Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Glad and Generous Hearts
May 31, 2026

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Veni, Creator Spiritus* (Wilbur Held) — Ken Mannes
Welcome and Call to Worship — Kaye Waltner

L: The Spirit of God is moving among us, and a sense of holy awe fills this place.
P: Though we are many, we gather here as one body, holding all things in common.
L: With glad and sincere hearts, let us lift our voices to praise our Lord.
P: We break bread together, we share in fellowship, and we celebrate God's amazing grace.
L: Day by day, God is building His church and adding to our number.
P: Let us worship the Lord our God with gladness and singleness of heart.

Prayer of Invocation
* Singing our Praise – *What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* — VT 160
Sharing the Peace
Children's Story "Shalom Reader's Club" — David Friesen
Offering – Freeman Ministerial
Offertory – *Campfire Ballad* (Kevin Olson) — Noelle Friesen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading — Acts 2:43-47
Song – *Let Us Build a House* — VT 36
New Testament Reading — Acts 4:32-37
Sermon – "The Spirit-Led Church" — Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Song – *Build Your Kingdom Here* — VT 393
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Sending Song – *Go, My Friends, in Peace* — VT 839 Verse B
* Benediction
Postlude – *Improvised*

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The early church gathered in the name of Jesus with God's Spirit of gladness, grace and generosity enveloping them. We continue to celebrate the unity and spirit of generosity that embodied the early church and are invited to consider how Salem-Zion emulates this as well. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Freeman Ministerial**. Over the past year, the Freeman Ministerial has been able to support different people and causes in the Freeman community. Specifically, funds have supported all of the following and more:
- providing a place to stay and food for those journeying through our community
- providing some financial relief for local families and individuals
- hosting and celebrating the annual baccalaureate service for graduating seniors in our community and beyond

Thank you all for your efforts, time, and consideration in the continued ministry of the Freeman Ministerial.

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

THIS WEEK

June 1-5 (Mon-Fri) – Daily Vacation Bible School
June 5 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – June 7

Next Sunday is Bible School Sunday. Worship is at **10:00am** at Salem-Zion.

Salem-Zion's regularly scheduled offering on June 7 is for the Household Treasury, and an offering will be received for the Bible School project on Sunday morning; watch for further details next week.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 7 - Children's Choir & Jr. SS Dept. cookout at the Epp's house, **5:00 pm.** Please check your email for details.
Thursday, June 11 – Serving at The Banquet West in Sioux Falls
June 25-28 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference in Mt. Lake, MN

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Linda Ortman was released from Sanford on Thursday and is now at Tieszen Home in Marion for several weeks to receive physical therapy. The tumor that

was removed was cancerous and chemo treatments will be coming in the future. Continue to pray for Linda and John in this challenging season.
- The new playground set was installed on Tuesday afternoon. Thanks to the trustees and our Faith Formation Team for helping to see this project finalized. We will have a dedication service following worship.

Remember to praise God for:
- our daily vacation Bible School and for the ways our children's faith is growing.

Remember to pray for:
- those who cannot be here today: Helen Tieszen.
- Linda and John Ortman in these days of recovery and discernment. Lord hear our prayers.
- Bible School, for the leaders, teachers, helpers, and participants!
- the end of the school year for our teachers, school staff, students and parents in Central Plains. In the midst of busy schedules, may each find time for renewal and relaxation this summer.

Bible school: reminder Bible school starts tomorrow. 9am-1:15pm. Don't forget to send a sack lunch, water bottle and offering with your kids! Thanks! Lacey & Kelsey

Next week's printed bulletin will consist of the VBS program; **announcements will be emailed** and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board.

Read Through the Bible This Summer!
There are still slots available for you to sign up as we read the Bible together throughout this summer. Some facts: **1.** You will read this on your own and you can read your section at any time during the summer. **2.** You will not be asked to read it in our worship time, nor will you have to share about it (or write a paper on it). **3.** You can read it in any Bible version that is meaningful to you. **4.** IF we don't get all the slots filled, the worship team may randomly assign texts to members/attenders that didn't sign up so that we can more fully enter into this experience**. 5.** We trust that as we read the Bible together, God's Spirit will speak to us truth in Jesus' name.

The books for our **summer Sunday School studies** have arrived. Please pick up your copy in the narthex and start reading. Our first Sunday with these studies will be June 14. God Looks Like Jesus class will meet in Fellowship Hall and Who Will Be a Witness class will meet in the side room to the south.

Summary **minutes** from the May 27 Deacons' meeting have been posted in the narthex.

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

Save the date! On June 14 at 4:00pm the congregation review team invites all of you for a time of visioning and planning for the future of Salem-Zion, as an alternative to our usual written review. We encourage all age groups to participate. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. More information coming soon!

DO NOT miss the opportunity to sign up to **teach Jr. Sunday School this summer** (sign up sheets are in the Narthex). You can teach one Sunday or a few, it is up to you. There will be three classes that will need a teacher each week. Sign up with a friend, a spouse, a child, or just by yourself. There will be teaching materials from the Shine curriculum available for each Sunday for each class. If you have not taught for a while, sign up and get to know some of the youth from our church - they are truly amazing!!

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!

Seeking and Living God's Peace: "The reasons for a war that never happens are many. But one clear element, perhaps the motherlode vein, may well be that a thousand unnoticed micro-spectacular acts of dignity and humility can shift toxicity enough that the knife-edge of violence is avoided." - John Paul Lederach

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