



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

27844 443rd Ave. Freeman, SD 57029
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September 30, 2018

Sowing Generously

"...for God loves a cheerful giver." – II Cor. 9:7

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – <i>Come, oh, come, thou quickening spirit</i>	Flor Peeters
Choral Call to Worship – <i>Great Day</i>	Jordan
Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp	Stacey Waltner
Call to Worship	
Opening Prayer	

PRAISING GOD

* Gathering Song – <i>I owe the Lord a morning song</i>	HWB #651
Greetings and Announcements	
Missional Moment	Everence
Children’s Story	Lyle Miller
Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference	
Offertory Prayer	
Offertory – <i>Pastorale No. 1</i>	Christopher Uehlein

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Special Music – <i>Soon-Ah Will Be Done</i>	Dawson
Hearing the New Testament	II Corinthians 9:6-11
Sermon – “Boring Bible Passages?!”	Lyle Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – <i>God, whose giving</i>	HWB #383
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	Beth Epp
* Sending Song – <i>May the grace of Christ our Savior</i>	HWB #423
* Benediction	
* Choral Benediction – <i>Sing Your Way Home</i>	Martin
Postlude – <i>Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer</i>	arr. Melvin Rotermund

* 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

God’s generosity is beyond our understanding and comprehension. Today, we celebrate God’s nature that loves to give and we are invited to join in God’s generous joy with all parts of our life. We are so glad you are here to worship with us and we welcome Lyle Miller, Everence Advocate, to our pulpit today.

Greeters: Ruby Waltner & Betty Albrecht; **Organist:** Lisa Kaufman;
Special Music: East Feeman Mens Octet; **Nursery Care:** Polly Waltner & Paul Ortman

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

“Celebrating Giving”

This morning we receive an offering for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. CPMC is an area of church families stretching across the upper Midwest. Through support, the Conference is able to connect and support local ministries through resources, prayer, and a voice to other people in the greater Mennonite Church and beyond. Please pray for our Conference leadership and fellow brothers and sisters across the Midwest. Thank you for your prayers and support.

THIS WEEK

Oct. 3 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – Ladies choir rehearsal
 Oct. 3 8:00 p.m. – Deacons meeting
 Oct. 4 (Thurs) 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education meeting

NEXT SUNDAY – October 7

Next Sunday we will begin a new series studying the book of **James**. Over the next two months, we will be preaching through this wonderful book. On Sunday, the theme is “*Trials and Tests*”, the texts are James 1:2-8, 12-18; 5:7-11, and Corey will be preaching. We will also be observing World Wide Communion, so we invite you to prepare yourselves in receiving the Lord’s gifts.

Special Music: Ladies Choir; **Offering:** Service and Mission Fund;
Nursery Care: Tina Graber & Lacey Friesen

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 7 – The Junior Sunday School Department in partnership with Mennonite Women will **gather at 9:00 am to assemble MCC School Kits**. All are welcome to help.

Oct. 7 – World Wide Communion

Oct. 27-28 – Harvest Mission Festival with Joe Sawatzky from Mennonite Mission Network. On Saturday morning, Joe will speak at the Arboretum in Freeman to all North and South church folks 60 years and older. On Sunday, Joe will preach first at the South church, and then at Salem-Zion, followed by a potluck meal. Then in the late afternoon, the 50s and under crowd (and their families) will be invited to the Miller farm for games, food, fellowship, Q & A with Joe and music. We look forward to this weekend!

Nov. 4 – Annual Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Pastor Corey and Nancy traveled to Kansas to see Rachel this weekend. They will return on Sunday night.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. God led Pastor Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel to Salem-Zion and for that we are truly thankful. Let them know how much they are loved.

The deacon sharing fund is available for anyone that is experiencing difficult times. If you have, or know of someone that is in need of something, please contact one of the deacons or Pastor Corey.

The deacons would like to encourage everyone to **submit a written devotional** regarding the 14 scriptures that have been deemed important to the life of Salem Zion. The deadline for submission of the devotionals is October 1. However, they will be accepted to be included in a devotional book until next Sunday, October 7.

A trip to Minneapolis is being planned soon to deliver used literature and Bibles to International Christian Literature Distributors, Inc. **Please bring any excess materials and Bibles** you want included in the delivery to the Church women’s cloak room by Sunday, September 30.

- Duane & Marlys Tieszen

Busy people, busy lives, generous hearts. As you hopefully read in the September church newsletter, the Mennonite Women Executive Committee has decided to end the practice of monthly envelope offerings. Many of the projects supported through these offerings are duplicated in the regular Sunday morning offering schedule, with just a few exceptions. It is our hope that your generosity will continue through the Sunday morning offerings. If you have questions, please direct these to Elizabeth Janssen, Chair of Mennonite Women.

The MDS Region 3 annual meeting will be held on October 26 and 27 at Swan Lake Christian Camp and Retreat near Viborg, SD. An interesting program is being planned featuring MDS Executive Director Kevin King presenting an inspirational message on Friday evening, Oct. 26, with music being furnished by a local men’s group. On Saturday forenoon there will be a hymn sing, business meeting, some MDS information and then a special time of sharing stories by MDS personnel and volunteers about the various projects and people they have served in the past year throughout Region 3. Registration forms are available on the website: https://mds.mennonite.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018-R3-Ann_Meet_Announce.pdf, in the narthex, or by emailing Duane Tieszen at dumar@gwtc.net.

Practicing the Peace of Christ:

“...how much better off we and the world would be if we asked ourselves, "Where might MY soul show up today in a way that would make the world a bit more soulful for someone in need of simple humanity?"

~Parker Palmer

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