



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Jonah: God’s Bigger Picture”
August 31, 2025

GATHERING TO PRAISE

- Prelude – *Allegro Giocoso* (Joseph Haydn) Estelle Waltner
- Welcome and Call to Worship Tim Eisenbeis
- Prayer of Invocation
- * Singing our Praise – *Joys Are Flowing like a River* VT #375
- Greeting each other
- Children’s Story Jeremy Waltner
- Peace Lamp
- Offering – Outreach and Service Fund
- Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- * Hearing the Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
- Special Music Dan Graber and Estelle Waltner
- Hearing the Old Testament Scripture Jonah 4:9-11
- Sermon – “Wrestling with Goodness” Kate Friesen

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- Response Song – *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* VT #628
- Sharing
- Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

- * Song – *When We Walk with the Lord* VT #570
 - * Benediction
 - Postlude
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- Hymn accompanists: Maria Paff, Estelle Waltner

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We have walked with Jonah throughout his prophetic call and we’ve seen all sides. As we wrap up this series, we wonder what has Jonah learned and what have we learned? We are blessed to have Kate Friesen here to preach. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Outreach and Service Fund**.

- 9:30am – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30am – Worship Service
- 2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Pastor Corey on vacation: Pastor Corey will be back in the office on September 2nd.

Sept. 5 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – September 7

Next Sunday the theme of the morning is “*Counting the Cost.*” The scripture texts will be Jer. 18:1-11, Ps. 139:1-6,13-18, and Luke 14:25-33. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 10 – Evening event with Kate Widmer, who is serving with MMN in France

Sept. 14 – Salem-Zion Church Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp at 10:30am

Sept. 14 – 75th anniversary of Mennonite Disaster Service at Fellowship Harvest Church in Freeman (see announcement for details)

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- The celebration of life service for Darleen Hofer (Carol Eisenbeis’ mother) was held last Tuesday. The bouquet in the front of the sanctuary has been shared by the family in memory of Darleen.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: LaVonne Schrag.
- our upcoming fall season’s Sunday School classes for adults, youth, and children. Pray for our teachers and for new participants in these faith formational moments.
- our sister churches in South Dakota: Bethany, Salem, House Church of Freeman, Hutterthal, and Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Churches.

Melons, Zucchini and Beans! North church has the responsibility of harvesting and weeding the community garden next to the FA dorm for the week beginning September 1st. Clara Beseman is taking maternity leave (or nearly so) from this task and additional help from one or two people would be appreciated. Please be in contact with Kelsey Pidde and/or Sharon Wollmann, the other people on this committee, to organize work days or tasks. - Charity Ortman, Outreach and Service chair

The Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted in the narthex.

July Offerings and Gifts: CPMC - \$1,367.00; Household Treasury - \$16,567.00; SD MCC Relief Sale - \$1,146.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$1,858.00; Wellspring - \$250.00.

Summary minutes from the last Deacons' meeting have been posted in the narthex.

The September church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

Salem-Zion will be retreating to Swan Lake Christian Camp for its **annual outdoor worship and potluck starting at 10:30am on September 14th!!** Please bring lawn chairs, but we will go indoors in case of inclement weather. Also bring your own table service and an item or two for our potluck of sandwiches, salads and desserts. There will be two opportunities for offerings. A freewill basket will be at the food table for our use of the facility and also our usual worship offering. All are invited to spend time after the noon meal for fun and fellowship -- the beach, canoes, volleyball, yard games, etc. Please come and enjoy the day.

SD MDS will be celebrating the **75th anniversary of Mennonite Disaster Service** on Sunday, Sept. 14 at Fellowship Harvest Community Church in Freeman. Experience fellowship along with pictures, stories, speakers and music. The annual SD MDS meeting will be held at 4:00pm, prior to the evening meal at 5:30pm (RSVP 605-660-2714 by Sept. 1), and followed by the program at 6:30pm. See the poster on the bulletin board for further details.

Central Plains Women's Retreat: This annual retreat will be held **September 20-21** at Swan Lake Christian Camp. The guest speaker for the weekend is Heidi K. Greenwood Doell. Heidi is the pastor at Pleasant Valley UMC in Wichita, KS. You can register at myslcc.com or contact Judi at Swan Lake Camp at campoffice@myslcc.com. The cost for the weekend will be \$100. A poster is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!



Community Connections

Calling all MCC alumni in South Dakota! Join us on Thursday, September 11 at The Barn at Graber Vineyards, Freeman, South Dakota! We'll enjoy an evening of dessert, storytelling, and fellowship from 7-8:30 p.m. Bring your family along to enjoy the evening, as well! Please RSVP by September 1 at mcc.org/sd-alumni-gathering or email tinaschrag@mcc.org or call our office at 316.283.2720.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, September 10 at 1:30 P.M. (please note time change) in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual banquet** will be held on October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the Burrton City Auditorium (203 N. Burrton Ave., Burrton, KS). Peter Buller, recent Bethel College graduate, will speak about his experience this summer at Reba Place in Chicago, connecting with bigger themes about our role as Mennonites in the world. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Schwisters. RSVP by October 11 to Dave Stucky at bigdstucky@gmail.com or text or call 620-532-4408. The cost of the banquet is \$25 and can be paid at the door or at www.swissmennonite.org.

AMBS: Online Short Course: Challenging Christian Nationalism: Oct. 22 – Dec. 9. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this six-week online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and how faith communities can mobilize to disrupt it. Drawing on biblical studies, theology and peace studies, we'll explore how nonviolent resistance in the way of Jesus can counter extremist narratives that are radicalizing Christians. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 1 to save \$50! amsb.edu/nationalism

God's Compassion: *"God is both too holy and too loving to either destroy Jonah or to allow Jonah to remain as he is, and God is also too holy and too loving to allow us to remain as we are."* -Tim Keller, *The Prodigal Prophet*