



Salem Mennonite Church

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February 11, 2024 – Lent 1 Christ among Us, Repent and Believe

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

- <https://zoom.us/j/278905019>
- Or phone call-in # (312) 626-6799 and Meeting ID: 278 905 019
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Prelude Variations on “Kingsfold” (HWB #493) — arr. Dahl

Musical Call to Worship “I Love to Tell the Story” – arr. Eithun

Spoken Call to Worship (based on Psalm 25:1-10)

Leader: Teach us your pathways, O God—
our eyes and our souls are trained on you.

Congregation: **For you are the greatest guide, and your map is
always good.**

Leader: Other paths have left us lost; other ways have
left us confused.

Congregation: **You guide us along the trail of your mercy, drawing
sinner and saint down this well worn way.**

All: *All your paths are love, made smooth by
your faithful walking. We are led into your truth by
following the tread of your feet.*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn “The work is thine, O Christ”—HWB #396

Welcome & Greeting One Another

II. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Membership Welcome

Responsive Reading

HWB #794

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering**: Ecuador Partnership
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Camper Scholarships
- **Children's Offering**: Hope Harbor

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Worship Music

"Near to the Heart of God" – arr. Larson

Installation Service

Presentation Litany

People of faith, we are here today in the presence of God and this assembly to install Spencer Bradford as your pastor at Salem Mennonite Church. Who presents Spencer for installation?

We present Spencer. Believing that we have been guided by the Spirit of God, we have called him to be our pastor.

In commending Spencer for this ministry, will you also uphold him in it?

We will stand by Spencer in his calling.

Hymn

"Here I am, Lord" – HWB #395

III. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

I Kings 19:1-8; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

"Ministry for the Kingdom"

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

"Go, my Friends in Grace" – STS #57"

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary on "Restoration" – arr. Held

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

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshiping 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. February 12 marks the 15th anniversary of his tragic death.

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 focusing on ways for us to welcome and support Spencer and Renee. A potluck meal will follow.

Today's potluck dessert is a thank-you cake dedicated to everyone who put in such long hours at the parsonage throughout the past weeks. A huge thank you to all of the trustees, the painters, the decorating committee, and all of the cleaners who worked so hard!

1:30 p.m. (approximately) Bible Study: We will wrap up our discussion on the Bible and share with each other things that have helped us in studying the Bible.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (21st), 6:30 p.m. – Handbells; **7:30 p.m.** – Chancel Choir
8:30 p.m. – Ladies' Ensemble

NEXT SUNDAY, February 25

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Cal Graber; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Special Music:** Chancel Choir; **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollman; **Coffee:** Class #14

Worship Offering: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Sunday school Offering: Community Garden

Children's Offering: Hope Harbor

COMING EVENTS

March 7 – Church Council Meeting

March 11 – Deacon Board Meeting

March 15 & 16 – Schmeckfest

March 17 – Fellowship Hall Reserved

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Thank you to those who gave financial support and helped with painting, cleaning and everything else that needed to be done to get the parsonage ready for Pastor Spencer and Renee. The Trustees

The funeral service for Shirley Brockmueller will be held Saturday, March 23, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a visitation on Friday, April 22, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Walters Funeral Home.

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.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Is a world without poverty possible? We invite you to join us for a look inside MEDA, where compassion meets creativity to solve some of the world's toughest problems through agriculture and innovation. Come to **the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 25th, 2:00 p.m.** to enjoy some coffee and dessert while Claude Clodomir from MEDA shares MEDA's vision for a world without poverty. Claude demonstrates how this happens through strategic investment in entrepreneurship and agricultural development. Clodomir is the Chief of Party for the ATTAIN project, a USAID-funded initiative by MEDA. With over 20 years of experience in international development, Claude specializes in implementing USAID-funded projects and believes in the transformative power of incentives.
We welcome you to join us!

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m., February 26 at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Drivers Needed: Drivers are needed for Meals on Wheels in the Freeman community. If you are interested in helping out, please call 605-925-4000, and ask for Mary or Rick.

A paint pan and rollers were left in the fellowship hall along with a bag of light bulbs. You can pick them up from the coat rack by the office.

The February issue of the Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter is now available. In this issue: Information on Mary Anderson's retirement, upcoming annual meeting, staff news, prayer room update, worship center update, prayer requests and a devotional by Jerry. Go to myslcc.com to view the full newsletter.

Every year the Justice and Peace Task Group awards a peace mug to a Central Plains peacemaker. This year we are looking for a special person who has seen the plight of immigrants and responded. As God's people, we are called to welcome the stranger. Look around your congregation and community. Think about people who have found ways to bring peace and justice by welcoming immigrants. We need nominations for this special *Welcome the Stranger Peace Mug Award*. Send names and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Jane Y-S (wilmajane17@gmail.com). We need them by Monday, March 18.

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. 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. in the dining hall. 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!

Thanks to all who signed up to bring food for Schmeckfest! Please look over the sign-up sheets on the narthex table for kitchen workers. There are many jobs to fill and your help would be much appreciated!

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
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