



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

September 29, 2019

To Care and Be Cared For

“...until all of us come to the unity of the faith...to the full stature of Christ.”  
- Eph. 4:13

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *All Glory Be to God on High* harm. by J.S. Bach/Armsdorf

Choral Call to Worship – *Come, Gracious Spirit* LeRoy Epp

Welcome and Call to Worship (Psalm 133, The Message) Lindsey Unruh

L: How wonderful, how beautiful,

**P: When brothers and sisters get along!**

L: It’s like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard.

**P: Flowing down Aaron’s beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.**

L: It’s like the dew on Mount Hermon, flowing down the slopes of Zion.

**P: Yes! That’s where Yahweh commands the blessing.**

**ALL: That’s where God ordains eternal life.**

Opening Prayer

## PRAISING GOD

\* Hymn of Praise – *Come, we that love the Lord* HWB #14

Greetings and Announcements

Children’s Story Sheila Epp

Offering our gifts – Bethany Food Pantry

Offertory – *O Love that will not let me go* Austin Lovelace

\* Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scripture Acts 4:32-35

Anthem – *I am His and He is Mine* Ovid Young

LeRoy, Nathan, Connor, Sheila Epp

Hearing the Scripture Ephesians 4:4-6, 11-13

Sermon – “Improving our Care for each other” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Will you let me be your servant* HWB #307

Testimony Nancy and Corey Miller

Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *Help us to help each other* HWB #362

\* Benediction

Postlude

\* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

*The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

The early church began with vibrant Caring Groups that worshiped, ate and fellowshiped together. As we consider Caring Groups at Salem-Zion, we seek to grow deeper in our relationships with each other. We are so glad you have decided to worship with us.

**Greeters:** Liam Ortman and Sam Waltner; **Organist:** Lisa Kaufman

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

6:30 p.m. – Cemetery tour & ice cream social

**Tonight:** The MYF/youth group and Sunday Evening Fellowship are organizing a cemetery tour (please consider sharing one of your personal stories) followed by our traditional MYF homemade ice cream social. Everyone is welcome to join us at 6:30!

### **“Celebrating Giving”**

This morning’s offering is for the Bethany Food Pantry, a local ministry helping to reduce hunger in our community. The Food Pantry is open on Friday afternoons in Freeman. Thank you for your gifts in support of this outreach.

### THIS WEEK

Oct. 2 (Wed) 7:30 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY – Oct. 6

Next Sunday we will begin a new series on the book of Job. The theme will be “*Suffering*,” the texts will be Job 1-2 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We invite you to be reading through Job over the next two months. We will also be having communion on World Wide Communion.

**Greeters:** Diane & Ted Ellinger; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Offering:** Household Treasury

### COMING EVENTS

**Oct. 6** – Packing MCC School Kits in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

**Oct. 6** – World Communion Sunday

**Oct. 6** – 4:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering at historic Bethel Church (FA campus)

**Oct. 27** – Harvest Mission Festival at Salem-Zion. Jerrell or Jane Ross Richer will be sharing. Jerrell is an economics professor at Goshen College and also works with Mennonite Mission Network in Ecuador.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Janette Epp was able to return home on Tuesday and is regaining her strength.
- Leora Ortman was able to return back to Salem Home on Tuesday.
- Rita Graber moved to Oakview Terrace on Wednesday. Her new room is #110 in memory care.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.
- Leora and Rita as they adjust to their new homes.
- our sister churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin: Bethel, Emmanuel, Faith, First-Mountain Lake, Lao Fellowship, Rochester, Saint Paul Hmong Mennonite, Third Way and affiliated groups Fargo-Moorhead Faith Mennonite Fellowship and The Mennonite Worker in Minnesota, and Shalom in Wisconsin.

### Remember to thank God for:

- all the people who have cared for us, nurtured us and encouraged us.

**Signing up for Caring Groups:** Last week, brochures were placed in each of your mailboxes at church regarding **Caring Group** ministry. We encourage you to fill out the brochures if you are interested so the deacons can begin working at forming the groups in October. If you have any questions, you can visit with any of the deacons or Corey.

Our fall selection of servants is underway! This is your opportunity to help the Selection Committee staff the various committees that serve Jesus through Salem-Zion. We will be looking for your **completed selection ballot by Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you have it completed, you can put it in the offering this Sunday. Please do not select Larry Kaufman for the MDS representative role.

This past summer Salem-Zion took part in a ministry in Sioux Falls called **Laundry with Love**. We are looking for someone to take responsibility for this new ministry. The right person will make contact with this ministry, will coordinate when Salem-Zion goes to serve and will plan the meal and create

a sign-up sheet. If this sounds like something you'd like to take on, please contact Elizabeth Janssen to volunteer or to ask more questions.

**MCC School kits** will be packed Sunday morning, October 6. We would like to start assembling kits at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall and would welcome adult help.

Please submit all contact information changes and additions for the **church yearbook** to the church office or to Marnette (marnettehofer@gmail.com), our church statistician. Information for the 2020 yearbook is due on December 1.

**Praying for the Holy Spirit:** *“Come Holy Spirit, Come. Fill the hearts of thy faithful people and kindle in us the fire of thy love.”*

## Community Connections

**Prayer Gathering – “O God Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years to Come”:** On October 6 at 4pm join a simple time of prayers, songs and fellowship at the old Bethel Church building on the Heritage Hall Museum grounds. As our farms, businesses, churches and schools face ongoing challenges, the pastoral leaders of Hutterthal, Salem-Zion and Salem Mennonite invite you to come remember God’s faithfulness throughout our past, and petition for God’s ongoing help in our present circumstances and for our future. All community members welcome.

**Heritage Hall Archives** has the book "Kauffman: Three Merchants of Integrity" for sale. Recently written by Jim A Kauffman, the book tells the story of the Kauffman family, specifically three generations: Jacob P., Charles, and Lloyd. Jim is the son of Lloyd and now lives in Wyoming. HHM&A is now moving to its winter hours, so it will be open from 12-4 Monday-Friday until next spring.

**Living in God’s Peace:** *“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”* - Mother Teresa

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