

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1).*

Prelude    Jan Dyck

Lighting of the Christ candle    Kaleigh Guhr

Welcome    Karen Loganbill

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

Announcements

Call to Worship      Psalm 121 (on screen)

Greeting in Christ's Peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song**

Come, we that love the Lord                      HWB 14

Love divine, all loves excelling                      HWB 592

Scripture                      Genesis 1:1-4a; John 3:1-17      Jennifer Kaufman  
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*Children dismissed to Little Flock* (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Message                      "God loves us"      Pastor Harold Thieszen

**Song of Response**      For God so loved us                      HWB 167

**\*\*Offering**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns    Karen Loganbill

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**                      The love of God                      STJ 44

**\*\*Benediction**    Pastor Harold

**\*\*Postlude**

Greeters: Mike & Connie Kaufman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org*

## Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship Service

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad

**Scripture:** Sandy Jantz

**Message:** Marvin Lorenzana

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Candle Lighter:** Mateo Roth

**Greeter:** Ken Stucky

**Ushers:** Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

**Jr. Usher:** Mateo Roth

## Coming Events

Sept. 8:      7 PM Trustees Meeting

Sept. 9:      7 PM Chancel Choir

Sept. 10:      Christian Homemakers 4PM-,  
7:30 PM Worship Team Meeting

Sept. 12:      9-Noon Discipleship workshop @ WZ with Marvin  
Lorenzana of Mennonite Mission Network.

Sept. 13:      Marvin Lorenzana teaches on discipleship in Sunday  
school and preaches in worship.

Sept. 19:      8 AM Men's group, SPACE 9-10 AM

Sept. 20:      Congregational vote to renew Pastor Brad's term

Sept. 26:      8 AM Men's group

## Mission Signs

"Neighbor" can be a verb. How can you engage in the art of neighboring those on your block, in your community, and that you meet in your day-to-day life? Listen well, hear their stories, create spaces to encounter people.

**Mission Team Prayer Circle** meets after worship during the month of September at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us!

Attendance:      Sunday School: 24      Worship: 63

**23. Life Enrichment at Bethel College: September 9**

- 9:30 AM:** *Conscientious Objectors in WWII: Voices of Some Who Served in Civilian Public Service (CPS)*, Rosalind Andreas, N. Newton
- 10:35:** *The Legacy of CPS in Treatment of the Mentally Ill: from Bedlam to Therapeutic Communities*, Rosalind Andreas, N. Newton
- 11:30:** *Learn to Travel and Travel to Learn*, Byron and Janet Ediger, Newton

**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

**Pastor's Office hours:** Tues. and Wed. 10 am -12:30 pm  
Thurs. 1-4 pm

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838

Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Sec. hours:** Tues. & Wed. 2:30-4:30 PM, Thurs. 2:30-5:30 PM

Church: 620-345-8143

Becky's cell: 345-6696

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)

Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## **West Zion Announcements**

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. The Pastor Congregation Review Summary and Pastor Brad's self evaluation are in the library for your viewing.
2. Deacons nomination is Sunday Sept. 13.
3. The Christian Homemakers will meet Thursday, Sept. 10, at 4PM to measure, cut and hem diapers for the MCC Layette Bundles. Salad and pizza is available at 6:30PM. Program planning and a business meeting will take place during the supper break. ALL women of the church are invited to participate. If you can bring a sewing or serge machine, contact Jan Dyck at 345-2313.
4. Join us for a discipleship workshop with Marvin Lorenzana of Mennonite Mission Network on Sept. 12, 9-noon at West Zion in the Fellowship Hall. Marvin focuses on how we can grow as disciples of Jesus in the context of Missional Discipleship Groups, a form of small group. Lunch is provided. Contact the church office or register online at <http://goo.gl/forms/rcF3DMOedv> (also on the church website). Marvin will also lead SS and bring the message on Sept.13.
6. Chancel Choir will practice next Wed. on Sept. 9 at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome.
7. Join us for an open game night on Sept. 13, 5:00-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Bring your favorite games and snacks to share, and invite a non-church guest to join the fun.
8. Sept. 20, congregational vote to renew Pastor Brad's term during announcement time.
9. FALL CHURCH PICNIC – CDT is planning a fall church picnic on Sunday evening Sept. 27, The picnic is at Phil & Lorene Lohrenz's cabin beginning at 5PM. A hayrack ride will take place at 5:15 p.m. Hot dogs, buns, smores, and drink are provided. Bring a lawn chair, roasting sticks (if you have some), side dish OR chips. We look forward to a beautiful fall evening of fellowship and fun! Anyone needing a ride should contact Connie Kaufman. Directions to the Lohrenz's: From the four way stop in Moundridge: Go 4 miles south to Dutch Ave. Turn West (right) go 3 miles to North Golden Prairie Rd. Turn South (left) on sand road go 2 1/2 miles. Their

driveway is to your right. DeKalb Seed Sign at the end of driveway.

