



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

September 4, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – Varied settings of *God, whose giving knows no ending*
(Mannes, Manz) Ken Mannes

Welcome John Epp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT #57

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

Celebrating our Offerings – Household Treasury

Children’s Story Charity Ortman

PROCLAIMING

Special Music – *There Is in Every Person* (VT #751) Mark Ortman

Hearing the Gospel John 6:1-15

Sermon – “A Child’s Generosity” Randall Koehler

RESPONDING

Song – *There's Enough for All* VT #757

Sharing and Congregational Prayer John Epp

* Sending Song – *God, Give Me Faith like a Child* VT #519

* Blessing

Postlude – *All praise to God, who reigns above* (Paul Manz)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

This morning we welcome Pastor Randall Koehler of Hutterthal Mennonite Church to the pulpit. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

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

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages/Assembly of MCC School Kits

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

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

THIS WEEK

Sept 7 (Wed) – Youth Supper and Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 (Thurs) – Deacons meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 9 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 10 (Sat) – Memorial Service for Dorothy Preheim at 11:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – Sept. 11

Next Sunday Lyle Miller, Stewardship Consultant at Everence, will be preaching and the text for the morning is Deuteronomy 26:1-11.

Next Sunday’s offering is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 17-18 – CPMC Women’s Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Eileen Kaufman’s sister, Helen Day, passed away on Sunday, August 28. The funeral will be held in Wichita, KS on September 17.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Helen Tieszen.
- Rachel Miller as she begins her Mennonite Voluntary Service term.
- the four regional pastor/lay leader and elder/deacon team events happening around CPMC this fall. May we learn to really see one another and our unique gifts and perspectives as we are the church, centered on Jesus, together.

Pastor Corey Miller is going to attempt to **run 100 miles next week in South Dakota (September 5-11) as a way of raising awareness and funds for Mennonite Central Committee** and its ongoing faithful ministry. If you want to support this endeavor, you can donate directly to MCC and you can follow updates that Corey will post on Facebook during the week. Also, a letter with additional information has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Update from Rachel Miller: Rachel has arrived safely in San Francisco and is beginning her orientation! Let us continue to hold her in prayer as she learns her way around a new community. You can follow her journey through her blog: <https://rachelkmiller4.wixsite.com/my-site-1>
Rachel's address: 802 Page Street San Francisco, CA 94117
Rachel's email: rachel.kmiller4@gmail.com

The Selection Committee is starting to work on compiling the **Fall selection ballot**. If you no longer wish to serve in a certain position please let one of the committee members know by Sunday, September 11. The committee members are Tim Graber, Clara Graber and Malynda Penner. Thank You!

Wednesday, Sept 7: **Youth Supper and Fellowship**, 6:30 pm. We look forward to welcoming our new youth members to the group!

Adult Sunday School notice: Lyle Miller is going to offer a presentation during the Sunday School hour on September 11th. Everyone is invited to hear Lyle at 9:30am on the 11th.

The **Salem-Zion Committee Structure Task Force**, developed by the Administrative Board, has been, and is currently, meeting with committees to discuss their workload, common skill sets, what they would like to do more of, tasks they would be okay with letting go of, or other ideas, hopes, questions or concerns regarding restructuring our committees at Salem-Zion. If you are not currently on a committee or have not had an opportunity to speak with somebody on this Restructuring Task Force please feel free to reach out to us with your input: Jay Penner, Lori Ortman, Elizabeth Janssen, Charity Ortman and Dan Graber. In the coming months we hope to engage the congregation in more interactive dialogue.

Mennonite Women's Retreat is at Swan Lake Christian Camp, September 17-18. Please see the flyer in the narthex for more information or the Central Plains Mennonite Women Facebook page. Sign-up is through the Swan Lake Christian Camp website. Chelsea Vaught will be the speaker at the retreat, and other highlights include homemade meals, time to unwind, and fellowship. Please take home a copy of the flyer for additional information.

Salem-Zion served at **The Banquet** on August 11. Seventeen volunteers helped in either preparing and/or serving the evening meal. A big thank you for your time and effort! We were able to serve a hot meal to 73 adults and 11 children. The cost of the meal and milk was \$361.19, yet our church has received offerings totaling \$3717, so far, which will be passed on to The Banquet!

Everence announces next webinar series: Everence Financial will host a free, four-part webinar series starting in September: *Managing your finances – faithfully!*. In this series, you'll hear important information on topics like Women and Money, Stewardship Investing, Financial Planning and Retirement Income. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national.

August Offerings & Gifts: Household Treasury - \$9,923.00; Outreach & Service - \$700.00; The Banquet - \$110.00; Cemetery - \$1,036.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$1,000.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$1,000.00; Project Fund - \$40,574.59; David Janssen Fund – \$1,100.00; Rachel Miller MVS - \$400.00.

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

August Household Treasury Report – Income: \$9,923.00; Expenses: \$12,696.35; Balance: \$436.10.

You are invited to attend the **South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting** on September 11, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. MDS Region 3 personnel will be sharing project stories.

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

Salem Mennonite Home is hosting an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at Graber Vineyard and Barn Event Center on Sunday, September 11 from 4:00-7:00 pm. The community is invited to join us and help celebrate the beginning of National Assisted Living Week, which honors the residents and staff who are part of an assisted living center. Advance tickets are available from SMH Board members: Steve Schmeichel, Jim Rigo, Shane Vetch, and Dawn Stahl, at Norm’s Thrifty White Pharmacy, or by contacting Salem Home at 605-925-4994 or development@salem-mennonitehome.com.

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