on the Central Plains Mennonite Women page. **Please register by Sept. 9!**

**Flandreau Donations...**Donations for Flandreau will be delivered the last week of August. Please refer to the "**Donation List**" that was in your church bulletin a few weeks ago. Have donations to Gary Graber's garage by August 27. Any monetary gifts should be mailed to the address listed on the "Donation List."

**Praying for the Holy Spirit:** *"Come Holy Spirit, Come. Fill the hearts of thy faithful people and kindle in us the fire of thy love."*

## Community Connections

**Rural Revival** will meet on Monday, August 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman. Come and hear about the Freeman Community Garden and the work being done in partnership with Bethany Food Pantry. All are invited to attend.

**From SD MDS Coordinators:** The Burke, SD area was recently struck by a tornado. It damaged not only the town, but also nearby rural areas. SD MDS has received a request from a farmer north of Burke asking for assistance in cleaning up tornado debris in a 50 acre pasture. Weather permitting, we are planning to respond on Tuesday, Sept. 3. We hope for a van full, leaving the Freeman Shopping Center parking lot at 7 AM. Wear gloves and good shoes. The noon lunch will be provided. Please contact Dennis Ries (605-759-4312) or LeRoy Pullman (605-660-1014) if you are able to help. Thank you.

**The Et Cetera Shoppe** is seeking a volunteer to join our team of clothing steamers. This person is assigned one week each month that is "their week" to use the clothing steamer to smooth wrinkled clothing before it hits the sales floor. It usually involves coming to the shop two-three times that week, for a couple of hours each time, and can be scheduled at YOUR convenience. If you have ever thought that you'd volunteer at the shop "someday" – maybe this is the time! Please call the shop at 925-7098 and talk to Kris or Anita to express your interest. Come join the fun, and make a real difference in a needy world!

Word has been received that **Dr. Roland Brown**, age 93, recently passed away. Dr. Brown and his wife were life-time medical missionaries in Taiwan. Visitation with the Brown family will be held on August 25th from 1-5 p.m. at the Peterson Funeral home. The Memorial service will take place on September 14th, 11:00 a.m., at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

**Seeking God's Peace in our Journey:** *"The Gospel alone liberates you to live a life of scandalous generosity, unrestrained sacrifice, uncommon valor, and unbounded courage."* - Tullian Tchividjian

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