10. October 11, Carl Duffman will be baptism and Tracy Duffman will be received as a member. We will celebrate Communion
11. October 11, after church--Celebrate West Zion! Join us for a time of celebration for all that God has been doing in the life of West Zion. Bring a main dish to share. Deacons are arranging dessert.

## **General Announcements**

12. Women & Girls Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 11-13 at Camp Mennoscah. The speaker is Nadine Friesen. There is a poster and a registration brochure posted on the bulletin board.
13. The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride is Sat. Sept. 19, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices. 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street, N.. Newton. This year's ride raises funds for an MCC water development project in Tanzania. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride are planned. Informational brochures are available on the bulletin board. The brochure and registration is also available on the MCC website, [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlanders-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlanders-bicycle-ride).
14. The Pine Village Garage Sale is Sept. 25-26. Begin cleaning out your store rooms and garages of items no longer used and donate them. The only items not accepted are adult clothes. All proceeds go toward a new phone system. Questions, contact Pine Village at 620.345.2901.
15. The FloraKansas Fall Plant Sale is Sept.11-13, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales and may participate in the members only pre-sale on Thursday, Sept.10 from 1 to 7 PM. For more information, call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org).
16. Kansas Mennonites & World War I Heritage Lectures are Saturday Sept. 12, at 9 AM at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in Goessel. More information about the event is on the poster on the bulletin board. This event is free and open to the public.

17. October 30-31 Western District Annual Assembly at Bethel College, N. Newton. More information is posted on the bulletin board along with registration forms, or check on-line at [www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/](http://www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/).

18. Sun., Sept. 13, KIPCOR Film Series 2015-16 begins with *Slavery by Another Name*, 3 PM, *Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College*. This PBS documentary deals with the re-enslavement of black Americans from the Civil War to World War II. Talk-back session with Dr. Galyn Vesey to follow.

19. Thurs., Sept. 10, Opening reception and curator's talk for "Root for the Home Team: Building Community through Sports," 7 PM, Kauffman Museum. Rachel Epp Buller curated this exhibit that brings together stories of sports and community from the Newton area, at Kauffman Museum through Sept. 1, 2015-June 5, 2016.

20. Sun., Sept. 20, Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum 3 PM. Ben Chappell, a professor of American studies at the University of Kansas, will speak on softball as a cultural resource, using the example of Mexican-American fast-pitch softball and Newton's annual summer tournament, the oldest in the country (part of the "Root for the Home Team" special exhibit programming).

21. Hesston College will welcome alumni and friends of the college to campus Sept. 24 to 27 for Homecoming 2015: A campus transformation. The weekend will celebrate the completion of the Northlawn renovation project and construction of a new campus entrance. Don't miss the Sept. 4, early bird registration deadline. See a full weekend schedule online [thesston.edu/homecoming](http://thesston.edu/homecoming).

22. Getting ready to retire? Everence will present an informational seminar, "*Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices*" at 11 AM., 4 PM. and 7 PM. on four upcoming Mondays – Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare and Social Security, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain the options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars take place at the Everence office, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Tanya Burns at [\(620\) 327-4043](tel:6203274043), [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:8774677294) or [tanya.burns@everence.com](mailto:tanya.burns@everence.com).

~ Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week  
September 9: Charles Loganbill  
September 11: Julie Fast

~ Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week  
September 6: Arlen & Anne Ediger Fast

### **Joys and Concerns**

Angela Stucky, Kathy Hayes' cousin, recovering at home after a serious car accident.

Pete Koehn, at Moundridge Mercy Hospital

Marilyn and Ron, Shery Kessler's sister and brother-in-law, as Marilyn struggles with cancer

That God would touch the hearts of willing candidates for our upcoming Deacons nomination.

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

Amanda and Gamaliel Falla of Mennonite Mission Network serve as mentors to Mennonite pastors in Colombia. Pray for the Fallas as they encourage Colombian pastors to make their relationship with God top priority. Ask God to provide the resources for their families' needs.

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

Give thanks for June Thomsen, chair, and other members of the Annual Assembly Planning Committee. Pray for God's guidance for them as they prepare for WDC's gathering October 30-31 at Bethel College.

