



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Created to Praise God!”
August 27, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Michelle Fink (Harp)
Choral Call to Worship Choir
Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Sheila Epp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

L: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.

P: Let us worship the Lord with gladness;

L: Let us come into God’s presence with singing.

P: God, You are the Holy One our Lord. It is You who made us, and we are Yours; we are Your people, and the sheep of Your pasture.

L: We enter Your gates with thanksgiving, and Your courts with praise.

We give thanks to You, we bless Your holy name.

All: For You are good; Your steadfast love endures forever, and Your faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* VT #95

* Greeting each other

* Hymn – *Come, We That Love* VT #31

Praising with Psalm 150 Sheila and helpers

Children’s Story Board of Education

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the NT Scriptures Colossians 3:12-17, Revelation 5:11-14

Anthem – *Thanks be to God* (Greene/Pote) Choir

* Hearing the Gospel Luke 19:37-40

Meditation – “Praise without Pause” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* (a cappella) VT #131

Offering – Swan Lake Christian Camp

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VT #847

* Benediction

* Choral Benediction – *Christ, we do all adore thee* (DuBois)

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

All of creation is called to Praise God. As we conclude our summer series on the Psalms, we end with emphatic praise to our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God throughout all seasons and to all generations! We are blessed that you have chosen to add your voice to the praise we give to God this wondrous day. Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Swan Lake Christian Camp.**

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

Sept. 1 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – September 3

Next Sunday we begin our Fall series “*God’s Faithful Community*”, based off of Tim Detweiler’s book on covenant practices. The focus of the morning will be “*Covenant People*” and the scriptures include Genesis 15:1-21, Luke 22:14-20, and Hebrews 8:6-13. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury.**

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 6 – Youth Group meeting. Kickoff to the new year with food and fellowship! Time TBD

Sept. 10 – Church Retreat at SLCC (3pm – 6pm)

Sept. 11 – Ad Board meeting at 7:00pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Susan Schrag began her radiation treatment last week and is beginning to feel the effects of her tumor shrinking.

- *Anabaptist World* came out this past week with several articles on Christian Nationalism. It would be good for us as a congregation to read over this issue and become better informed about this issue in our time.

- We met for the last time on Saturday morning for our Psalms readings and reflections. I hope these prayers continue to guide us as we live our lives in following Jesus.

- Rachel Miller flew back to San Francisco on Saturday to begin her second year of service with Mennonite Voluntary Service.

Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of music and how voices and instruments help us to praise God!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.
- Susan as she begins her treatments.
- our sister churches in Eastern Iowa: First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union and Wellman Mennonite Churches.

Being God's Faithful Community: A Covenant of Spiritual Practices for Central Plains:

Over the next two months, our Sunday morning worship will be reflecting on what it means to be a Faithful Community and what are the practices that help us in growing together. Tim Detweiler's book is available for purchase or you can download it from the CPMC website. Go to "CPMC at Work: Covenant" and you'll find the link to download or order the book. Lisa will make a few copies as well and they will be on the table in the foyer.

Life Information Sheets: I would encourage everyone to fill out the yellow Life Information Sheets in your mailboxes. This is helpful information in planning for funerals/memorial services. Once completed, please return to Pastor Corey (place in his church mailbox or email a copy to him at corey.miller@gwtc.net) and he will hold in a confidential file.

What a joy it has been to worship and share together during LOFT this summer - Praise God for all who presented/shared experiences, all who made, served, and cleaned up coffee/fellowship time, and all who attended! Our regular **Faith Formation classes** will resume Sunday, September 3 at 9:30. The Jr Classes will be: Preschool/Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd-4th Grade, and 5th-8th Grade. The adult classes will be: Fellowship Hall class, Fellowship South class, NE Corner classroom and the HS will meet in the youth room. Teachers are preparing and excited to share the good news of Christ with you! ALL are welcome to join a Sunday School class. If you are interested in teaching or leading an adult, HS, or Jr Sunday School class just ask Sheila Epp or Beth Bontrager.

Join the MCC School Kit Challenge: Bring your school kit items and bags to church (box in narthex) during the month of **August**. Cash donations for purchasing items can be given to Marlyce Miller, Janette Epp or by check to Salem-Zion with 'school kits' in the memo line. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies.

College students: Please submit your contact information (address, phone number, email) to the church office (saalemzion@gwtc.net) by the end of August for inclusion in the annual college listing.

SALEM-ZION CHURCH RETREAT at Swan Lake Christian Camp

All are welcome to enjoy conversation, laughter, activities and food.

