



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

September 5, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Canon* (Robert Schumann) Ken Mannes

Welcome and Peace Candle Mary Mannes

Call to Worship
God of Hope,
we come into your presence this morning
with confidence that you will meet us here.
Where there is sadness, bring joy;
Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;
Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.
Let this place be a sanctuary,
a safe haven for us,
a home for holy words and songs and prayers
as we devote ourselves to you.

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Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *My Hope Is Built* #621

Celebrating our Mission - *Household Treasury*

PROCLAIMING

Children’s Story Susan Schrag

Scripture Psalm 42, Hebrews 10:22-25

Message – “Hope” Stacey Waltner

Hymn – *God of Our Strength* #47

RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Steve Graber

* Sending Song – *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing* #812

* Benediction

Postlude – *Improvised*

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We gather as Christ’s body to worship our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. We are so glad you are here to worship with us.

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

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (**No Jr. Sunday School** classes today)

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Sept. 11 (Sat) – Comforter Blitz at 9:00 a.m.

Corey and Nancy will be traveling to Kansas next Friday to attend the wedding of Corey’s niece on Sunday. They will return back home on Monday.

NEXT SUNDAY – September 12

Next Sunday pastor Randall Koehler from Hutterthal Mennonite Church will bring the message. The text will be from James 3:13-4:17 and the theme is “*Humility*.”

Offering next Sunday will be for *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*.

Sunday Evening Fellowship: Please join us on **Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2:00 p.m. for a piano concert by Lois Schrag Wells**. Beth Kaufman (flute), Kerwin Graber (narrator), and Dan Graber (organ) will also perform during this program of contemporary sacred music. A light reception will follow.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 12 – Sunday Evening Fellowship event at 2:00 p.m. – Lois Wells

Sept. 13 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m. – “Mark your calendar” for a Flandreau update from Bienvenidos a Brookings at Salem-Zion Fellowship Hall.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Corey’s father, Arlen Miller, passed away early on Monday and his memorial service was yesterday at the South Church.

- Delmar Ortman moved from Marion to the Salem Home in Freeman. Delmar now lives in room #209.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.

- Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel as they grieve the loss of their father and grandfather.

- the hospitals, doctors, and nursing staff that are feeling the weight of Covid.

- our sister churches in Eastern Iowa: First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Kalona, and Wellman Mennonite Churches.

Thank You: Thank you, Salem-Zion Mennonite, for your prayers upholding us during the time of dad's illness, death and funeral this week. Thank you for your words of comfort, for your food that has sustained us, and for your gestures of love that have inspired us. You have been the hands and feet of Christ's compassion to us. Thank you for caring for us in this season of loss and change. - Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel

On behalf of the congregation at large the Administrative Board wishes to **extend our sincerest sympathy and support** to Corey, Nancy, Hannah & Rachel upon the passing of Corey's father, Arlen Miller, on August 30. Peace be with you as you walk this journey.

If any **pastoral needs** arise until September 7, please contact Steve Graber.

Covid-19 cases continue to increase in our state and locally. To ensure safety in our congregation **we continue to encourage you to practice safe distancing in seating and to wear a mask when entering and exiting the church building and when singing.** This practice is not only for yourself but for the safety and concern of others. If you have not received the vaccine and have questions and concerns contact your local healthcare provider or visit the Covid-19 Information Center for Vaccine Resources. Thank you for your cooperation. - Covid-19 Task Team

NO JR SS Sept 5 – Enjoy your family time and long weekend. **The new Junior Sunday School year will kick off next Sunday, Sept 12.** Join us for our new classes! We are still looking for more teachers, if you're interested please contact Malynda Penner (605.929.7314 or mrs.penner@hotmail.com).

From Ruby Waltner: **Thank you** for all your concerns and prayers regarding my daughter, Carol. The surgery went well. She is now at home recuperating. Blessings to all!

We need you to join us Saturday morning, September 11 starting at 9:00 am, for the 2021 **Comforter Blitz** part 2. We need at least 16 willing workers to finish tying comforters. If we have enough help, we should be done by noon. We also need someone to take them to North Newton, KS. Please contact Elizabeth with any questions.

During the upcoming weeks, we will be exploring **generosity as a grateful response to God's unconditional love for us.** If you would like to have a conversation with our congregation's partners at Everence to explore the ways

you can be generous with Salem-Zion and other ministries you care about, please contact our Stewardship Advocate Dave Janssen at 605-321-7833 or our Stewardship Consultant Lyle Miller at lyle.miller@everence.com.

The Jr. SS Department is cleaning the Preschool classroom getting ready to start a new Preschool Sunday School class this fall. Some new equipment has been donated. There are some **items in the west coat room for anyone to take.** If they are not gone by Wednesday, they will be donated to the Et Cetera Shoppe.

Our church members have access to the church kitchen at all times, including the appliances. We realize there are times to drop items of food off for someone to pick up later, especially in the freezer and refrigerators. The church kitchen committee suggests that **items be labeled with a name or telephone number and the date when left there.** This would facilitate owners being reminded of forgotten items and returned to them. Thanks in advance for your help.

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 12. In addition, the selection ballots will be distributed the end of September. We ask that you start to think about how you can serve on a committee at Salem-Zion. The committee members are Sheila Epp, Tim Graber, and Clara Graber. Thank You!

The August **Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, and copies of the **September Salem-Zion newsletter** are available on the table in the narthex, as well.

August Offerings & Gifts: Household Treasury - \$7,117.50; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$20.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$2,270.00; Outreach & Service - \$50.00; Mennonite Women - \$50.00; The Banquet - \$1,935.00.

Everence has created a great little booklet called “**30 Days of Generosity**” and they have made it available to anyone free of charge. Each week, Lisa will send out an attachment for you to print off and study. It is our hope that this stewardship focus will create in us more generous hearts and lives.

Join together at the annual **Mennonite Women's Retreat** this September 18-19 for a time of reflection and leisure. Lodging and meals provided: \$95 for the full weekend, or \$40 for Saturday, \$25 for Sunday. Register by September 13 at: <https://myslcc.com/register/> or call Judi at the camp (605) 326-5690. See the Central Plains Mennonite Women Facebook page for updates and more information on our speaker Kate Friesen.

August Household Treasury Report – Income: \$7,117.50; Expenses: \$15,565.47; Balance: \$3,554.34.

Community Connections

Rural Revival is sponsoring a vineyard tour at the David and Cindy Graber farm at 43772 283rd St., Freeman, SD on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

Donations to the **Et Cetera Shoppe** have been slow for the past few weeks. We rely on your donations to stock our shelves and to fill our beautiful, updated store. As we transition from summer into fall, consider the following: have you cleaned out your kitchen cabinets lately? Have you been storing fall-themed home décor items that you won't be using? Do you have like-new books in your collection that you're done with? Good-condition toys that your kids have outgrown? Do you have a piece of furniture that you're tired of storing? Is it time for a purge of your sewing and crafting supplies? Is there clothing in your closet that you didn't wear once in the past year? Consider bringing us these items as you do your fall housecleaning – your donations are tax-deductible and help us to remain an exciting store that supports an important mission!

Learning God's Peace: "Christ died He left a will in which He gave His soul to His Father, His body to Joseph of Arimathea, His clothes to the soldiers, and His mother to John. But to His disciples, who had left all to follow Him, He left not silver or gold, but something far better - His PEACE! - Matthew Henry

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rlBAaS3A>

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