Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Called and Ordained for Ministry
February 23, 2025
10:30am

"Soon after…he went on…proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God." - Luke 8:1-3

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude — Sherilyn Ortman

Welcome and Call to Worship — Mary Mannes

Prayer of Invocation

* Singing our Praise – *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* — VT #1

* Greeting each other

Offering – Bienvenidos
Offertory

Receiving new members
Kerry and Lori Hofer have transferred their church membership from First Baptist Church, Emery

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings — Jeremiah 1:4-10, I Timothy 5:17-22

Song – *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* (sing in unison) — VT #9

* Gospel Reading — Luke 8:1-3

Sermon – "Called to Proclaim Good News" — Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – *God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song* — VT #539

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Here I Am, Lord* — VT #545

* Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

God calls people to serve the church in various ways. On the anniversary of his 25th year of being ordained, Pastor Corey will reflect on his experiences throughout these years in the church and invite us all to reflect on what God is doing. Welcome to worship. We are so glad you have decided to join us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Bienvenidos**. (The ministry in Flandreau that provides support for recent immigrants who live and work in that community).

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages
10:30am – Worship Service
2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

TODAY – A special town hall meeting for all Freeman Academy constituents will be at the Salem Church at 3:00pm.

THIS WEEK

Feb. 26 (Wed) – Feeding Our Faith. Supper at 6:15pm and Bible Study for all ages at 7:00pm. The adults will hear a special video presentation of 500 years of music in the Anabaptist Church. Come to learn and sing!!
Feb. 26 (Wed) – Spiritual Formation Team to meet at 8:00pm
Feb. 28 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – Mar. 2

Next Sunday is Jesus' Transfiguration Sunday. The texts are Exodus 34:29-35, Ps. 99, II Cor. 3:12-4:2, and Luke 9:28-36. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 5 – Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm (no meal)
Mar. 16 – Over 80's Tea at Salem-Zion from 2:00-4:00pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Ted Ellinger had successful surgery last Sunday to remove a mass from his small intestine and has made good progress in his recovery this week. He remains a patient at Avera Hospital.
- Milo Pidde took a little tumble this week and broke his tibia close to his ankle. He has been fitted with a cast to help with stability and healing. Prayers for Milo and his family in this time of recovery.

Remember to praise God for:

- the healing that is coming to Ted following his surgery.

- the gift of Kerry, Lori, Cadence, Reeslyn, Jamison, and Kendric Hofer to our congregation.
- the gift of all ordained ministers who proclaim Jesus' Good News. Praise God!

Remember to pray for:
- those who cannot be here today: LaVonne Schrag.
- Ted Ellinger as he continues his recovery from his surgery.
- the group of nine from Central Plains (and one from Colombia) who will be traveling to Ecuador next week for the Ecuador Partnership Service and Learning Tour. Pray for a fruitful time of learning and deepening faith.

Times/Talents Sheets: We had a wonderful response from Salem-Zion regarding our Times/Talents sheets that are dispersed every 2-3 years, but we know that there are more bodies in our church family that have gifts and talents to be shared. Additional sheets are in the foyer. Please take the time to fill out the survey and turn it into the box in the foyer labeled "Times/Talents Sheets."

Summary **minutes** from the February Deacons' meeting have been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Save the Date: The SD MCC Relief Sale will be held on Saturday, July 19, in Pioneer Hall in Freeman.

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, February 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Cheese Pocket Making Days for Schmeckfest: Cheese pockets for the 2025 Schmeckfest Country Kitchen will be made on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1, and March 7 and 8 in the Pioneer Hall Dining Room. Plans are to begin at 3:30pm on Fridays and 9:00am on Saturdays. Please bring a sack lunch on Saturdays. You are invited to join the volunteer crew for a great time of work and fellowship and learn how this ethnic favorite is made! Watch the *Courier* or Freeman Academy websites for weather make up days, if necessary.

Head of School Opening at Freeman Academy: Freeman Academy is seeking an interim Head of School to begin in summer of 2025. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school, which has a strong fine arts tradition and rich history of serving the church and community. To learn more about Freeman Academy, please visit freemanacademy.org. To apply or for more information, email SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org.

For information about the 2025 **Swiss Mennonite Cultural & Historical Association annual meeting** in Kansas, please see the bulletin board in the narthex.

The February edition of **On the Level** is now available at https://conta.cc/3X9niXI. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires and recent flooding in Kentucky plus a recap of our 75th Anniversary celebration last week in Wichita, KS.

2025 Peace Mug Nominations: Please think about people in your congregations who have demonstrated Jesus's way of love and peacemaking. The Peace and Justice Task Group is seeking nominations for the annual *Peace Mug Award*. This can be anyone you have seen doing small acts of kindness or someone who has spoken out in the face of injustice. Send names and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Jane Y-S (wilmajane17@gmail.com). We need them by Wednesday, April 2.

The **Swan Lake Christian Camp annual meeting** will be on March 9 at 4:00pm followed by a meal and a tour of the new worship center/dining area. All are welcome to attend.

Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptism & Swiss Alps Tour. May 21-31, 2025. Space remains! Preview tour at www.tourwithweldon.com Contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276 for itinerary, registration and full details.

Please pray for MCC staff and the communities in Kentucky and West Virginia that are experiencing catastrophic flooding from torrential rain Feb. 15-16. Support MCC's efforts in the region: mcc.org/donate-appalachia. Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: mcc.org/appalachia-build.

The MCC Central States annual meeting will feature guest speaker Ken Rodgers on Saturday, March 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. at MCC Central States in North Newton, KS. Ken will share about his journey in learning about the Doctrine of Discovery and how he and his family has worked to come to terms with it. All are welcome to attend. Please email tinaschrag@mcc.org if you would like the Zoom link to join us virtually.

Seeking God's Peace for the most vulnerable: *"For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be loved."* - Henri Nouwen

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