



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

- Prelude** *“There is a Fountain”* – arr. Hayes
- Instrumental Call to Worship** *“All Hail the Power”* – arr. Everson
- Opening Prayer**
- Opening Hymn** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* – HWB #37
- Welcome and Greeting One Another**
- Confession of Sin** (in unison) HWB #703
- Assurance of Reconciliation** HWB #704

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

- Instrumental Anthem** *“My Song Is Love Unknown”* – arr. Ijames
- Children’s Lesson**
- Scripture Readings** Deuteronomy 26:1-15; Mark 12:38-44; Acts 2:42-47
- Sermon** *“Bread of Embodied Worship”*

III. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST’S BODY

- Hymn of Response** *“How Good a Thing it is”* – HWB #310
- Announcements & Offerings**
- Today’s **Worship offering**: General Fund
 - Today’s **Sunday school offering**: Camper Scholarships
 - **Children’s Offering**: Bethany Food Pantry
- Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

"May the Grace of Christ our Saviour" – HWB #423

Benediction

May God the Father walk with you and keep you in the hope of God's Kingdom.

May Christ's faithful offering grace your life and fill you with faith to offer yourself to God and neighbor.

May the Holy Spirit unite you in love to the communion of Christ's Body in all your life, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Worship Leader:** Paul Balzer; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder & Janet Balzer (pianists), Brittney Kempf & Donna Ries (special music), Sharla Unruh (accompanist); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Class #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. There are small cups with lids for children to use.

7:00 p.m. – You are all invited to a Father's Day *Making Music for MCC* program at Hutterthal Mennonite Church. You will experience a variety of music (organ, piano and vocal) performed by musicians from several local churches. The offering will be designated to the MCC Relief Sale My Coins Count project to help secure pure water for families in Bolivia. Please make checks out to SD MCC Relief Sale. Enjoy root beer floats to end the evening

THIS WEEK

Wed. (19th), 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study: "Theology of Hymns & Teaching the Faith"

Thurs. (20th)-Sun. 23rd – CPMC Annual Meeting in Wayland, IA

NEXT SUNDAY, June 23

Speaker: Michelle Hershberger; **Worship Leader:** Katelyn Hurley; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Coffee:** Class #14

Worship Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday school Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

Children's Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

We will be meeting in person for worship, and will livestream the sermon from Annual Meeting.

COMING EVENTS

June 25 – Christian Formation Meeting

June 26 – Bible Study – “Hymns Across the history of Christian Worship”

June 30 – Pastor Bob Will be Speaking

July 3 – Final Bible Study Session – “Hymns Across Times and Seasons”

July 4 – Early Bulletin Deadline

July 7 – Kate Friesen Will be Speaking

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

From Ted Boese: Phyllis Boese died just before midnight, June 10th. (In late April she had her 94th birthday.) She along with my late father, had spent some of their retirement years in Africa, both with Habitat for Humanity and AIMM, they also served at the Hopi Indian School in Arizona during this time. Earlier they had both worked at the Freeman Academy. A memorial service is planned for a later date.

The Mission and Service Team has decided to continue supporting the work among the indigenous Cofan people of Ecuador begun by the Ross Richer family. Sadly, because of the high danger of drug and gang related violence there, the Ross Richers are unable to return to continue their work. However, in order to continue supporting the growth of the Christian church there, a new organization named “Two Way Mission,” has been organized which will be handled through the Ross Richer’s home church, Waterford Mennonite Church. They have established a planning board, including Jerrell, to support the mission. The goals of this mission are to support the ongoing discipleship and leadership development among the indigenous Christians, including scholarships for university education of teachers, nurses, and pastors. It will support the continuation of the Mobile Bible Institute; travel funds for local church outreach; and occasional travel between Ecuador and USA. The Mission and Service Department will direct the budgeted \$3000 for 2024 to this cause.

