



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

August 9, 2020

“The Spirit Outpoured in Deliverance”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven* (arr. David Cherwien)
Come, Thou Fount (arr. Jason Payne) Carson Covey

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 91) Mary Mannes

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, will say to the LORD,

P: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.

L: For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler.

P: God will cover you with care and under God’s wings, you will find refuge.

L: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

ALL: We will call to God and God will be with us. God will show us salvation!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – *Come, let us all unite to sing* (HWB #12)

Choristers: Judy Graber, Lexi Covey

Celebrating God’s Mission – Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Children’s Story Mary Mannes

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Isaiah 61:1-3

Special Music Carson Covey
Songs Without Words Op. 38, No. 6, "Duetto" (Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy)

Hearing the New Testament Acts 11:27-12:19

Sermon – “Empowered for Deliverance” Brad Anderson

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Song – *We give thanks unto you* (HWB #161)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Recessional – *Recessional on "St. Anne"* (arr. Gordon Young)

Sending Song Outside – *Praise God from whom*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Praise God
from whom all blessings flow; in heav’n above and earth below; one God three
persons we adore. To God be praise forevermore.*

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

This morning we welcome Brad Anderson to the pulpit as we continue our summer focus on the book of Acts. We are so glad that you are here.

The offering that we are celebrating today supports Central Plains Mennonite Conference. CPMC is a conference of Mennonite Church USA made up of 47 congregations across 8 states. For access to helpful resources and information, visit CPMC’s website: <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/>.

COMING EVENTS

Pastor Corey will be back from vacation on August 11. Please direct any needs before then to Janette Epp, our deacon chair.

August 12 – ZOOM Devotional at 10:00am (Romans 8:18-39).

August 16 – Ice Cream Social outside at church from **6:00-7:30pm**, sponsored by the deacons. Bring lawn chairs.

August 23 – Outdoor worship service at church at **10:30am**. Bring lawn chairs.

NEXT SUNDAY – August 16

Next Sunday we continue our study on the book of Acts that celebrates the work of the Holy Spirit. The theme is *“The Spirit Outpoured in Athens.”* The scripture text is **Acts 17** and Pastor Corey will be bringing the message. Let us all continue to read through the book of Acts during this summer.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary**.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Elsie Schmidt.
- Sheila Epp’s parents, Burton and Jean Peters of Henderson, NE, who are both sick with COVID-19. Burton is hospitalized in Lincoln, NE.
- our Sunday school superintendents for the coming year: Tim Eisenbeis, Marlan Kaufman, Sheila Epp, and Malynda Penner.
- Stephen Griffen as he is installed for ministry at Bellwood Mennonite Church, Milford, NE. We ask that God would bless his ministry at and with Bellwood.

Worshiping at Salem-Zion during COVID: We appreciate the effort the congregation has made in following the safety guidelines. One reminder: following the worship services please exit the sanctuary from the back to the front with safe distancing in order to avoid crowding. Thank you.

-the COVID-19 Task Force

To Salem-Zion Church, **Thank you** for your prayers and cards as we heal from our surgeries. D'Wayne is doing good. I still have pain in the mornings and I have 3 more weeks of restrictions to go. God bless, D'Wayne & Gloria

Ice Cream Social: Come and enjoy some of Tim and Beth's ice cream on August 16 from 6:00-7:30 pm. This will be an outside event at church and we will follow safety guidelines. You may bring lawn chairs and observe safe distancing or be served in your vehicle. - The deacons

The **Sunday school selection process** has been completed. Our superintendents, who will serve from Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2021, are:

- Tim Eisenbeis.....Adult S.S. Supt.
- Marlan Joe Kaufman..... Asst. Adult S.S. Supt.
- Sheila EppJunior S.S.Supt.
- Malynda PennerAsst. Junior S.S. Supt.