When: September 10

Time: 3:00 PM Activities – swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, disc golf, volleyball, bocce ball

4:30 PM "Faspa" is the Low German word for a gathering of family and friends for a light meal and fellowship. Please bring sandwiches, salads and sweets to share together in the dining hall. Dinnerware, coffee and water will be provided.

5:30 PM Campfire and singing led by Pastor Corey

Lillie and Andre Eisenbeis welcomed Willa June into their family on August 12. As a church, let's show them our love and support by supplying some **meals** for them. To arrange a time to take a meal, here is their contact information: Lillie (605) 660-1701; Andre (605) 744-9610. If they can't answer the phone right away, please leave a message. Thank you!

"I have started my radiation treatments that will go until September 21 on a daily basis at 10:30 for 15 minutes. Later in October I will have surgery to remove the tumor. I could use a **driver** on Wednesdays and Fridays if you have time. If you are interested in sending a **meal**, please call my cell, 605-351-8685. Please do not contact Reed or the land line. It is difficult for Reed to remember who called. It is also hard to write down notes. Thank you for your prayers, your arm hugs, pats on the back, and your well wishes." – Susan Schrag

Those who have accepted the position of Assistant Adult Superintendent are Elizabeth Janssen and Assistant Junior SS Superintendent, Malynda Penner. The Selection Committee is starting to work on compiling the **Fall selection ballot**. If you no longer wish to serve in a certain position please let one of the committee members know by Sept. 3. Those on the committee are Clara Graber, Malynda Penner, and Tim Graber.

Church office hours: Lisa may not be in the office throughout the regular church office hours on Thursday, August 31. The bulletin deadline remains unchanged.

For information regarding the upcoming **CPMC Women's Retreat** at Swan Lake Christian Camp, please see the bulletin board in the narthex or go to Facebook at Central Plains Mennonite Women or email Elisabeth Harder Schrock at ehardschrock@gmail.com.

You are invited to attend the **South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting** on September 10, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Salem (South) Mennonite Church in rural Freeman. Lana Tieszen, Region 3 MDS Assistant Director, will share about Region 3.

Community Connections

Host Family Opportunity: Are you interested in being a Host Family for Freeman Academy Students during the 2023-2024 school year? Contact Jason Mehlhaf or Troy True at Enrollment@FreemanAcademy.org for more information or to sign up!

Freeman Academy launches Cultivate 120 – A new Fundraising Campaign: Freeman Academy is thrilled to announce Cultivate 120, our new fundraising effort that will run throughout this school year. The campaign celebrates the 120th anniversary of our school and our commitment to Christian education. It began on Monday August 21, 2023 and will conclude May 31, 2024. The success of Cultivate 120 relies heavily on the support of both current and new donors. Our goal at Freeman Academy is to secure \$900,000 over the next 9 months. All donations and campaign contributions will focus on the following needs: to retain and recruit highly qualified teachers and personnel, to grow student enrollment, to provide new curriculum and technology for students, to make campus improvements, and to offer tuition assistance. Cultivate 120 will consist of new events, expansions on current events, requests for your support, and a call to action for current parents of students, and past alumni to help keep the transformative experience at Freeman Academy growing for years to come. For more information or a list of frequently asked questions on Cultivate 120, please visit Freeman Academy at <https://freemanacademy.org/ways-to-give/cultivate120>. Follow us on Facebook or LinkedIn and look for more updates in various articles in surrounding papers, church bulletins, and other media outlets such as radio and TV. If you have questions or want to get involved, please contact Eric Hartel, Development Director at 605-925-4237 x235 OR via email at development@freemanacademy.org. This is truly an exciting opportunity for Freeman Academy to expand its reach and to engage the town of Freeman and surrounding South Dakota communities with our school's long legacy of providing a quality, Christian-based education.

Freeman Academy is seeking a responsible person to work as a **part-time kitchen assistant**, up to two (2) days per week. Responsibilities will include assisting the kitchen director with lunch preparation, and eventually handling lunch preparation independently. For more information or to apply, contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org or 605.925.4237.

AIMM Gathering: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission Co-Executive Coordinator John Fumana, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is visiting North America, and several events have been planned for him to share about the ministry of our Anabaptist/Mennonite brothers and sisters in Africa with whom AIMM works. All are invited to meet John and his wife Lucie and to hear from John. The event in Freeman will be at the Prairie Arboretum Interpretive Center on September 13th at 7:30 PM.

Praying God's Peace Continually: "The great thing, and the only thing, is to adore and praise GOD." – Thomas Merton

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