I plan to be cleaning and waxing the narthex floor the evenings of June 17, 18, and 19. I’m asking that you not enter the church using the narthex those evenings, so we don’t have footprints in the new floor finish. For Bible study on June 19, Please use the kitchen door. Libby Miller

As plans for the celebration of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonite immigration to South Dakota fall into place, we will need additional funds to promote these events. Any monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. The South Church has created an account to fund this celebration. Checks should be made to “Salem Mennonite Church” and given to any of the committee members. **The 150th anniversary committee** (Corey Miller, Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Everett Waltner and Rudy Brockmueller)

Pastor Bob Engbrecht will be retiring from his ministry as Associate Pastor of Senior Ministries at Salem Mennonite, effective July 1. On behalf of the congregation, the Deacons and Pastor Spencer offer their deep gratitude for his years of ministry in this church. **On Sunday, June 30**, Pastor Bob will preach the sermon in our morning worship service, and we will have a **fellowship lunch** together to celebrate his ministry with us.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); hand towels (dark colored); bar soap; bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide toothed combs (6-8 inches long); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); and shampoo (20 oz. minimum). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.836.5045. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Rural Revival will meet June 24 at 7:30 pm at the Freeman library for the annual meeting, board annual reorganization and election of officers. All are welcome to attend.

Church friends, during our busy summer season, if anyone who is driving to Sioux Falls or Yankton would be willing to haul some boxes of excess or expired donations to Goodwill for us, we would be so grateful. Feel free to pull up to our back door, and we'll load up as many boxes as you have room for. Thank you for your continued support of our work! -Et Cetera Shoppe

Some items have been taken to the Etcetera Shoppe, but a new collection seems to be growing. Check the coat rack by the office to see if any of the jackets could be yours.

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace is hosting its second event of a 5-part series exploring the background history of the current conflict between Israel and Palestine. On **Friday June 28 at 7PM** in the Freeman Community Center 224 S. Wipf St. Freeman SD 57029, Shaykh Hamzah Maqbul will present on how the different faith communities (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) interacted with each other throughout history.

This event will be live-streamed and recorded. Please follow the Facebook and Youtube pages for the Freeman Network for Justice and Peace for details.

www.facebook.com/FreemanNetworkJusticePeace

www.youtube.com/@FreemanNetworkJusticePeace

Prayer List for June, 2024

We were full of thanksgiving for

- Our ministers. We are grateful for Pastor Bob's ministry among us, and we ask the Lord to continue to be with him in the next chapter of his life. We are thankful for Pastor Spencer's sermons and for the ideas and fresh thinking he is bringing to us.
- Our congregation. We appreciate the many good memories long time members have and cherish. We are mindful of those who are no longer attending, and we pray for the well-being of all who have left.
- Our children. We are mindful of the enormous challenge it is to raise children to be productive adults and people who want to be Christians. Therefore, we pray for Bible School, for Swan Lake Camp, and other summer time activities that our children participate in. And we are aware that both Freeman Academy and Oyate Hope Academy have open positions they need to fill before the next school year.
- The gift of singing. We pray for the Bible Study beginning this week that will feature the study of hymns. We pray for Dawn Stahl and Pastor Spencer as they lead this study.
- Central Plains Conference and for the delegates who will be attending. We pray that the Annual Meeting will be a blessing and a time for vision renewal and inspiration.
- The global church and especially for the Christians in Ecuador and all who are giving leadership there.
- MDS ministry when disasters happen. We pray for Dennis and Shirley Ries who will be spending a month with MDS in Red Lake, MN.
- Ray and Renee Neufeld. We pray for healing for both and that a way will open up for Renee to come to SD to continue healing.
- Planting that is getting done between rains.
- Vacations and family reunions and we pray for safety for all who are traveling this summer.
- Peacemakers, diplomats, mediators and others who use language to solve conflicts.

Praying with the congregation: Duane Ries, Dennis and Shirley Ries, Derrold and Peggy Waltner, Gregg Waltner, and Lois Janzen Preheim

From Mom's Stash

Don't just say. . .

Don't just say, "I really care,"
But show it with a deed,
Hypocrisy is everywhere
And never fills the need.

Caring is an action word
The simple understand,
It's giving of yourself and time
To lend a helping hand.

--Marie Warren
Broken Bow, Oklahoma