



Salem Mennonite Church

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March 19, 2023 – Lent 4

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
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Prelude

“Adagio” – T. Albinoni

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 23*)

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

People: We shall not want.

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

People: We shall not want.

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

People: We shall not want.

**All: *Restore us through your Holy Spirit,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the comfort of your presence.***

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“Christ, Whose Glory Fill the Skies” – HWB #216

Welcome & Greeting One Another

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture

I Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-17

Sermon

Worship Music

“O, Calvary’s Lamb” – Berry

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for General Fund
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is Members in Mission
- **Children's Offering** is for Sioux Falls Children's Home

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

"Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us" – HWB #352

Spoken Benediction

Go forth and shine, for the Light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon us. Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Postlude

"Chorale" – J.S. Bach

Greeters: Brent Brockmueller & LaVonne Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organist); **Special Music:** Ladies' Ensemble; **Worship Leader:** Lois Preheim; **Speakers:** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer; **Coffee:** Class #18

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.

We are invited to join North Church for a noon potluck meal and you are welcome to bring food to contribute to our dinner together. Jerrell and Jane are planning on giving another presentation following the potluck meal, so this will be another time to hear stories and learn more about the Ross Richer's ministry in Ecuador.

4:00 p.m. – Anabaptist Bible Study Intro Meeting

THIS WEEK

Thurs. (23rd), 9:30 a.m. – Early Bulletin Deadline

Fri. – Sat. – Schmeckfest

NEXT SUNDAY, March 26

Speaker: Pastor Bob; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organist); **Special Music:** Men's Choir; **Greeters:** Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Coffee:** Class #18

Worship offering is for Freeman Academy

Sunday school offering is for Camper Scholarships

Children's Offering is for Sioux Falls Children's Home

Since there are several suggested Scripture verses, Pastor Bob is encouraging you to read them ahead of time. They are Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11 and John 11:1-45.

COMING EVENTS

March 29 – Youth Group

April 2-5 – Holy Week Services at Bethany

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Cheryle at 605-925-4204.

Ministry Descriptions available - Anyone starting in a new position this year or doesn't have a copy of their ministry description and would like a copy, please contact Marilyn Brockmueller from the Gifts Discernment Team or Chantel Hofer from the Policy Team. The Ministry Description document is being updated by the Policy Team and is not yet ready for publication. However, individual ministry descriptions are available upon request.

The Trustees are accepting bids for mowing the church grounds this summer. The job includes mowing and trimming all grass areas around the church, parsonage and cemetery. If interested please submit your written bid to Rodney Waltner by April 26, 2023.

There is still time to sign up for the Anabaptist Bible Study sessions. There are four sessions. The first one, scheduled for March 19 at 4:00 p.m., is an introductory session. The times for the next 3 sessions will be determined by the group for meeting in April and May. The deadline for reporting our commentary is June 1. Ideally, we would like several groups of 8, with a scribe designated in each group so we can combine the commentary from all groups. Each participant will receive a participant guide to use before each group session.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, March 27 at 7:30 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The March edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on an MDS project in Dulac, Louisiana; a home dedication in Kentucky provides visible reminders that God cares: and MDS Canada returns to Cape Bretton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3JazUG0>

SCHMECKFEST NOTES

The Schmeckfest Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items for March 24 & 25. Poppy seed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

Heritage Hall Museum & Archives will be buzzing during Schmeckfest 2023. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25. Craft demonstrations in the museum and programming at the Bethel Church begin at 1. The popular Heritage Pickers are returning with 10-minute presentations scattered throughout the museum both afternoons that offer quick history lessons about specific artifacts located in the museum. And visits with local experts about exhibits and areas of interest in the museum, archives and at the Deckert house are planned.

The model train, a 20-question exercise and the hands-on rope-making demonstration are among highlights planned for children. The museum is extending its regular admission to two days during Schmeckfest, which enables people to come and go as they please both Friday and Saturday. Museum wristbands, which will serve as admission tickets, are available for sale now.

A complete schedule of events can be found online at <https://heritagehallmuseum.com/news-%26-events>.

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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