

# West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *O LORD, you have searched me and known me (Psalm 139:1).*

Prelude                      Carla Stucky

\*Entrance: Halle, halle STJ 17

Lighting of the Christ candle                      Trynity Petersen

Welcome!

The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship    Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18



Search me, O God, you know me com - plete - ly.



Be my sure guide, my hope and stay.

Confession of sins

Greeting in Christ's Peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song**

To God be the glory                      HWB 102  
Precious Lord, take my hand                      HWB 575

Scripture                      Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)                      Sandy Jantz

*Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock*

Message                      "Welcome them as Christ"                      Pastor Brad

Song of Response    For we are strangers no more                      HWB 322

Offering

\* Doxology    HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Blessing of children

*(children are invited up to receive a blessing before communion begins)*

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you...                      HWB 660

Holy, holy, holy - v.1                      HWB 75

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

\*\*Sending Song                      Soon and very soon                      HWB 611

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

Ushers: Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler, Mel Becker  
Jr. Usher: Trynity Petersen

We welcome the residents of Pine Village who are joining us via telephone hook-up.

## Sermon Notes

Welcome them as Christ  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Theme

Welcome others into the family of faith as if you were welcoming Christ himself.

### Key Verse

Matthew 25:38 When was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?

Matthew 25:40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

### Notes

### A Prayer

Savior of all humankind, you embrace us in your love, grant that we might courageously welcome others into the journey of faith.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org*

**Our Mission :** God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Brad Roth

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Thurs. 1-4 pm

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## West Zion Announcements

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

1. Schedules through Labor Day for Scripture Readers and Worship Leaders are in your boxes. If you're unavailable on any of the days where you're listed, please swap with someone and let Pastor Brad know. Rodney Dyck is also available to fill in as a Scripture Reader.
2. Royce and Sandy Jantz selected HWB 575 and 611 to sing to today. Both of these songs were favorites of Royce's mother Sadie Jantz.
- 3.. Please have all reports for the yearbook into the church office by Jan. 25.
4. Sunday, Feb. 1, West Zion will begin collecting **Penny Power** money for the MCC Sale.
5. **Christian Homemakers** will work at the MCC Center on Mon., Jan. 19, beginning at 1 PM. Meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool to the Breadbasket for lunch and then go to MCC Center.
6. Wanted: Our Christian Homemakers project for next year is to send greeting cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. We want Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentines, Birthday and other cards. There is a collection box on the foyer shelf. **Hallmark and Disney cards are not accepted.**
7. **Mission Team** encourages you to connect to a new group dedicated to prayer for the local and international mission of the church. To learn more, **join us for a brief meeting in the Conference Room on Jan. 25 after the service.** May the Holy Spirit spark a flame in our hearts!
8. *Plastic Donuts and Bounty: Ten Ways to increase Giving at Your Church* were suggested by *Everence* as great educational resources regarding stewardship. They are now in our church library. *Plastic Donuts* by Jefferson Anderson is the story of a special gift that helps one to see giving from God's perspective. The book is also helping people everywhere give gifts with this unique perspective. The second book, *Bounty: Ten Ways to increase Giving at Your Church* by Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie. The authors provide ten immediately do-able and ultimately transformative steps that church leaders can take in any church setting.

I invite you to check both of these books out of our library. They are small, easy read books. ~Connie Graber, WZ Advocate for Everence

## General Announcements

9. Events at Bethel College  
**Jan. 18-19** in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, **A Celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.** will take place. **Sun., Jan. 18 at 3 PM** are excerpts from the documentary *Freedom Riders*. Discussion follows with Dr. Gretchen Eick of Friends University and Dr. Galyn Vesey. **Mon., Jan. 19 at 7 PM.**, members of Bethel's Multicultural Student Union and keynote speaker Sarah Thompson, executive director of Christian Peacemaker Teams will speak.  
**Sat., Jan. 31, at 11 AM**, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Kauffman Museum begins its celebration of Kansas Day, the theme is "Transportation"**. An historical interpreter on Amelia Earhart, Ann Birney will present. At **noon** is a special Kansas Day luncheon in *Schultz Student Center cafeteria* (ticket purchase required for all but children 4 and under); From **1-4 PM**, at the museum, there are free craft and educational activities and vehicle displays. If interested in the luncheon, e-mail Andi Schmidt Andres at [asa@bethelks.edu](mailto:asa@bethelks.edu) or call her Tues.-Fri. at [316-283-1612](tel:316-283-1612).
10. Circles of McPherson County will host our 4th Annual Soup Supper on Sun., Jan. 25 at the Free Methodist Church, 1010 South Maple, from 5-7 PM. More information is on the poster on the bulletin board.
11. Mon., Jan. 26 at 6:30 PM the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston begins its Winter Lecture Series with Roy J. Beckemeyer speaking about "Buried Treasure under the Prairie". The lecture is in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6 PM. in the Visitor's Center. The cost of the lecture is \$2 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$7. Interested persons should call 620-327-8127 by noon on Fri. before the Mon. lecture for supper reservations.
12. Events from Hesston College  
The **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS)** conference is Feb. 13-15 at Hesston College, "Overcoming Evil: Ordinary People Making a Difference." Keynote speaker is Father John Dear, internationally known voice for peace and 2008 Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Information/registration at [www.hesston.edu/avds](http://www.hesston.edu/avds) or call [620-327-8109](tel:620-327-8109).

Nationally recognized artist Ted Swartz of Ted & Co. TheatreWorks brings the scriptures alive in *"I'd Like to Buy an Enemy,"* a hilarious and poignant satire that explores peace, justice and the American way. The play is part of the 2015 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS), Sat., February 14 at 7 PM., Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$12 or free with conference registration.

~ Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week

January 20: Chet Koehn

January 21 Curtis Guhr & Rebecca Boltz

~ Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week

January 21: Jerome & Bonnie Kaufman

January 22: Terry & Ruby Jantzen

### **Joys and Concerns**

Those traveling with Bethel College, including Larry and Karen Loganbill and Jennifer Kaufman in the Holy Land, and Tyler Kaufman in Panama, Colombia, and Ecuador.

Earl and Frances Neufeld, as Earl undergoes tests for some lumps.

### **Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network**

This year, MMN's Mennonite Voluntary Service program is restructuring to respond to current realities. Pray for Nathan Penner and Neil Richer as they oversee this change, for the 11 congregations and communities that will host larger service households, and for the 10 congregations and communities that are closing their MVS units.

### **Prayer Requests from Western District Conference**

Pray for fruitful ministry for our rural pastors and congregations. Pray for the Rural Ministry Seminar meeting on Saturday, January 24.

Attendance: Sunday School: 25 Worship: 67

## **Sunday- Jan.25, 2015**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School

**10:30 am:** Worship Service

**Worship Leader:** Duane Becker

**Scripture:** Zettie Wedel

**Message:** Pastor Brad

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Candle Lighter:** Samson Petersen

**Greeters:** Mel and Kathi Becker

**Music:** Carla Stucky and Diane Amstutz

**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

**Jr. Usher:** Samson Petersen

### **Coming Events**

**Today:** Lunch and Annual Business Meeting

Jan. 19: Christian Homemakers work at the MCC Center at 1 PM,  
Meet at the church at 11:30 AM to car pool to Bread  
Basket then on to the MCC Center

Jan. 21: Mission Team Meeting 4:30 PM, Choir 7 PM

Jan. 22: Worship Team Meeting 7 PM

Jan. 23: Craft Night 5 PM-??

Jan. 25: VBS Meeting 2 PM

Jan. 28: Choir 7 PM

Feb. 4: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM

Feb. 11: CDT 4 PM

