

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Lent 4

Words for silent meditation: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this (Psalm 107:1-2)

Prelude Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Trynity Petersen

Welcome! May God's grace and mercy that saves us through faith be with you all/ **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Geneva Wedel



Confession and Assurance

Greeting in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song**

If you believe and I believe STJ 32
My soul is filled with joy STJ 13

Scripture John 3:11-21 Carla Stucky
Pg 1051

Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock

Message "Turn toward belief" Pastor Brad

Extinguishing the cross candle

Each week we will extinguish a candle on the altar cross to mark our journey with Christ toward the darkness of the crucifixion. The final candle will be extinguished at our Maundy Thursday service.

Song of Response We walk by faith HWB 570

Offering/Penny Power Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song**

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Sermon Notes

Turn toward belief

John 3:11-21

Theme

Believe in Jesus and live!

Key Verse

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Notes

A Prayer

God who adopts us by faith, grant us life through your Son.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Bethel College Events

15. **Today** (Sun., March 15) is the joint junior recital, of Liz Schrag, bassoon, and Braden Unruh, trumpet, 4 PM., *Ad. Building chapel* .

Thurs., March 19, Rev. James Atwood will speak on “America’s Fascination with Violence,” 7 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium The retired Presbyterian pastor is a gun owner, deer hunter & NRA Member who became involved in gun violence prevention after a member of his congregation was shot and killed by a robber.

Thurs., March 19, Artist reception for “Made in Ceramica,” work by the Clay Cartel, 6-8 PM., outside the Regier Gallery. “Made in Ceramica” is on display in the gallery through March 20.

Sun., March 22, Dr. Beverly Rogers speaks at Kauffman Museum at, 3 PM. Rogers is dean of arts and sciences and professor of anthropology at Ottawa University and will speak on “Stereotypes and Realities of the 21st-Century Indian in the US.”

Sunday, Mar. 22, at 4 PM Bethel College Mennonite Church will host organist Shirley Sprunger King for “*Looking Toward Easter.*” A freewill offering will be received for BCMC’s Living Stones Organ Renovation Fund, reception to follow. BCMC is located at 2600 College Ave., N. Newton. See bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org or call [316-283-3667](tel:316-283-3667) for more information,.

16. Hesston Events

The spring concert is Thurs., March 19, 7 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The program features the Chamber Orchestra, Chorale, and Bel Canto Singers. The concert is free.

Hesston College Theatre presents three showings of the musical Little Women March 27 and 28 at 7 PM and March 29 at 3 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$15 for adults & seniors & \$8 for students. Purchase them online at books.hesston.edu or call 620-327-8105.

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. **All the antiphons used during Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter were written by Donna Stucky.**
2. **March 22nd – Special Congregational Meeting.** The Lighting Committee has been working on Lighting for the sanctuary for approx. 7 months. They are ready to bring their proposal to the congregation. This meeting is immediately following a noon lunch. Each family is asked to bring sandwiches or casserole and salad or dessert. If you are single please only bring one dish of your choice. We invite you to come for lunch even if you can't stay for meeting and fellowship with us.
3. **Pastor Kent Rogers of First UMC in Wichita to be featured speaker for Moundridge Holy Week services.** We invite you to begin praying for how God will work through our community, our churches, Pastor Kent, and the message of challenge and hope we will receive on these two evenings. Pastor Kent will speak on the theme of "Watch and Pray" from the perspective of one who has spent much of his life in rural ministry. Moundridge Community Holy Week services will be held March 29 and 30 at First Mennonite Church of Christian at 7:00 PM. May God use Pastor Kent Rogers to ignite a Kingdom work in our community!
4. All women are invited to **come join our SPACE** gathering for food, fellowship and prayer on Sat., March 21 from 9-10 AM at West Zion. We come together to take time for God and each other as women, to lift each other's burdens and share the joys. We hope to see you there! Call Carla Stucky at 345-6471 for any questions or if you would like to have babysitting provided.
5. Join us for an open **game night on March 22** from 5:00-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Bring your favorite games and snacks to share and invite a friend to join the fun.
6. April 5 7:00 AM **Easter Sunrise Service @** Russ Stucky's pasture.

