Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

"A Prophetic Voice in Tough Times"
July 19, 2026

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude/Gathering Music — Anne Waltner
Welcome and Call to Worship — Mary Mannes
L: God called prophets to speak God's Word to Israel and Judah.
P: Words, Actions, and Messages called Israel back to right relationship with God.
L: We desire to hear prophetic words today by the power of the Holy Spirit.
P: Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved!
L: Come, let us worship the Lord our God, for His Word is truth and His presence is near.
***ALL*: We bow before our Maker and Redeemer. Amen.**
Prayer of Invocation
* Singing our Praise – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — VT 103
Sharing the Peace
Children's Story — Elizabeth Janssen
Peace Lamp
Offering – Community Peacemaker Teams
Offertory
Central Plains Conference Delegate Reporting

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading — I Kings 17:1-7, 8-16, 17-24
You Are All We Have (VT 701)
Sermon – "A Prophetic Voice" — Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Litany — (screen)
Refrain – *You Are All We Have* — VT 701
Sharing and Announcements
Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Sending Song – *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* — VT 828
* Benediction
Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

God called forth prophets to help Israel navigate through the challenges of being in a new land with competing gods. **Elijah** was a prophet who led in his words and his actions. It wasn't easy, but he bore witness to God's will. Welcome to our worship as we continue our journey through the Biblical narrative.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Community Peacemaker Teams**.

9:30am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship Service

This Afternoon – A memorial service for Winifred Saner will be held at Salem-Zion today at 3:00pm.

THIS WEEK

July 21 (Tues) – Worship Team meeting at Clara Beseman's home at 5:00pm
July 21 (Tues) – Deacons meeting at Lori Hofer's home at 7:00pm
July 24 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – July 26

Next Sunday we will continue our journey through the Biblical Story. The focus of the morning will be "*Redeemed After the Exile*" and the texts will be from Isaiah 43:1-7; 61:1-11. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for the Student Tuition Sharing Fund.

COMING EVENTS

July 26 – Congregational Review gathering at 4:00pm
July 31 and August 1 – Private reservation (the sanctuary and fellowship hall will be in use for a wedding)
August 9 – Miller BBQ from 5:00-8:00pm at Corey and Nancy's home

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Linda Ortman remains on Hospice Care at the Tieszen Home in Marion. Pray for Linda and John in this sacred journey, that they will feel God's love holding them.

Remember to praise God for:

- the insights that we are gleaning together as we read through the Bible and Dwell in God's Word together.
- durable crops, flowers and garden produce that are still producing in this dry season.

- the generosity of people and volunteers in contributing to the SD MCC Relief Sale yesterday.

Remember to pray for:
- those who cannot be here today: Helen Tieszen.
- those who are dealing with health issues within the body, mind, and soul.
- rain to come and provide needed moisture for crops, pastures, and gardens.
- wisdom to hear God's prophets today and the message of peace, justice, and love they are bringing.
- Youth and the Deacons as they work together to find new youth sponsors for our youth group.
- our sister churches in South Dakota: Bethany, Salem, House Church of Freeman, Hutterthal, and Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Churches.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE: Our Biblical narrative takes us on another wide swath that covers the Wisdom Literature and begins the Major Prophets. Reading Psalms/Proverbs/Ecclesiastes/Song of Solomon are Todd H., Lori O., Mary M., Lisa K., Lillie E., Ken M., Ladonna W., Steve G., Ellen O., Orville O. Reading Isaiah is Henry F., Elias F., Lacey F., Rose and Marlan K. In these sacred prayers and parcels of wisdom, we see people asking God for help. The book of Isaiah spans generations and explains how Israel was subjected to the fury of the nations because of unfaithfulness to Yahweh God. May you be blessed as you read through texts that you might not have remembered so well.

THREE SCRIPTURE PORTIONS STILL OPEN: There are 3 scripture portions that are needing people to read them. 1. Nehemiah 13:15-Job 7:21, 2. Ezekiel 36:1-Ezekiel 47:12, 3. Amos 9:11-Nahum 3:19. They are the pink highlighted areas on the sign-up sheet!

Save the Date! Join us on **Sunday, July 26 at 4:00 for the second Congregation Review gathering**. Come gather around tables to jointly look back and look ahead to the future of Salem-Zion. Discussion will focus on Worship, Outreach, and Facilities. All ages are invited to participate. Childcare will be provided.

Church office: Lisa will print bulletins on Thursday as usual, but will take some time off throughout the stretch of July 22-29.

The trustees have filled the following positions (May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027):
Custodian – Lindy Graber
Housekeeper – Paige Hofer
Groundskeeper – Sam Friesen

Turner County Fair Grandstand Booth: Please watch for a sign-up link to volunteer in the grandstand booth at the Turner County Fair this August. We appreciate your help with filling the open slots!

MCC SCHOOL KITS: MCC has challenged churches and individuals to donate 30,000 school kits this summer. Our church plans to participate in helping MCC meet this goal. As you are shopping in the coming weeks think about how you may contribute to this worthy cause. Following is a list of supplies for each kit: 4 spiral or perforated–page notebooks (70 sheets each), 8 new **unsharpened** pencils, 1 flat ruler (must indicate 30cm markings; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large eraser, 4 new black or blue ball point pens, 1 small **all metal-no plastic parts** pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes). We will be collecting these items July 26 thru August 9. - Janette Epp & Marlyce Miller

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!

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet on Tuesday, July 28 at 8:00pm at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Mennonite Disaster Service's July edition of **On the Level** is now available at https://conta.cc/44tG27G. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his gratitude for volunteer leaders and donors, learn why disasters deserve a local MDS response, and see the update on work being done in Crisfield plus listen to the latest MDS podcast featuring Bill Maust.

God's Prophet Calling for Justice: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8

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