



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**Worship Service at the Arboretum in Freeman  
September 1, 2024 at 10:30am  
Sermon on the Mount Summary**

## **Church Calendar**

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

### **TODAY**

Today in the beautiful outdoors, we ponder the truths of the Sermon on the Mount. As we hear this sacred text today and reflect on how it has shaped and formed our faith, may God’s Spirit move us and inspire us in following these transformational words by Jesus. We are so glad you have joined us for this outdoor worship experience!

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

**POTLUCK:** The Potluck committee will provide coffee and water. Everyone is encouraged to bring a contribution to the potluck as well as your own table service.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Sept. 4 (Wed)** – Choir rehearsal and sectionals at North Church at 7pm

**Sept. 7 (Sat)** – Choir rehearsal at Pioneer Hall at 2pm

**Sept. 7 (Sat)** – Opening Worship and Presentation at Salem-Zion at 7:00pm. Ice Cream social to follow!

### **NEXT SUNDAY – Sept. 8**

Next Sunday we will celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the theme, “*Remembering, Learning, Growing.*” Worship begins at 10:00am and the scriptures will be Psalm 16, Jeremiah 29:4-13, Ephesians 4, and Matthew 13:1-9. Special preachers will be Caley Ortman and Karen Graber Andres. The South Church will be present in this service and we will celebrate communion around the Lord’s Table.

The offering will be for **Mennonite Central Committee – Relief for Ukraine**.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Sept. 8** – Worship service together with the South Church at Salem-Zion at 10:00am. Noon meal to follow. Historical Tour at 1:30pm. Choir program at Pioneer Hall at 7:00pm.

**Sept. 9** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

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

### **Remember to praise God for:**

- the opportunity for our church to give thanks for our past and also look forward to our future.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- Gwen Ortman, Polly Waltner, Marnette Hofer, Pastor Corey and all the volunteers as they finalize events for next weekend’s worship, programs, and activities.

- our sister congregations in North and Central Iowa: Cedar Falls MC, Cedar Falls, IA, Christ Community, Des Moines, IA, and Des Moines MC, Des Moines, IA.

**The fall season for Adult and Children’s Sunday School will begin on September 15.** Make plans to join a class as we grow our awareness for God’s Spirit through dwelling in God’s Word.

Summary **minutes** from the August deacons’ meeting have been posted in the narthex.

**All singers** are invited to join us for a special choir performance on September 8th, 2024, at 7 PM in Pioneer Hall in Freeman. This event will be the grand finale of our 150th anniversary celebration of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites settling in the greater Freeman area. The choir will be directed by Dan Graber and there will be two rehearsals -- Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 7 PM, and Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7 at 2 PM. We will also be singing at the joint Sunday morning service at Salem-Zion Mennonite on Sept. 8th. We welcome EVERYONE to join us in this celebration of our musical heritage. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/150Choir> to sign up. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Then help us spread the word by sharing this link with others who might be interested in joining us. We look forward to singing with you in September!

Our congregations will share a **meal** following the joint service on September 8, at North Church. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will be looking for donations of kuchen, poppyseed rolls, pies, and homemade dill and beet pickles. Please bring a salad for the meal such as potato salad, cabbage slaw, cucumber salad, or a seasonal favorite to accompany our ethnic meal of sausage and cheese pockets. All food donations should be brought to the Salem-Zion kitchen the morning of the meal before the worship service. Please contact Polly Waltner with questions. Thank you!!

Don't forget to register! **Women's Retreat: Formation of Hope and Healing**, held on September 14-15 at Swan Lake Christian Camp in Viborg, SD. Our Keynote speaker will be Jill Hofer. Join us for a weekend of faith, relaxation, nature and the fellowship of other women. Register at [www.myslcc.com](http://www.myslcc.com).

## Community Connections

**The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** is meeting Wednesday, September 11, at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

You are invited to attend the **South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting** on September 15, 2024 at 1:30 pm at the Salem Mennonite Brethren Church in rural Bridgewater (43173 272nd St). Matt Troyer-Miller, Region 3 MDS Operations Coordinator, will share about Region 3 activity this past year and will also lead a training session on "Conducting Disaster Investigations." A brief business meeting will be held and refreshments will be served.

**Everence® announces Medicare Mondays webinar series for Fall 2024:** Everence® Financial will host a monthly webinar series starting in September. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those ready to sign up for Medicare. The webinars will take place the second Monday of every month at 2:00 & 8:00 p.m. Eastern. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit [www.everence.com/national](http://www.everence.com/national).

**MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Oct. 6-11:** MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. [Find out more and register for the trip by Sept. 20.](#) Questions, please contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Borderlands Program Coordinator at [beckyteiwes@mcc.org](mailto:beckyteiwes@mcc.org).

**Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour on October 9-13:** This learning tour provides a unique experience to learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the incredible story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in the early 1900's. Participants will visit various sites connected with Dr. Dismukes, hear from local speakers, learn about MCC's work to preserve Black history in the area and attend the Dismukes Gala featuring John Ellison. Learn more and register at [mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour](http://mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour). Tickets are also available separately for the Dismukes Gala on October 12 at [mcc.org/dismukes-gala](http://mcc.org/dismukes-gala). Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project, including a video and podcast, at [mcc.org/dismukes](http://mcc.org/dismukes).

**God's Peace in Jesus:** "Anyone can love peace, but Jesus didn't say, "Blessed are the peace-lovers." He says "peacemakers." He is referring to a life vocation, not a hobby on the sidelines of life." - Jim Wallis