



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“The Holy Spirit Shapes Community”
September 10, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude – *Hymn Medley* (arr. Hayes) Mavis Ortman
- Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Steve Graber
- Call to Worship
 - L: Come Holy Spirit, Wind of God and Breath of Life.
 - P: Come Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Counselor, and Inspiration.**
 - L: Come, Holy Spirit, Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.
 - P: Come, Holy Spirit, giver of peace and ministry to the church.**
 - L: May we feel God breathing through our worship.
 - ALL: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.**
- Opening Prayer
- * Hymn – *New Earth, Heavens New* VT #377
- * Greeting each other
- Children’s Story David Friesen
- Missional Moment from Mennonite Disaster Service Lana Tieszen
- Sharing our Offerings – Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Offertory – *Vocalise* (Rachmaninoff)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the Scriptures Jeremiah 31:31-34, Acts 2:37-42
- Song – *Spirit of the Living God* VT #740
- * Hearing the Gospel John 14:15-27
- Sermon – “Led by the Holy Spirit” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

- Song – *We Are People of God’s Peace* (v. 2) VT #797
- Sharing and Congregational Prayer
- * Sending Song – *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* VT #568
- * Benediction
- * Choral Sending – *Jesus, you have called us* Judy Graber, Lacey Friesen
- Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The Holy Spirit was sent by God as an Advocate or a Helper for the disciples. Today, we joyfully ponder all the ways the Spirit has shaped and formed the church as a community of grace, peace, and love. We pray that you feel welcomed in this place as we worship God together.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

- 9:00am – Coffee and Fellowship time
- 9:30am – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30am – Worship Service
- 2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service
- 3:00pm–6:00pm – Church Retreat at SLCC

Church Campout this Afternoon at Swan Lake Christian Camp (3-6pm)

Make plans to join us today at SLCC for an afternoon of enjoying God’s nature and fellowshiping together. There will be games and activities as well as time given for leisurely strolls through the beautiful camp. Our potluck meal will be at 4:30pm, followed by a campfire/worship time at 5:30pm. All are welcome and all expenses will be covered by the Worship Committee.

THIS WEEK

- Sept. 11 (Mon)** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00pm
- Sept. 13 (Wed)** – Worship meeting at 7:00pm
- Sept. 15 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm
- Sept. 16-17 (Sat-Sun)** – CPMC Women’s Retreat at SLCC

NEXT SUNDAY – September 17

Next Sunday we continue our Fall series “*God’s Faithful Community*,” based off of Tim Detweiler’s book on covenant practices. The focus of the morning will be “*Spiritual Practices Bring Unity*” and the scriptures include Psalm 119:9-16, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Acts 13:1-3, II Cor. 9:6-15, and Mark 1:35-39. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **Mennonite Education Agency**.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 24 – noon potluck (start of the pastor/congregation review process)

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Susan Schrag is now half done with her radiation treatments. Pray that Susan can manage the pain that has come from these treatments. May God's healing flow in and through Susan and her family these days.
- Recently Judy Gross was admitted at Oakview Terrace. Her room number is 109.

Remember to praise God for:

- the times and places where we have seen, felt, and experienced God's Spirit moving in us, in the church, and throughout the world.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Marian Gering.
- greater trust in the Spirit's leading and guiding us in our faith journey and in our faith witness at Salem-Zion.
- those who will attend the Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp next weekend. May it be a weekend of rejuvenation, fellowship and learning.

Every 3rd year our church congregation participates in a **congregation/pastor review**. It's hard to believe that 3 years have passed since our last congregation/pastor review. The purpose of the review is to affirm and strengthen the pastor and our congregation in shared ministry. This review is open to all members and regular attendants of Salem-Zion. This year we are encouraging Jr High and High School students to participate in the survey. Mark your calendars for a congregation potluck on September 24th. At that time the surveys will be available to fill out or take home to complete. Our hope is that all surveys will be returned by October 8th. Members and regular attendants who watch our services online are welcome to request a copy from the church office to complete and return to the church. Completed surveys may be returned by placing them in the box in the narthex, mailed to the church or emailed to the church office.

Being God's Faithful Community: A Covenant of Spiritual Practices for Central Plains – In these weeks, we are striving to be God's Faithful Community and are cultivating practices that help us grow 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. Extra copies are on the table in the foyer as well.

Minutes from the August Deacon's meeting have been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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.

Community Connections

You are invited to attend the **South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting** this afternoon, 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.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, September 13 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Swiss Choral will begin rehearsals on Sunday evening, September 24, 7pm at Salem Mennonite (south) Church. Preparation will begin for a performance of Brahms' *German Requiem*. Scores will be provided. All interested singers are encouraged to attend and be a part of learning a timeless piece of music!

Practicing God's Peace in our lives: "The disciplines of prayer, silence, and contemplation as practiced by the monastics and mystics are precisely that - stopping the noise, slowing down, and becoming still so that God can break through all our activity and noise to speak to us. Prayer serves to put all parts of our lives in God's presence, reminding us how holy our humanity really is." – Jim Wallis