



Salem Mennonite Church

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Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday: Christ Our Hope

I. GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Medley of Filitz, Lemmel, Muller
Choral Call to Worship	“Blessed Quietness”— arr. Wilson
Welcome & Call to Worship	1 Corinthians 3:5-11, 16-17, 21-23
Hymn of Praise	“Praise Him, Praise Him” blue HWB #100
Offering	General Fund Medley of Sadler/Harvill, Adkins, Smith

II. RECEIVING GOD’S WORD

Hearing Scripture	Mark 2:1-12
Song of Response	“Down to the River to Pray” – Medema/McDonald
Sermon	“Faith in Jesus, alone” 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

III. RESPONDING TO CHRIST’S WORK

Hymn of Response	“Christ is Our Cornerstone” blue HWB #43
Congregational Sharing & Prayer	

- ❖ We pray thanks to God on this **Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday** for our shared roots in Jesus Christ; may the Holy Spirit continue to guide Anabaptist church ministries so that our neighbors may hear Christ himself speak healing and hope to them: *“Your sins are forgiven; stand up and take your mat and walk”* (Mark 2:9-11).
- ❖ We pray for Jesus’ healing hand for **James Merk** as he recovers from a hospitalization and surgery in Sioux Falls earlier this week; may his body, mind and spirit receive wellbeing through the grace of Christ.

- ❖ We pray thanks for the Creator's gift of life seen in two congregational births: **Huxley Alan Petersen** born January 14 to Tracy & Brett and **Mae Nelly Lebkuchner** to Lanna & Karl on January 18; may God's Spirit of Wisdom *"cloth them with strength and dignity, laughing without fear of the future"* (Proverbs 31:25).
- ❖ We pray thanks for Christ's gift of redemption of all life as we remember the earthly deaths of two members: **Reinhardt Preheim** on January 10 and **Lynette Preheim** on January 12; may their families receive Christ's assuring words, *"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you, and not as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid"* (John 14:27).

IV. SENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Sending Hymn

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" blue HWB #343

Spoken Blessing

Postlude

Greeters: David & Cindy Graber; **Musicians:** Barb Tieszen (piano), Men's Choir;
Worship Leader: Paul Balzer; **Speaker:** Pastor Nick; **Nursery:** Brad Carlson;
Coffee: North East #18

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today
 Offering Next Sunday
 Children's S.S. Offering

Oyate Concern School
 Salem Sunday School
 Community Gardens

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who have come to worship with us this morning! Please take time to greet others, invite them to Sunday school, and grab some coffee.

THIS WEEK

Tues. (28th), 7:00 p.m. – MCC Centennial Celebration in the Fellowship Hall

Wed. (29th), 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Fri. (31st)-Sun. (2nd) – Junior High Retreat at Swan Lake

Fri. (31st), 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. – Visitation with Elrod's family at the church

Sat. (1st), 2:00 p.m. – Elrod Kaufman's Funeral Service

NEXT SUNDAY, February 2

Speaker: Pastor Nick; **Worship Leader:** Dennis Ries; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ), Ken Mannes & Lyle Preheim (vocal); **Greeters:** Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference; **Nursery:** Wendy Miller; **Coffee:** Southeast #19

COMING EVENTS

February 4 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **7:30 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

February 5 – Youth Supper/Assemble College Valentine Care Packages

February 13 – Serving at the Yankton Banquet

February 15 – Hesston College Bel Canto Concert at South Church

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Funerals for Lynette Preheim and Reinhardt Preheim are yet to be scheduled for later in the springtime. Continue to pray for their families in the meantime.

Church Council is collecting your suggestions for possible Pastoral Search Committee members. Please put your suggestions in the designated box on the south narthex table by February 9. You do not need to confirm with the person you suggest. Council will do that as part of their process to form a slate of candidates to be approved at a congregational meeting on March 1. Please prayerfully consider the person you suggest. Paul Balzer, Church Moderator

Calling all MEN. Plans are underway for holding another men's group Bible study this winter during the months of February and the first half of March. We will be studying the first book in "The Jesus Way" series put out by Herald Press, entitled, "What Is the Bible and How Do We Understand It". Join us as we look at this Anabaptist based approach to reading, interpreting and applying the Bible in our lives. Our first meeting will be Saturday morning, February 8th. More details are coming as plans develop. If you know of someone from our church or community that would enjoy being a part of this type of group please invite them to join us.

If you can provide a cake for the fellowship following Elrod's memorial service, please contact Cindi Mutchelknaus (925-4652 or 929-1714).

On behalf of the Mission and Service Committee, we want to thank the congregation for the generous gift of \$787 for FHS lunches; the FHS Business manager also said, "Thank you."

February Film Features: At 6 pm on Sundays in February, we will be showing a DVD featuring individuals of faith and their stories. You're invited to attend.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will be meeting at 12 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, in the Freeman Public Library meeting room. Anyone is welcome.

Rural Revival will meet January 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Freeman Public Library. The education topic for this month will be presented by Myles Brockmueller. He will be discussing his experiences with no-till farming.

MCC Centennial Celebration Invitation. You are invited to join us as we celebrate MCC's Centennial! This year, 2020, MCC commemorates 100 years of sharing God's love and compassion for all. MCC now works in more than 50 countries with hundreds of church and local partner organizations to provide relief, development, and peace.

The Freeman area is now joining many other communities throughout the US and Canada to promote MCC's *New Hope in the Name of Christ* Centennial Campaign. This is your opportunity to join others across the US to deepen our investment to further the work of MCC.

Our celebration will take place on Tuesday, January 28th, at South Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Cake and coffee will be served as we hear more about MCC's ministry through videos and a guest speaker.

Please join us as we celebrate and strengthen MCC's ministry around the world.

The Christian Formation Committee of CPMC invites congregations and/or families with elementary-aged children to attend a conference-wide virtual reading party! At 6:30 p.m. on February 12, join us for a web-based read-aloud featuring Shalom Readers books and adult readers from around the conference. See our website for more information and to register. Pre-registration is required. www.centralplainsmc.org/shalom-read-aloud.html.

You are invited to a Freeman Academy Creative Arts Feature today at 2:00 p.m. at the North Church. Dr. Russell Svenningsen, vocal, and Dr. Anne Waltner, piano, collaborate on Franz Schubert's song cycle *Winterreise* (Winter Journey). An admission fee of \$15 will be charged at the door and includes a dessert reception. Doors open at 1:30.

SCHMECKFEST NOTES

Schmeckfest is coming, therefore we will be making cottage cheese pockets in the Pioneer Hall kitchen on the Freeman Academy campus. We will start at 9 A.M. on Feb. 4th, 11th & 18th. Snow date Feb. 25th. Come for a good time of fellowship.

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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