



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

September 18, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Austin Unruh
Welcome Gloria Graber

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

L. Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

P. We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

L. Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

P. We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

L. Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

P. We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

L. Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

P. We are here to worship with all that we are.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* VT #536

Greeting one another “Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

Celebrating our Offerings – Mennonite Education Agency

Children’s Story Susan Schrag

PROCLAIMING

Hymn – *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* VT #411

Hearing the Scriptures I Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

Sermon – “Flip the Script” Nathan Epp

RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Tim Graber

* Sending Song – *For the Fruit of All Creation* VT #124

* Blessing

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

This morning we welcome Nathan Epp to the pulpit. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Education Agency**.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

2:00 p.m. – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Sept. 23 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – Sept. 25

Next Sunday Polly Waltner will be preaching and the scriptures for the morning are Exodus 32:1-8, Psalm 139:1-16 and I Corinthians 2:9-16.

Next Sunday’s offering is for the **Student Tuition Sharing Fund**.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 6 – Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Pastor Corey and Nancy as this time of sabbatical reaches its conclusion.
- 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.

Through your prayers, well wishes, and by God’s wondrous grace, I was able to run 100 miles last week for MCC. On a crisp Sunday morning, I ran 5 miles to complete my goal. I feel tired and also exhilarated by the experience. I don’t know how much we raised for MCC, but this was one small way to celebrate their 100 years of service and raise awareness as well. **Thank you again** for all the ways you have given to this ministry throughout the years and thank you again for shaping and nurturing me as a pastor. In Christ’s Love, Corey Miller

We would like to **thank the congregation** for all of your thoughts and prayers for the newest addition to our family. We are so blessed and are enjoying our family time. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. God bless! -Jared, Michelle, Charli and Jesse Dick

Hello dear Salem-Zion members and beyond! **Currently our household treasury is in need of funds.** The balance is currently \$3,765, but by the end of the month with salaries and other things coming out our balance will be in the negative by more than \$4,000. If you are able to find a way to help us get back into the black that would be amazing! The household treasury pays for salaries, utilities, Sunday school materials, Corey's pastor benefits, and much more. It helps keep our church afloat! If you are able to be more generous than you have already been so faithful at doing, it would be greatly appreciated! Thanks in advance! -Salem-Zion Household Treasurer

The results of the **summer selection ballot** are: Assistant Adult SS Supt is Beth Bontrager, Assistant Junior SS Supt is Sheila Epp, DVBS co-chairs are Lacey Friesen and Kelsey Pidde.

The selection committee has compiled the **fall selection ballot**, and copies are now available on the tables in the narthex. Please pick up a ballot and return it to the box in the narthex by Monday, October 10. If you have questions, contact a member of the selection committee: Tim Graber, Clara Graber, Malynda Penner.

Flandreau Update: Word has been received that “**South Dakota Voices for Peace**” whose Executive Director is Taneeza Islam, has awarded the “**Community Hero Award**” to Nitza Reubenstein who has been instrumental in ministering to the many immigrants that have arrived in Flandreau. She has worked alongside “**Bienvenidos A Brookings**”, who continues to receive contributions from the Freeman area, by helping immigrants with housing, food, medical needs and court appearances. Nitza, who now works for “**Interlake Community Action Program**” (ICAP), continues to meet the needs of ALL vulnerable people in Moody County.

Minutes from the July administrative board meeting have been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Living our Mission: “As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ’s kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together.”

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, Sept. 26 at 8.00 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

For **pastoral care needs** during Pastor Corey’s sabbatical, please contact a deacon:

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