General Announcements

7. The 2nd Annual **Pulled Pork & Baby Back Rib Dinner** is April 25 at Pine Village. Flyers for the event are in your boxes.

8. Life Enrichment at Bethel March 18
9:30 AM: *Music-Dunns Plus One*, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Ann Dunn, Faith Wenger, & Michael Dunn.
10:35: *Laos: Land of Gentle People, Elephants, Big Dam, and Cluster Bombs*, Jim Goering.
11:30: *Forensics Showcase: BC Students*
9. The 11th Annual Pine Village Anchor's Banquet is Sat., March 21 at 6 PM. in the Wellness Center. The Flatland String Band is the Entertainment and Knackie's will cater the meal. Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds go toward the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation for the benefit of the elders served at Pine Village. Tickets can be purchased until Fri., March 13 by contacting Pine Village at [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) or stopping by the main office at 86 22nd Ave.
10. **Freezing temperatures and snow** are adding another layer of deprivation to Syrians and Iraqis who have been forced from their homes to escape violence from the Islamic State group and battling armies in Syria. Mennonite Central Committee is calling for financial donations as it provides heating fuel and blankets this winter and continues to address basic needs of food, shelter and education. To contribute go to mcc.org.
11. **Mennonite Central Committee Central States** is hiring for a regional Human Resources Coordinator. This position is available starting April 1st. Location can be flexible and some travel is expected. For more information the job description is at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/human-resources-coordinator-central-states> or contact Melissa Waltner at MelissaWaltner@mcc.org.
12. **Bohne berrogie** bake day for the MCC sale is April 11 at Moundridge High School. First shift starts at 6:45 am and the second shift at 10:00. Please wear a hat or head covering. The second shift should bring a sack lunch. If you can help, contact, Marla Gillmore at bmg@lrmutual.com or call [620-921-0428](tel:620-921-0428). Thanks for your help.
13. **"Map out your financial future"** Join Everence for this presentation Tues., April 7, 7-8:30 PM. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, in Newton. Shawn Persing, CFP®, AWMA®, Director of Financial Planning at Everence, will talk about how financial planning can help you achieve your goals and avoid costly financial mistakes. He also will discuss how integrating your faith with your financial decisions can help you change your world. Join us for a

dessert buffet and Everence prizes! Child care is available. For more information or to RSVP (by March 31), contact Darlene Buller at [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:877-467-7294) or darlene.buller@everence.com.

14. **My journey: My Conversion from Islam to Christianity.** Come and hear a young woman's story of her journey to become a Christian on March 23 at 6:30 PM at the Wellness Center. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

~ Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week
March 17: AJ Kessler & Rhonda James

Joys and Concerns

Joyce Dirks and family during this time of transition after the passing of BC Dirks.

Ariane Bergen, as she continues to serve with Mennonite Central Committee in Nicaragua.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Praise God for the language-learning progress that MMN's Radical Journey team in Southeast Asia has made. Pray that they use their increased fluency to share God's love in words as well as deeds.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for fruitful new outreach for Hanston Mennonite Church and their new pastor, Eugene Thieszen, who is being installed today.

Attendance: Sunday School: 26 Worship: 75

Sunday-March 22, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Duane Becker

Message: Brad Roth

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr

Cross bearer: Elijah Roth

Greeters: Bob & Sharon Gehring

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Harvey Thiessen

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Music: Chancel Choir

Coming Events

March 18: Choir 7 PM

March 19: Mission Team meeting 4 PM, Over 70 meal @ Pine Village 5:30 PM

March 21: Space from 9-10 AM

March 24: Worship Team Meeting 9 AM

March 25: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM Church Council, 8PM

April 2: 6 PM Maundy Thursday service with meal, communion celebration and foot washing

April 5: 7 AM Easter Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast following at WZ, Easter Sunday!

April 22: Church Council 8 PM

