



# Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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**February 26, 2023**

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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

“Rock of Ages” – Lorenz

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“A Wonderful Savior is Jesus” – HWB #598

Welcome & Greeting One Another

## **II. HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Scripture

Psalms 119:17-24

Sermon

“Godly Counsel”

Anthem

## **III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST**

**Announcements & Offerings**

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Swan Lake Christian Camp
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for Community Gardens
- **Children’s Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

## **IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Closing Hymn

“Savior of my Soul” – HWB #549

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” – Pachelbel

**Greeters:** David & Cindy Graber; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); **Special Music:** Men's Choir; **Worship Leader:** Cal Graber; **Speaker:** Gene Miller; **Coffee:** Class 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.

**5:30 p.m.** – Ash Wednesday Service. Following the service, The Deacon Board will be hosting a Welcome for Pastor Gene with fellowship and games. A light meal will be provided. Please bring a sweet or savory snack to share. If you have a favorite game, please bring that as well.

### THIS WEEK

**Mon. (27<sup>th</sup>), 7:30** – Mission & Service Meeting

**Wed. (1st), 6:30 p.m.** – Youth Group, Handbells

**7:30 p.m.** – Chancel Choir

**8:30 p.m.** – Men's Choir

### NEXT SUNDAY, March 5

**Speaker:** Gene Miller; **Worship Leader:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Special Music:** Chancel Choir; **Greeters:** Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Coffee:** Class #18

**Worship offering** is for Mennonite Central Committee

**Sunday school offering** is for Salem Sunday School

**Children's Offering** is for

### COMING EVENTS

**March 6** – Deacon Board Meeting

**March 9** – Church Council Meeting

### SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

**Thank you to all who donated** so generously to the youth group "Souper Bowl" on February 12, 2023. The total donated was \$2,533, which the youth will match from ice cream booth proceeds. Thus, the Bethany Food Pantry in Freeman and the Turner County Food Pantry in Parker will each receive \$2,533.

**Anabaptist Bible Study Groups** will be studying one of these passages: Ezra 1, Ezra 2:1-67; Rev. 8, Rev. 9:1-12; Psalm 144:9-15. Please sign up by the end of February, as we want to plan the first group meeting at the beginning of March. We encourage you to start looking at these passages in the next few weeks. Peggy Waltner and Lois Janzen Preheim

**Once again Dennis Wollman has gifted us** with several jars of jelly. They are on the table in the narthex. If you take one, please consider sending a thank you note to Dennis at PO Box 400, Freeman.

## **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**Swan Lake Christian Camp will be hosting** its annual meeting on March 5, 2023 at 4:00. The meeting will be held at the camp in the dining hall. All are invited to attend. Norman Hofer will be sharing some history of the camp. A supper will be served following the meeting. Please RSVP to Judi at [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com) or 605-326-5690

**The January 12, 1888, blizzard** will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. Her book, "Trailing the Schoolchildren's Blizzard" chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm's route extending from Canada down through the United States. Dr. Preheim has degrees from Freeman Junior College, the University of Nebraska and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a retired kindergarten-twelve principal having taught pre-school through college age students. Currently she resides in Newton, Kansas.

The annual meeting will be held on March 12, 2023, at 2:30 at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.

**Rural Revival will meet** on Monday, February 27, at 7:30 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are invited to attend.

**The February edition** of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC.

**Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3EboHDz>

**Sponsored by South Dakota Arts Council and Dr. Donald Schenk**, join Freeman Academy for Maggie in the Meantime on Sunday, February 26th at 2PM at Salem Zion Mennonite Church. Founded in September of 2009 in Sioux Falls, SD and inspired by Celtic and folk forms both old and new, Maggie In the Meantime is a blend of ballad, folk and storytelling that gives these master-level musicians a broad appeal. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15. Kids 10 and under are free. Funds raised will benefit Freeman Academy.

**People from three villages in Ukraine** came to South Dakota in 1874. People from one village traveled to Central Kansas. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association was initiated in 1983 and was supported by Kansas churches and Salem and Salem-Zion Churches. The first board had representatives from churches. Attending board meetings would have been difficult for South Dakota folks. But now we have Zoom and the possibility of connecting better with our relatives from Salem and Salem-Zion descendants. Board members make decisions about activities enjoyed by Schweitzers and others, telling our stories, taking care of our properties and South Dakota board members could share their perspectives. In August of 2024, we will be celebrating 150 years since our ancestors came to the U.S. so board members can be involved in this planning. Also we need young people to get involved in this ongoing story. Look around to consider those who have interest in history and genealogy who you might encourage to become a part of the SMCHA board and then inform our nominating committee. (If not this year, maybe next year. Thanks for acknowledging our important connections. – Kathy Goering [kjgo@mtelco.net](mailto:kjgo@mtelco.net)

### **SCHMECKFEST NOTES**

**Kuchen making days are scheduled for** Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, 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!

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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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