



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“A Covenant People”
September 3, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude Sheila Epp
- Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Janette Epp
- Call to Worship (from Psalm 105)
 - L: Give thanks to the LORD! Call upon God’s name and make God’s deeds known to all!
 - P: Sing to God! Sing praises to the LORD and dwell on God’s wondrous works.**
 - L: Give praise to God’s holy name. Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking God.
 - P: God remembers his covenant forever, the word commanded to a thousand generations.**
- ALL: Let us worship God together!*

- Opening Prayer
- * Hymn – *Here in This Place* VT #10
- * Greeting each other
- Children’s Story Digna Miller
- Sharing our Offerings – Household Treasury
- Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the Scriptures Genesis 15:1-21, Hebrews 8:6-13
- Song – *Spirit, Open My Heart* VT #636
- * Hearing the Gospel Luke 22:14-20
- Sermon – “Covenant” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

- Song – *We Are People of God’s Peace* (v. 1) VT #797
- Sharing and Congregational Prayer
- * Sending Song – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VT #606
- * Benediction
- * Choral Sending – *Jesus, you have called us* Judy Graber
- Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

God invites us into a covenanted relationship. Our Biblical texts invite us to ponder what this meant and what it means today. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. We pray that our time together would be refreshing and nurturing for you. Welcome!

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

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Sept. 6 (Wed) – Youth Group meeting. Kickoff to the new year with food and fellowship! Time TBD

Sept. 8 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – September 10

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 “*The Holy Spirit Forms a People*” and the scriptures include Jer. 31:31-34, Jn. 14:15-27, and Acts 2:37-42. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 10 – Church Retreat at SLCC (3pm – 6pm)

Sept. 11 – Ad Board meeting at 7:00pm

Sept. 16-17 – CPMC Women’s Retreat at SLCC (see poster in the narthex)

Sept. 24 – a Sunday noon potluck will be held as a celebration for the Pastor/congregation review. This will be a joyful way to start the review process.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: LaVonne Schrag.
- Caleb Yoder and Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, MN, as Caleb is installed as Pastor there next Sunday. We pray for the ministry that Caleb and Faith will share.

Any and all are invited to sign the **card** in the narthex for Mavis Ortman in appreciation of her many years as a choir director at Salem-Zion. Thank you, Mavis!

Being God's Faithful Community: A Covenant of Spiritual Practices for Central Plains – Over the next two months, our Sunday morning worship will be reflecting on what it means to be a Faithful Community and what are the practices that help us in growing 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. Lisa has made a few copies as well and they are on the table in the foyer.

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.

What a joy it has been to worship and share together during LOFT this summer - Praise God for all who presented/shared experiences, all who made, served, and cleaned up coffee/fellowship time, and all who attended! Our regular **Faith Formation classes** will resume today, Sunday, September 3 at 9:30. The Jr Classes will be: Preschool/Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd-4th Grade, and 5th-8th Grade. The adult classes will be: Fellowship Hall class, Fellowship South class, NE Corner classroom and the HS will meet in the youth room. Teachers are preparing and excited to share the good news of Christ with you! ALL are welcome to join a Sunday School class. If you are interested in teaching or leading an adult, HS, or Jr Sunday School class just ask Sheila Epp or Beth Bontrager.

SALEM-ZION CHURCH RETREAT at Swan Lake Christian Camp

All are welcome to enjoy conversation, laughter, activities and food.

When: September 10

Time: 3:00 PM Activities – swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, disc golf, volleyball, bocce ball

4:30 PM "Faspa" is the Low German word for a gathering of family and friends for a light meal and fellowship. Please bring sandwiches, salads and sweets to share together in the dining hall. Dinnerware, coffee and water will be provided.

5:30 PM Campfire and singing led by Pastor Corey

August Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$6,536.00; CPMC - \$1,386.00; The Banquet - \$150.00; MC USA - \$50.00; AMBS - \$1,357.00; MCC School Kits - \$370.00; SLCC - \$1,354.00.

A copy of the Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The September church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

Community Connections

You are invited to attend the **South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting** on 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.

Freeman Academy is seeking a responsible person to work as a **part-time kitchen assistant**, up to two (2) days per week. Responsibilities will include assisting the kitchen director with lunch preparation, and eventually handling lunch preparation independently. For more information or to apply, contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org or 605.925.4237.

Praying God's Peace Continually: "We long for justice to run like a mighty river but more often than not, it begins with a trickle. Be that trickle. Do your part. Start where you're at. Listen to the pain around you. Grow in empathy. Be a good neighbor. Seek justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly. Be that trickle." -Eugene Cho

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