



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**“Remembering our Faith”
August 6, 2023**

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *All Glory Be to God on High* (Armsdorf) Lisa Kaufman

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Lori Hofer

Call to Worship

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome you to worship!

P: It is a delight to be together in the house of God!

L: We lift our voices with joyful hearts!

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

L: May the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now in this hour and always.

ALL: Amen.

Prayer that welcomes the Holy Spirit

* Hymn – *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* VT #34

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Polly Waltner

Offering – Household Treasury
Offertory – *Werde munter, mein Gemüte* (Walther)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Scripture Psalm 105

Song – *Today We Sing with Thankfulness* VT #535

* Hearing the Gospel Luke 24:21-27

Sermon – “Knowing, Telling, and Living our Story” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* VT #581

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Gwen Ortman

* Sending Song – *Lead Me Forth* VT #837

* Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Rehearsing and retelling our faith stories is what inspires us and future generations to know God. Following the example of the Psalmist and Jesus, we are invited to share our faith stories for God’s praise and glory. As we listen to each other, may we be filled with awe in what God has done and is doing. Welcome to worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**.

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

Miller BBQ – August 6th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Please make plans to join us on our yard for our annual BBQ with food, games, music, rides, and great fellowship. Invite others to join in on Salem-Zion hospitality. Serving starts at 5:30pm and live music begins at 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs and come anticipating the “new thing” this year! 😊

THIS WEEK

August 7-14 – Pastor Corey will be on vacation. You can contact Gwen Ortman for any pastoral needs.

Aug. 11 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

Aug. 12 (Sat) – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 113-124) at 7:30am

NEXT SUNDAY – August 13

Next Sunday we continue our Summer of Psalms series. The focus of the morning will be “*God’s Presence*” and the scripture will be Psalm 118. Several people will be sharing pictures and reflections on where they have seen and felt God’s presence.

Next week the offering is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

COMING EVENTS

August 13-17 – Turner County Fair grandstand booth

August 19 – Rachel Miller will share about her MVS experience in San Francisco at 7:30pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Susan Schrag found out that she has a cancerous sarcoma and fortunately, it has not spread. They will do radiation to shrink the tumor and then will have surgery to remove it. This will be a process that will take around 7 weeks.

- Winifred Wall, 92, died on Saturday, July 29, in Goshen, Indiana. Elmer and Winifred Wall served at Salem-Zion from 1984-1991; Elmer was Salem-Zion's pastor during those years. A funeral service was held in Goshen on Friday, August 4. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Elmer Wall, 1801 Greencroft Blvd, Apt 208, Goshen, IN 46526.

Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of summer rain. Praise God who “*softens the earth with showers and blesses its growth.*” Ps. 65:10

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- Susan Schrag as she begins radiation treatment on her tumor.
- farmers as they deal with the difficult situation of grasshoppers in the fields, pastures, and gardens.
- our sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer, White Chapel and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Churches.

MCC SCHOOL KITS: Throughout the month of August our church will be collecting items for MCC School Kits. There will be a box in the narthex in which you may put your items when you come to church. These are the items and the amounts that are required for each kit:

- 4 spiral or perforated pages notebooks (70 pages each)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat must indicate 30 cm, inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes)
- Kit bags

Cash donations for purchasing items may be given to Marlyce Miller, Janette Epp or by check made out to Salem-Zion with 'school kits' written in the memo line. By donating items like notebooks and pencils, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God's love with children around the world.

Life Sketch: Every year, our church community experiences death within our membership. We remember and celebrate the lives that we have deeply loved. Planning for funerals/memorials is not an easy task, nor is it one which we often take the time to think about before the need arises. It takes much work to plan these services and it is helpful if people have thought about them ahead of time. You are invited to fill out a Life Information sheet found in your mailbox (or sent to you electronically). 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.

A copy of the Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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

July Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$18,525.96; Outreach & Service - \$4,476.10; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$1,300.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$205.00; CPMC - \$50.00; MC USA - \$867.00; SD MCC Relief Sale - \$1,227.00; CPT - \$1,266.00; MCC- My Coins Count - \$1,300.00; The Banquet - \$1,950.00.

We are encouraging **singers to join the choir** for the last Sunday in August. We'll have a short rehearsal Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30pm. Sunday, August 27, will also be the final "Psalm" Sunday theme celebrated with lots of varied music and praise. Please join us.

All women are invited to this year's **CPMC Women's Retreat** at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg, SD, on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17. Register online at myslcc.org/register or (605) 326-5690. More information is on the church bulletin board and on Facebook at Central Plains Mennonite Women or by emailing Elisabeth Harder Schrock at eharderschrock@gmail.com.

Community Connections

Donate your best pie to the **Turner County Fair Contest** to support your local food pantries. Many prizes to win, for more information check the poster on the bulletin board. Bring your best tasting pie, not best looking. Thank you, from the Pie Committee.

Praying God's Peace Continually: “This is how you pray continually, not by offering prayer in words, but by joining yourself to God through your whole way of life, so your life becomes a continuous and uninterrupted prayer.” - St. Basil the Great

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