

## West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School                      10:30 am: Morning Worship

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Words for silent meditation: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.* (Psalm 103:1)

Prelude                      Donna Stucky

\*\*                      Halle, halle, hallelujah!                      STJ 17

*He is exalted*

*Count your blessings*

*In Christ alone*

*In his time*

Welcome and Prayer                      Brad Roth

Greeting in Christ's Peace

**\*\*Celebrating in Song**                      Fairest Lord Jesus                      HWB 117

Scripture Reading                      Jeremiah 23:23-29                      Connie Kaufman  
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Message                      "God's word is a fire"                      Pastor Brad

**Song of Response**                      I heard the voice of Jesus say                      HWB 493

Offering                      Donna Stucky

Receive Dan Pohl into membership

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Announcements

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**                      God be with you                      HWB 430  
(v.1,3)

**\*\*Benediction**                      Pastor Brad

Postlude                      Donna Stucky

\*\*All who are able, please stand

**A Word about our Worship:** Each week we greet each other in Christ's peace. It's a chance to welcome guests, greet old friends, and be reminded that Christ calls us to live in peace with one another (2 Cor.13:11).

## Sermon Notes

God's word is a fire  
Jeremiah 23:23-29

### Theme

God's word challenges us to faithful living.

### Notes

### A Prayer

God who speaks, send that your fiery word to kindle faith in our lives.

Pastor Brad Roth

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Thurs. 1-4 pm

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**Our Mission :** “To be a caring congregation sharing a message of hope, salvation, and love to all people so that they might become disciples of Jesus Christ”

## West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by **Thur. noon**. Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. The **Women and Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah is Sept. 6-8. Friday evening is a fashion show (courtesy of Newton Et Cetera Shop) and dessert. Denise Nickel is the presenter for the main sessions on Sat. and Sun. The theme is "Serving Creates Lifelong Memories". The weekend includes seminars, campfire singing and special activities for girls grades 3-12. More info, along with registration is posted on the bulletin board.
2. Interest has been shown to start a commitment to **read the Bible through in a year or less**. If interested meet together after the Sunday School hour **Sept. 1 about 10:20 am**. Details can be shared. See Geneva Wedel for questions.
3. Christian Homemakers are collecting items for school kits for MCC  
4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)  
8 unsharpened pencils  
1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)  
12 colored pencils (in packaging)  
1 large pencil eraser  
Bring items to the church and place in the box in the foyer.
4. West Zion has 2 opportunities to serve for our church and missions. **First** MCC Canning representative – needed immediately and can be short term. **Second** MCC contact couple or person – starts October Please see Sharon Gehring or a council member if interested in serving.
5. Norman Funk has a ping pong table that he would like to sell. If anyone is interested please contact him at 620-381-0726.

## General Announcements

6. Everyone is invited to the **Moundridge Senior Center's Annual Benefit Fish Fry**, Tue., Aug. 27 from 5-7 pm. The menu is fresh fried fish, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, homemade rolls, pies, and ice cream. No reservations needed. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds go towards the fund to replace the dining room chairs. Donation

appreciated. There are matching funds from the McPherson County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

## 7. Everence has an opening for a Charitable Services

**Representative** to build relationships among donors and help them develop giving plans and financial solutions. The position facilitates stewardship education in congregations, regional church conferences, and delivering stewardship presentations. The ideal candidate also has fundraising experience.

8. Camp Mennoscah needs people who can tape and mud our newly sheet-rocked walls at Bluestem house. Bluestem house needs to be ready by Oct. We can offer a simple meal and pop break, but need advance notice. Call [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) to sign up and share your skills!

9. The annual **MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** is Sat., Sept. 21. originating at Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 E 30<sup>th</sup> Street, N. Newton. This year's ride raises funds for a water development project in Vietnam. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as shorter family ride are planned. A brochure is on the bulletin board and online at <http://centralstates,mcc.org/programs/flatlander>.

10. The FloraKansas Native Plant Bazaar is Sept. 5-8, at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Many species of wildflowers and grasses are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships for the member's only sale on Thurs., Sept. 5, 1-7 pm. may be purchased sale day. Current Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales. Call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org) for more information.

## 11. Life Enrichment at Bethel August 28

**9:30** *Bethel College Mile Markers: Those Behind Us and Those Ahead*, Dr. Perry White, president.  
**10:35** *Kansas State Fair: 100 Years*, Denny Stoecklein  
**11:30** *Israeli and Palestinian Groups Working on Justice and Conciliation*, Patricia Shelly

12. Sept. 15, 3-6:30 pm **is the next Year of the Bible event**. Visit <http://echo.wearesparkhouse.org/workshops/> for an interactive learning experience on Bible Storying at Faith Menn.Church, Newton. \$10 per person or \$25 for a group of up to 10 persons. Pizza, networking, and discounted books by Michael Novelli, our presenter. Call Western District Conference at [316-283-6300](tel:316-283-6300) by Sept. 10 to reserve a spot.

~We Wish "Happy Birthday" this week

August 25: Lici Roth

August 26: Tiffany Regehr

August 28: Bob Loganbill

August 31: Tyler Kaufman & Larry Rupp

### Joys and Concerns

Be with all the teachers as they go back to teaching.

Be with all students as they start back to school.

Addresses for our college students

#### Bethel College: 300 E. 27<sup>th</sup> N. Newton 67117

Brendan Bergen	Mareike Bergen
Jennifer Kaufman	Michelle Kaufman
Tyler Kaufman	Luke Loganbill
Jessie Pohl	Jaden Schmidt
Chase Stucky	Taylor Stucky

#### Hesston College

Corey Lohrenz  
Box 3000  
Hesston, KS 67062

Alice Schmidt while she is in the hospital

Karen Loganbill's stepbrother Rod recovering from brain surgery

Nancy Ottley as she travels to her son's wedding.

Sharon Becker as she cares for her mother

#### Prayer requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Today, participants in MMN's Radical Journey program begin their 10-day orientation in Chicago. Pray for openness and a spirit of service for each person preparing for a year in Argentina, Paraguay or South Africa.

#### Prayer requests from Western District Conference

Pray for Chin Emmanuel Church, our newest member church, as they acquire their first church building in Houston, TX. Pray that this church continues to make new disciples and reach out to their community.

Attendance: Sunday School- 16      Worship- 67

## Next Week – September 1

**9:30 am:** Sunday School

**Worship Leader:** Brad Roth

**Music:** Nan Bergen, Becky Pohl, & Carla Stucky

**Scripture Reader:** Brad Roth

**Pianist/Organist:** Carla Stucky

**Greeters:** Mel & Kathi Becker

**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

**10:30 am:** Worship Service

**Message:** Brad Roth

## Coming Events

Aug. 28: Music Committee 7 pm.

Sept. 1: 9:30 am Start of adult Bible Study led by Pastor Brad: Philippians: Paul's letter of Encouragement. All are welcome!

Sept. 4: Choir Practice 7 pm, Social at 8 pm

Sept. 3: First Day of School for Moundridge

Sept. 11: Choir Practice 7 pm

Sept. 12: Christian Homemakers 7 pm at the church.

Sept. 18: Moundridge Youth Ministry @ Park 6 pm

Sept. 25: MYM meets @ West Zion for supper, Choir Practice 7 pm

Oct. 27: 9:30 AM, Harvest Festival @ Eden Mennonite, with speaker Brett Klingenberg. This is a combined worship service of Eden, First, and West Zion. Meal following