Adult Zoom Sunday School will continue through August, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 9:50 to allow plenty of time for those who plan to attend the worship service at church to get there. We invite anyone who has access to Zoom to join us. The link is in the email with the link for streaming our worship services. We are studying “Faith and Wisdom in James” this week. The background scripture for August 9 is James 1:19-27. You may pick up a quarterly at the church. We have had great discussions, and it's wonderful to see the faces of our church family!

So, what is happening with the Endowment Fund? So glad you asked. This is the time of year when endowment funds are available for your ministry or mission projects. There will be about \$3,000 available for the work of the Kingdom. Contact Lisa in the church office for a funds request form and then send the filled out form to Elizabeth Janssen, chair of Outreach and Service. Submission deadline is August 30. These will be reviewed by the O&S Committee at our next meeting September 3.

Church office: Lisa will be in the church office on Thursday mornings and by appointment as requested. Feel free to reach her by cell phone or e-mail throughout the rest of the week.

A **Freeman Academy** Opening Convocation and picnic will be held on August 23 at 6:00 pm on the lawn south of Sterling Hall on the Freeman Academy campus. Due to the pandemic, the picnic and program will be open to Freeman Academy families and students only. There will be a short program involving the introduction of staff, new families and their students, the presentation of 2020-2021 scholarships, and recognition of the 2019-2020

eighth grade graduates. Freeman Academy would like to ask the extended community to continue to pray for the opening of the school and for the safety of all of our students. We look forward to connecting with our wonderful and supportive community at future events.

Update from Flandreau: We have been informed by our friends from Flandreau that a new fund has begun for immigrants in SD by several charitable organizations which includes Bienvenidos a Brookings, Caminando Juntos, SD Voices for Peace and several others. This statewide fund is being administered by the SD Dream Coalition. This fund is an effort to provide accelerated, short term financial assistance to immigrant families who have minimal access to state or federal support. Because of COVID-19, some have fewer resources available to meet their immediate needs. The fund helps with rent/mortgage assistance, healthcare expenses, groceries/utilities, child care, etc. Criteria for receiving these funds are for immigrant families who do not qualify for stimulus funding, unemployment benefits, those who do not have a Social Security number, people who have been forced out of stable housing, etc. **Checks can be made payable to “Emergency Relief Fund for Immigrants.”** Mail it to: **207 E. Capitol Box 296, Pierre, SD 57501.**

Bienvenidos a Brookings continue to aid immigrants of Flandreau with their food needs, health needs, rent payments etc. Just recently they helped Nitza organize a Dakota Dental Bus for a week (parked on the school grounds in Flandreau), where they take children to be attended to by professional dentists. Nitza interprets for the immigrants and helps them fill out needed papers for their care. Because immigration courts are closed, there are no travel expenses at this time but the need remains great for monetary gifts. **Checks can be made to “Bienvenidos a Brookings” (memo: Flandreau Project)** This fund is not a 501(c)(3) **OR** to **“Brookings Foundation (memo: Bienvenidos a Brookings)** a 501(c)(3). Mail to **Tom Manzer, 929 4th St. Brookings, SD 57006.**

Jason Kauffman (Lisa Graber Kauffman’s spouse and Tim Graber’s son-in-law) invites you to **share your stories from 2020!** Heritage Hall Museum & Archives is seeking stories on life during these changing times as part of **Anabaptist History Today**, a collaborative Anabaptist storytelling project. Sixteen Anabaptist-related archives and history organizations from across North America are participating in this project and we would like to have representation from the Anabaptist groups here in the Great Plains states. Upload videos, audio recordings, photos, journal entries, artwork, poetry and personal reflections at <https://aht.libraryhost.com/s/archive/page/share-your-story>. In 100 years, people will want to know how the Anabaptist community responded during this watershed moment in history. The response

from the institutional church to the events of 2020 is already well documented. This is your opportunity to document for future generations what you and your community are doing at the local level. We would love for you to get involved and help us document stories unique to the Freeman community! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jason at anabaptisthistorytoday@gmail.com.

Support MCC and celebrate MCC's centennial with a new shirt, hoodie, tea towel, bag or hat! Check out this **online store** set up by the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to place your order today: wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/.

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