# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**Praying "Equipping the Saints"**
**June 1, 2025**

### GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Sonata in E Minor: 1. Allegro moderato* (Grieg) — Austin Unruh
Welcome and Call to Worship — Nick Schrag
L: We have come together as one.
**P: One people, gathered in the name of the one God.**
L: We will worship together as one.
**P: One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.**
L: We are empowered to live as one.
**P: One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,**
L: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
**P: one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.**
L: Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.
***All: One people, giving witness to the power of our one God.***
Prayer of Invocation
* Singing our Praise – *In Christ There Is No East or West* — VT #390
Greeting each other
Children's Story — Laura Hofer
Senior Recognition
Joshua Janssen
Ella Waltner
Hymn – *Come, Thou Fount* — VT #563
Peace Lamp
Offering – Household Treasury
Offertory – *Andante Spianato* (Chopin)
Meeting the Swan Lake Christian Staff — Luke Patterson

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures — Ephesians 4:1-16
Meditation – "Growing up into Christ" — Corey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Communion
Sharing and Congregational Prayer

### SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* — VT #812
* Benediction
Postlude – *Sonata in E Minor: 4. Finale Molto Allegro* (Grieg)

## Church Calendar

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

**TODAY**

We conclude our praying through Ephesians today as we hear Paul's prayer for unity in the Body of Christ. As we worship God through our singing, giving, and proclaiming, we trust the Spirit to help us "*equip the saints for the work of ministry*." Welcome to our time of worship!

We welcome all to the communion table who love God and are committed to following Jesus.

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

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

**THIS WEEK**

**June 2-6 (Mon-Fri)** – Vacation Bible School at South Church
**June 4 (Wed)** – Outreach and Service meeting at 7:30pm
**June 6 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

**NEXT SUNDAY – June 8**

Next Sunday we will worship at the South Church at **10:00am** for Bible School Sunday.

**COMING EVENTS**

**June 11** – Session 1 ***What We Believe*** (read chapters 1-3)
**June 19** – Serving at The Banquet West in Sioux Falls
**June 26-29** – Central Plains Mennonite Conference in Rock Island, IL

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

**Happenings over the past week:**

- Delano and LaVonne Tieszen moved to a new room at Salem Home. They are now in room #107.
- Kerry Hofer's father, Lynell, was dismissed from Avera hospital and is now at the Freeman Hospital.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- our upcoming week of Bible School for our children, leaders, teachers, and helpers.
- Swan Lake Christian Camp and their summer ministry.
- 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.

Since we will be meeting at the South Church next Sunday, **Salem-Zion bulletin announcements** will not be printed for June 8. All announcements submitted before Thursday, though, will be emailed as usual.

**What We Believe Together**: Pastor Corey, Nathan Epp and Polly Waltner will be leading a series of meetings on Wednesday nights in June to dwell in the Word together, reflect on the challenges/opportunities of our time, and seek the Holy Spirit's direction. The book we will use, "*What We Believe Together*" is an account of seven shared convictions by Mennonite churches on six different continents. You can either read it online or download a copy for yourself.
https://mwc-cmm.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/what_we_believe_together_2015.pdf
The dates are **June 11, (chapts. 1-3), June 18, (chapt. 4), June 25, (chapt. 5), and July 2, (chapts. 6-7)**. The study will begin at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall.

This year's **VBS** theme is Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace and will take place at South Church on June 2-6 from 9-1:15 each morning. Snacks will be provided but children should bring their own sack lunch! **Children should also bring a paint shirt that they can get dirty.** Paper registration is available in the Narthex and online registration can be done here: https://shorturl.at/OTfsx. VBS Superintendents are also hoping to collect items to decorate the church that fit the Egyptian theme. These may include pillars/columns, plants/vines/flowers, baskets, pots, blue fabric/plastic, rugs, large brown paper bags, chains or trees. Let Bailey Carlson, Lacey Friesen, or Kelsey Pidde know if you have something to provide. Thanks!

You are invited to a ***Making Music for MCC*** **program** at Hutterthal Mennonite Church on June 8 at 7pm. You will experience a variety of music performed by musicians from local Mennonite churches. The offering will be designated to the MCC Relief Sale My Coins Count project to help with nutritional needs in Ethiopia (make checks payable to Hutterthal). Enjoy root beer floats to end the evening.

**ATTENTION LOCAL MCC ALUMNI** – in connection with the *Making Music for MCC* program at Hutterthal, all MCC alumni are invited to form a choir to sing one familiar hymn. No rehearsal needed. Whether you are a singer or not, you are welcome in this choir. Please join us for this special evening as we acknowledge those who have served with MCC. Feel free to wear something representing where you served. Children who were with their parents while in service with MCC are also invited to sing in this choir. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord as we raise funds for the relief sale My Coins Count nutrition project.

**Central Plains Annual Meeting** isn't just for delegates and pastors--ALL are invited to Moline, IL, June 26-29 to worship, learn, fellowship and discern



together! Visit our website to learn more and to register by June 10! www.centralplainsmc.org

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

**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 business) 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!

## Community Connections

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, June 11 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

**Academic Support Coordinator (75% FTE)**: Freeman Academy is seeking an Academic Support Coordinator to assist students to meet learning goals through one-on-one sessions and collaborative strategies with teachers. This work also includes helping international students acclimate and perfect their English skills. The position is full-time during the school year, and is benefits-eligible. For more information or to apply, access the application at https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/ or contract Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

**Administrative Associate (80% - $16-20/hr)**: Freeman Academy is seeking a well-organized self-starter to manage student enrollment, faculty certification, general office tasks, and assist the Head of School as needed. The position is full-time during the school year, with reduced and flexible hours during the summer. Benefits include paid leave, insurance, retirement, and tuition discounts. For more information or to apply, access the application at https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/ or contract Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

**Baptism brings God's Peace:** *"Jesus' most pressing concern before leaving the earth was our unity. He was looking ahead, to every generation of believer. And as he prayed, he made it clear that our witness as his body in this fractured , messed-up, chaotic world would depend on our love for another."* - Ed Galisewski, A Simpler Faith: Hope For Those Who Struggle With Church

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