



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

28103 443rd Ave
Freeman, SD 57029-5840

(605) 925-4553
southchurch@goldenwest.net
southchurchsd.org

February 11, 2024

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

- <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 "Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine" — arr. Berry
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" — arr. Tornquist

Choral Call to Worship "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" — arr. Schrader

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" — HWB #592

Welcome & Greeting One Another

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem "Great and Glorious" — Haydn/Daltry

Scripture II Corinthians 5:14-6:2

Sermon "The Ministry of Reconciliation"

Hymn of Response "When Love is Found" — HWB #623

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering**: Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Gideons
- **Children's Offering**: Hope Harbor

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

“Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining”—HWB #410

Benediction

Postlude

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollman; **Worship Leader:** Paul Balzer; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); **Special Music:** Men’s Choir; **Speaker:** Lois J. Preheim; **Coffee:** Northeast #14

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.

The floral bouquet is presented in memory of Ryan Graber by his family. Tomorrow will mark the 15th anniversary of his tragic death.

4:30 p.m. – Bible Study (Note Time Change) We will be watching *Weaving Life* about Dan Terry, a Peacemaker in Afghanistan, how he lived and died for what he believed in.

4:30 p.m. – You are invited to participate in a monthly conversation and prayer time with our Ecuador Mission Partners, the Ross Richers. You can join by entering the Waterford Mennonite Church website, waterfordchurch.org. Then click on Worship, then Online Prayers, then scroll to Ecuador Prayers and click on video or dial in. Or in your Zoom app put in the Meeting ID: 853 3848 4428 and Passcode: 274788.

THIS WEEK

Mon. (12th), 7:30 p.m. – Deacon Board Meeting

Wed. (14th), 6:30 p.m. – Handbells; **7:30 p.m. –** Chancel Choir

Fri. (16th) – Fellowship Hall Reserved

NEXT SUNDAY, February 18

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Gregg Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); **Special Music:** Handbells; **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollman; **Coffee:** Class #14

Worship Offering: Ecuador Partnership

Sunday school Offering: Camper Scholarships

Children’s Offering: Hope Harbor

We will be following through on our goal of doing a quarterly conversation time followed by a meal together. Following Pastor Bradford's installation service, we will transition into a time of conversation (perhaps not a full hour this time) focusing on ways for us to welcome and support Spencer and Renee. You may greet them before you go into the fellowship hall, or wait until after our fellowship meal, since Spencer, Renee, and Susan Janzen will also be joining us for our conversation time.

Following our time of visiting, we will enjoy a welcoming potluck. Please bring a hot dish, salad or side dish, and if possible, your own serving utensil. Dessert and paper products will be provided.

6:00 p.m. – Bible Study

COMING EVENTS

February 16 – Fellowship Hall Reserved

February 25 – MEDA Presentation in the Fellowship Hall

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

This year is the 150th year of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites coming to South Dakota. The 150th anniversary committee (Corey Miller, Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Rudy Brockmueller, and Everett Waltner) is very excited about this upcoming commemoration scheduled for Sept. 7 & 8. We will be filling you in on our many ideas and plans as the year progresses. One thing we would like from you right now is your family stories, stories of your grandparents and great grandparents, people who have shaped our church and community. We are looking for stories that could be shared as children's stories, in Sunday School classes, in newsletters and possibly a booklet that we hope to compile. We are looking for stories of adventure, of hard times, of celebrations, and especially stories of faith. Please give or send your written stories to one of the committee members. Thank you.

We would like to bless the Bradfords with a grocery/kitchen shower so that they will have some pantry items available upon their arrival on Thursday, February 15. **A parsonage preview is planned for Wednesday, February 14 from 5-7 pm.**

Please enter through the garage and leave your shoes there before entering the parsonage. You can bring your grocery/kitchen items at that time, OR bring items to church on Sunday, Feb. 11 if you aren't able to attend the preview event.

The Bradfords like to cook from scratch and shared a few of the items that they use most often. Here are some suggested items: flour tortillas, tortilla chips, canned black beans, chili beans, mild salsa, canned albacore tuna, frozen vegetables: peas, broccoli, green beans, various pasta, paper plates, towels, napkins, cups. Gift cards to the local grocery stores would also be a good option. Please contact Vernetta Waltner if you have any questions or concerns.

Pastor Spencer and Renee will need help unloading the contents of the moving van into the parsonage the afternoon of Thursday, February 15. The specific time will be determined as they travel here. Please contact Cheryle Gering if you can help.

A big thank you to everyone who prepared food and served at the Yankton Banquet this past Thursday! We also appreciate the monetary donations to cover grocery costs. There were 209 guests and workers who enjoyed good food, fellowship and wonderful music from the Doane University Choir. Please mark July 18, 2025, as our next visit to this worthwhile event. Mission and Service Team

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will meet Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

SCHMECKFEST NOTES

Cheese pockets for the 2024 Schmeckfest Country Kitchen will be made on Friday afternoon and Saturday, Feb. 16 & 17, and Feb. 23 & 24, in the Pioneer Hall Dining Room. Plans are to begin at 3:30 pm on Fridays and 9:00 am on Saturdays. Please bring a sack lunch on Saturdays. 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 cancellation.

Kuchen making days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, starting at 9:00 a.m. If you have glass pie plates we can borrow, please bring them, clearly labeled. We ask that you bring a sack lunch and join us for all or part of the day. Thank you!

Schmeckfest is scheduled March 15-16 and South Church is responsible for getting some volunteers in the kitchen and/or bring food for the meal. There are sign-up sheets on the table in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Kleinsasser or Debra Schmeichel. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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

Prayer List for February

I Thessalonians 1: 2-3: We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.

We continually remember before our God and Father
your work produced by faith
your labor prompted by love
your endurance inspired by hope
in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are thankful that:

- God is willing to dwell among us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit
- God is gracious and merciful, full of justice and truth
- God is at work among us producing good results in
 - the work of trustees and other volunteers in the parsonage
 - the work of volunteers for the Banquet in Yankton
 - the work of Bible Study Fellowship in the community
 - the privilege of learning how the Bible was formed through Peggy's leadership
 - the communication plan that the deacons are putting together
 - the call and response of Pastor Spencer and Renee to minister among us
 - Swan's Lake ministry in southeastern SD
 - Oyate Hope Academy in Pine Ridge
 - Freeman Academy in this community
 - the work of MDS nationally and MCC internationally

We ask:

- for guidance in selecting new mission partners now that the Ross Richer's ministry is ending in Ecuador
- for comfort for Shirley Brockmueller's family clan as they mourn her loss
- for mercy in the wars in Ukraine and in Gaza
- for mercy in the flooding in Ghana and California
- for mercy as we contemplate the issues around immigration
- for the willingness to learn more about prayer during the Sunday School lessons on prayer in February
- for strength as the community prepares for Schmeckfest in March
- for compassion for all those who do not have three essential needs of humans: shelter, food, and water

And because it is Valentine's Day this month, we are mindful of this admonition and observation from I John: *Let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

Praying for and with the congregation this month: Shirley and Dennis Ries, Lois Janzen Preheim