

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand (Psalm 16:11).*

Prelude    Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle                      Elijah Roth

Welcome    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Deacon election

Call to Worship Psalm 16:7-11, read responsively from Pew Bible (p.538)

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song**    My hope is built                      HWB 343  
Wonderful words of life                      (in bulletin)

Scripture                      Luke 8:1-15                      Lois Thiessen  
Pg 1023

Special Music                      Together                      Arturo Vivanco

*Children dismissed to Little Flock* (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Message                      "Cling to the Word!"                      Pastor Brad

**Hymn of Response**    As rain from the clouds                      STJ 40

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Results of Deacon election

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**                      We will walk with God                      STJ 78

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

Greeters: Dorothy Toews & Gerry Major

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Elijah Roth

## Sermon Notes

Cling to the Word!

Luke 8:1-15

Theme

Cling to the Word!

Key Verse

(Luke 8:15) The seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Notes

A Prayer

God who speaks, grant us a hearty love for your word, that we might honor you with our lives.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org*

12. Mon., Nov. 16, Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble and Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I concert, 7 PM., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*. MKJE is an auditioned honors group based at Bethel.

13. Fri., Nov. 20, Issei Tsuji senior trombone recital, 7:30 PM *Administration Building chapel at Bethel College*.

14. **Mon., Nov. 23 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble and 3rd annual Honors Band concert, 7 PM**, *Memorial Hall*, with clinician and guest composer David Maslanka. Program includes Maslanka's pieces "Tears," "Letter to Martin" and "Give Us This Day," as well as "Prelude, Fugue and Riffs" by Leonard Bernstein.

15. Hesston College will host its annual Thanksgiving Weekend Nov. 26 to 28. A complete schedule and registration information is at [hesston.edu/thanksgiving](http://hesston.edu/thanksgiving). The opening event, the annual Thanksgiving evening Masterworks concert is at 7:30 PM, Thursday, Nov. 26, in the Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased at the door or in advance through the Hesston College Bookstore. A pre-concert talk on Haydn's composition is at 6:45.

**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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## West Zion Announcements

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

Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

- 1. Are you interested in growing as a disciple of Jesus?** CDT is piloting discipleship groups for 8 weeks. Three people meet weekly for one hour to read from the Sermon on the Mount, talk about what God is doing in their lives, and support each other. Sound interesting?--Contact the church office to sign up.
- 2. Today--** Budget Meeting following noon meal. Come and join in fellowship over the meal. Budget meeting will be immediately after the noon meal.
- All are invited to join us for the Hanging of the Greens as we decorate the church for Christmas on **Sunday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 PM.** There are jobs for everyone to help with or you can choose to sit and listen to music. Casual clothes are encouraged. Our Tasting Bee will be held in Fellowship Hall after the decorating is done. Please bring a favorite snack or treat to share with everyone.
- The Huxman boys have some audio equipment for sale. There are pictures of the equipment posted on the bulletin board.
- Join us for Coffee and Conversation with Wayne & Jeannie Larson at the Mission Network offices, 718 N. Main St., Newton on Tue. Nov. 17 from 9-10 AM.
- It is time to order poinsettias! You may order them as memorials to be used as church decorations during Christmas or for your own personal use. All poinsettias are red in 6 1/2" pots and cost \$20. They are ordered from Stone Creek Nursery in Hesston. Forms are available in the church foyer and are due back to Carla Stucky by Sunday, November 22. If you have questions, please contact Carla at 620-345-6471.
- Eden Mennonite Church will hold their annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 9 AM. Kris Goertzen from Hutchinson will speak and Just Friends, a local trio, will provide music. All Ladies are welcome to attend. The tea will kick off the holiday season with good food, inspiring music, beautiful table decorations and place settings, and a spiritual Christmas message. Please RSVP to the church office at 345-8320 or ([edenmc@mtelco.net](mailto:edenmc@mtelco.net)) or call Carla Shilts at [620-245-5716](tel:620-245-5716) by Nov. 29. Please RSVP for childcare, if needed.

## General Announcements.

### 8. Life Enrichment at Bethel College: Nov. 18

**9:30** *The Latest in Institutional Advancement at Bethel College,* Pam Tieszen, vice president for advancement

**10:35** *Hutter, Swiss or Low German...Only in Freeman,* Norman Hofer, Freeman, South Dakota

**11:30** *Vocal Music* by Woven, Bethel College women's a capella Ensemble

9. Ten Thousand Villages will hold their 2nd Annual Festival Sale at Peace Connections on Main Street in Newton. The sale begins Fri. Nov. 27 and continues daily (except Sunday) through Dec. 5 from 10 AM to 6 PM.

10. The Newton Chorale will present its annual concert on Sun., Nov. 15 at 7 PM Under the direction of Renae Schmidt Peters, the program is entitled, "Psalm Settings: Gratitude for abundant life & yearning for the Divine Mystery.". The concert is at the Bethel College Mennonite Church in N.Newton. Admission is free, an offering will be taken to help support the concert expenses.

11. Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston invites everyone to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk, focusing on the theme "Tis the Season for Giving" from 5:30 to 8 PM on Nov. 27 and 28 and again on Dec. 4 and 5. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for members, senior citizens and college students, and \$2 for children ages 3 to 15. Highlights include the walking path lit up by hundreds of luminaries, a nativity scene in the leaf house, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. There also opportunities to give donations to several local Harvey County organizations. Performers for the evening are the Moundridge-based dance troupe Angel Feet, Dave Anderson on hammered dulcimer, the McPherson Brass Quintet and the Konza Ringers handbell ensemble. Visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org) for more information or call 620-327-8127.

~Wish **“Happy Birthday”** this week

November 15: Janelle Brunner

November 16: Ryan Dyck

November 20: Brice Loganbill

~ Wish **“Happy Anniversary”** this week

November 16: Clark & Connie Graber

### **Joys and Concerns**

Duane Juhnke, Sandy Jantz’s cousin, and Duane’s family. Duane is on hospice care because of an inoperable brain tumor.

Michelle Kaufman, travelling to Haiti as part of her studies for Physician’s Assistant school.

Gerry Major’s sister-in-law Faye Claassen recovering from hip replacement surgery in Albany, OR, and Gerry’s neighbor Sylvia Vogts.

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

Pray for MMN’s Journey International participants in Indonesia, their host families and communities. May they all work together to build up the global body of Christ.

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

Pray for members of the Resource Commission as they meet this week to consider ways to support healthy, missional congregations in WDC.

Attendance: Sunday School:20 Worship: 79

### **Mission Signs**

Pray through the church directory. Even if you don’t know some people, they are known to God. Hold them in prayer and watch what God does!

## **Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School

**Worship Leader:** Connie Kaufman

**Message:** Pastor Brad

**Candle Lighter:** Quinn Hill

**Greeters:** Bob & Sharon Gehring

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

**Jr. Usher:** Quinn Hill

**10:30 am:** Worship Service

**Scripture:** Donna Stucky

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

### **Coming Events**

- Today:** Congregational Budget Meeting (see announcement)
- Nov. 18: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM),  
7 PM Choir, 8 PM Church Council
- Nov. 19: 7 PM Worship Team
- Nov. 21: 8 AM Men’s Breakfast
- Nov. 22: Hanging of the Greens and Tasting Bee 6:30
- Nov. 25: NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
- Dec. 2: 7 PM Chancel Choir
- Dec. 5: Fellowship Hall in use
- Dec. 5: Christmas Open house at the Pohl’s, 224 S. Wedel
- Dec. 6: Christian Homemakers Christmas get-together  
at Becky Pohl’s
- Dec. 9: 7 PM Chancel Choir
- Dec. 16: 7 PM Final Choir rehearsal
- Dec. 17: Daycare Christmas Program 6:30 PM
- Dec. 19: SPACE 9-10AM

## Roth Peru Trip 2015/2016

The Roths are planning a family trip to Peru over the Christmas/New Year holiday. Pastor Brad will be out Dec. 22-Jan.7. As part of that trip, Brad will journey to the mountain city of Cuzco and then travel deep into the countryside to visit our sister church in San Juan de Cotabambas. He will spend about a week in the mountains, teaching on several themes. Lici and the boys will join Brad in Cuzco for a long weekend, and together Lici and Brad will lead a Saturday seminar on marriage and ministry for pastors and other church leaders.

The Roths are inviting West Zion to share in this mission by helping to cover half of the expenses for the mission-portion of the trip. The Roths are covering all of the family-trip portion (Lima-US). Please pray for the Roths as they travel.

Airfare, Lima - Cuzco (round trip, Brad and Lici only)	\$308
Travel Expenses: Cuzco - San Juan de Cotabambas Mileage and driver costs to travel to sister church, about 7-9 hours away.	\$300
Food, lodging, seminar supplies, and transport in Cuzco	\$200
<i>Shine On Bible</i> in Spanish We will give a <i>Shine On Bible</i> to our sister church.	\$25
<b>total:</b>	<b>\$828</b>
<b>Part the Roths are asking for help on:</b>	<b>\$400</b>

*If you are interested in contributing toward the Roths' mission to Peru, please make the check to West Zion and mark "Roth Mission Trip" in the memo line.*

## 270 Wonderful Words of Life

*The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. John 6:63*

1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won-der-ful words of Life;  
 2. Christ, the bless-ed One, gives to all Won-der-ful words of Life;  
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, Won-der-ful words of Life;

Let me more of their beau - ty see, Won-der-ful words of Life.  
 Sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, Won-der-ful words of Life.  
 Of - fer par - don and peace to all, Won-der-ful words of Life.

Words of life and beau - ty, Teach me faith and du - ty;  
 All so free - ly giv - en, Woo - ing us to Heav - en:  
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, Sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er:

*Refrain*

Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life.

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