



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(9:15-9:30) Gathering

- <https://zoom.us/j/278905019>
- *Or* phone call-in # (312) 626-6799 and Meeting ID: 278 905 019
- One-Tab Mobile (iPhone) +16699009128,,278905019#

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"—arr. Wilson

Choral Call to Worship

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Prayer

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Apostles' Creed

HWB #712

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:8-9; James 2:14-26

Sermon

"Are Faith and Belief the Same?"

Hymn of Response

"I will Sing of my Redeemer" – HWB #344


III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Swan Lake Christian Camp
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for Members in Mission
- **Children's Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

 * **Sending Hymn** “A Mighty Fortress is our God” – HWB #165/MH #325

Spoken Benediction

Closing Prayer

Postlude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”—arr. Carter

* Stand if you are able

Greeters: Cheryl & Bob Wollmann; **Worship Leader:** Brent Brockmueller;
Speaker: Pastor Bob; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organ); **Special Music:** Mixed Quartet; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

THIS WEEK

Tues. (31st), 7:00 p.m. – Deacon Board Meeting

Wed. (1st) – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **8:00 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting (in person & Zoom)

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>
- **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504 **Passcode:** prayer2020
- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)
- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504

NEXT SUNDAY, September 5

Speaker: Kate Friesen; **Worship Leader:** Stewart Hofer; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organ); **Greeters:** Cindy & David Graber; **Coffee:** Northeast #18

Worship Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday school Offering: Salem Sunday School

Children’s Offering: Oyate Concern Christian School

COMING EVENTS

September 13-18 – Our week to work in the Community Gardens

September 18 & 19 – Women’s Retreat at SLCC

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

Jenelle Miller has resigned from the Board of Deacons.

The trustees are looking for a few volunteers to help with painting some of the ceilings in the parsonage and one SS room in the church. If you are able to help please contact Duane Ries.

The South Church music team is looking for special music for our worship services in September and October. It can be solos and small groups, either vocal or instrumental music. If you have music to share or know of others that could, please talk to Kathy Kleinsasser or anyone from the music team.

Some of the pails for chilling water are missing from the kitchen. If you borrowed them and forgot to return them, please do so.

Sunday school teachers needed: The Sunday school department is looking for more teachers to lead children's classes! Teachers for the fall quarter are needed for all ages. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please consider giving your time to this important mission of the church!

With the start of school fast approaching, the Mission and Service Team is requesting donations of supplies for MCC school kits. A container and list of supplies are located on the table in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Chris Eisenbeis earmarked for "school kits". We encourage you to shop locally. Thank you!

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

The Rural Revival monthly meeting will be at 8 pm, August 23 in the Freeman Public Library.

Central Plains Mennonite Women's Retreat is scheduled for September 18-19, 2021 at Swan Lake Christian Camp in Viborg, SD. We are delighted to have Kate Friesen from Sioux Falls, SD as our speaker and look forward to a weekend of reconnecting, relaxing and sharing some of the sweeter parts of life together. Register by September 13 at <https://myslcc.com/register/> or call Judy at the camp (605) 326-5690. Check out the Central Plains Mennonite Women Facebook page for updates.

MDS PINE RIDGE PROJECT: Work on the volunteer center at Pine Ridge continues to progress. There is need for painting, installation of doors and trim, insulation and installing kitchen cabinets. Our SD Unit is planning another work week there from Monday Aug. 30 to Friday, Sept. 3. Please consider assisting with these remaining tasks. As always, transportation, food and lodging will be provided. Call Dennis Ries at 925-7788 or 605-759-4312 to make arrangements.

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.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) Sunday school following
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

Central Plains Conference thoughts from Shirley Ries: Participating in our church conferences has been helpful for me over the years as I have grown as a Christian. Conferences are like "continuing education". There is always a place for recommitment of my faith walk and a place to discern difficult issues together in the church body. The following are from my notes taken while a delegate at CPMC.

From David Finch's message on June 19, 2021

Pastor Finch has heard some people saying, "I'm in love with Jesus but I'm done with the church." What is the church? Acts Chap. 2 looks at Christianity as a way of life.

Who are we as a church as we come out of Covid? Jesus' presence is why we gather. We are members of God's household. Meeting again in person, we realize how important meeting with each other is as we eat together, pray for each other, hear of someone's conflicts in the family, conflicts in the community, participating in peaceful protests, gathering and worshiping. How can we use the interruption of Covid to cultivate the presence of God? David suggested that Central Plains discernment committee would be a source for churches to help discern conflicts and direction.

Social media has contributed to conflicts. The youth he has worked with like to be allowed to use the acronym of CRAAP for testing resources of information. Is what you're reading current, relevant, who is the authority, is it accurate, and what is its purpose?

C: current R: relevant A: authority A: accuracy P: purpose

Coming out of Covid has produced a host of differing ideas some of which have divided churches and communities. We must take time to discern where information is coming from, especially if the stories/ideas are coming from social media. Who are the editors and writers who are telling the story? Be wary, why is the story being told? Who benefits from the story being told? Whose voices are not included? Some people are more willing to believe what is not true than what is true. How different/difficult it is in our present age to live out our Christian commitment!