

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Advent 1

Words for silent meditation: *To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God (Psalm 25:1-2).*

Poinsettia Processional

Prelude Gerry Major

Lighting of the Christ candle Kaleigh Guhr

Welcome *(from HWB 24)*
Christ's peace be with you! / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively, Pew Bible p.545)

Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle: Hope Rodney Dyck

Hope is a candle STS 15

****Celebrating in song**

O come, O come, Immanuel HWB 172

(v.1-3)

Comfort, comfort, O my people HWB 176

Scripture Luke 21:25-36 Dave Wedel
Pg 1043

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

Message "Watch and pray" Pastor Brad

Hymn of Response O come, O come, Immanuel HWB 172
(v.6)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Infant holy, infant lowly HWB 206

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeters: Dave & Zettie Wedel

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

Sermon Notes

Watch and pray

Luke 21:25-36

Theme

In a world of hurt, watch for Christ and pray.

Key Verse

(Luke 21:36) Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

Notes

A Prayer

God who draws near, wake us from preoccupation and fear and turn us to our true center in Jesus.

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

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

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. \$1040 has been raised toward the Roths' Peru mission. Thanks for your tremendous generosity! \$828 will go to fund the Roths' mission, with the remaining \$212 going to Mission Team to fund a flashlight project for Peruvian pastors.
2. The Christian Homemakers will meet Sunday Dec. 6 at 6 PM at the home of Becky Pohl for their Christmas Mtg. Please bring a snack.
3. 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) or call Carla Shilts at [620-245-5716](tel:620-245-5716) by Nov. 29. Please RSVP for childcare, if needed.

General Announcements.

4. 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. NEW THIS YEAR--Coffee, tea, chocolate, items from new fair trade artisans, new items every day, \$10.00 gift cards for the first 30 customers who purchase \$100.00 worth of merchandise.
5. **Sun., Dec. 6** – Donna Hetrick recital, “Organ Music for Advent and Christmas,” 3 PM, *Administration Building chapel at Bethel College*
6. **Sun., Dec. 6, 30th annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 PM**, *the Green in the center of campus*; refreshments to follow in the cafeteria

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

November 29: Rick Kaufmann

December 1: Terry Jantzen

December 5: Jeff Becker & Dorothy Toews

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

December 1: John & Harriet DeLay

December 6: Phil & Lorene Lohrenz

Joys and Concerns

Rosanne Hayes' daughter Amanda undergoing treatment for an eating disorder, and for Amanda's family while she is away.

Rosanne Hayes' mother, recently put on hospice care.

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

Willing candidates for open Team positions.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Jason Boone of MMN's Peace and Justice Support Network, requests prayer for soldiers experiencing pain of "moral injury as a result of what they have done or seen in combat." Pray for Jesus' peace in their lives as Mennonites share from "our deep history of peacemaking."

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for chaplains in WDC who provide pastoral care in retirement communities and hospitals, and for all through whom God's healing and hope flow to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Attendance: Sunday School:17 Worship: 73

Mission Signs

Studies show that the effectiveness of announcements drops as the number of announcements increases. Think carefully--does my announcement need to be said in church, or is printing in the bulletin enough?

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Mateo Roth

Greeters: Dale & Elda Jantzen

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Rodney Dyck

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

Dec. 5: Fellowship Hall in use

Dec. 5: 2-5 PM Christmas Open house at the Pohls,
224 S. Wedel

Dec. 6: Christian Homemakers Christmas get-together
at Becky Pohl's 6 PM

Dec. 9: 7 PM Chancel Choir

Dec. 14: Daycare Christmas Program 6:30 PM

Dec. 16: 7 PM Final Choir rehearsal

Dec. 19: SPACE 9-10AM

Jan. 3: Larsons speaking Dinner/fundraiser for the College
Fund following worship service

Jan. 17: Annual Meeting

Jan. 24: Game Night 5:30-8 PM