

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Advent 3

Words for silent meditation: Isaiah 12:2 *The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation!*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Elijah Roth

Welcome The Lord be with you! / and also with you.

Announcements

Choral call to worship In the Bleak Midwinter Chancel Choir
By Gustav Holst, arr. by Bradley Ellinboe

Call to Worship Isaiah 12:2-6 read responsively
(p.687 in red pew Bible)

Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle: Love Youth Sunday School

Hope is a candle STS 15

****Celebrating in song** My soul is filled with joy STJ 13

Scripture Luke 3:1-6 Rodney Dyck
Pg 1016

Special music Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Chancel Choir
Charles Wesley, Mark A. Miller

Scripture Luke 3:7-18 Sandy Jantz
Pg 1016

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

Message "Produce the fruit of repentance" Pastor Brad

Hymn of Response Wild and lone the prophet's voice STS 8
(congregation sings all verses together)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** O Savior, rend the heavens HWB 175

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeters: Will & Ellen Kaufman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Elijah Roth

Sermon Notes

Produce the fruit of repentance

Luke 3:1-18

Theme

Start where you are and turn toward God.

Key Verse

Luke 3:8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

Notes

A Prayer

God of life, give us your holiness, that we might be grounded in faith and rich in fruit toward you.

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. The Red Cross Blood Mobile is at Pine Village on Monday, Dec. 14. Our church is responsible for the food for the canteen. Please have the food in the kitchen by Monday, Dec. 14 by 9 AM.
2. Have you considered becoming a member of West Zion? Membership is a covenant between you and the church. Members support the church with their time, finances, and prayers, and are entitled to vote in business meetings and serve on leadership Teams. Cemetery fees are waived for the West Zion Cemetery. Pastor Brad plans to lead a membership class in January/February. Talk to him for more information.
3. SPACE is cancelled for December, we will meet next on Saturday, January 16 at 9:00 at West Zion.
4. Our Christmas Eve Service will begin with the musical prelude at 6:00 and the service following at 6:30.
5. Pray for Lici and the boys as they travel to Peru on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Brad leaves on the following Tuesday. The Roths will be back in Moundridge on January 7.

General Announcements.

6. The 14 piece McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews will give a concert of All Christmas Music in the Historic Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 PM. Alexanderwohl Church is located one mile north of Goessel on K-15 high way. Come celebrate the season with an evening of exciting brass choir music.
7. **Angel Tree:** If you, or someone you know is in need of Christmas gifts for children we are here to help. If you're interested we need your information by Wednesday Dec. 16th. This is for families in the Moundridge School District. If you would like to help one of these families there is an Angel Tree located at Cradle to Crayons. We would like the Angels all out by December 18th. Please have your wrapped gift with the Angel you chose attached to the gift returned to Cradle to Crayons by December 21st at 5 PM. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Christina Graber at 345-

2390 or by email at cradletocrayons@mtelco.net

8. **You're invited to the MCC Christmas Open House** - bring your friends, family and neighbors to our open house on Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 4-6PM. The come-and-go event features live music, lots of delicious Christmas goodies and snacks and at 5PM hear MCC alumni reflect on Christmas traditions in Bosnia Herzegovina, Bolivia and Cambodia. Please plan to drop by to enjoy some Christmas cheer! Questions? Call [316.283.2720](tel:316.283.2720).
9. The Pine Village Strike's won the 2015 Fall National Senior League Wii Bowling Championship! The team of Merle Schmidt, Marjorie Schmidt, Virgil Goering and Arthur Krehbiel had a total of 16,799 points with a perfect average of 300! More information about the championship is posted on the bulletin board.
10. Centering Prayer continues to meet every Monday from noon-1 PM in the Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Please note our December schedule: We will meet Dec. 14 and Dec. 21; we will not meet Dec. 28. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly, all are welcome, For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu. (For help locating Agape Center in Richert House, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)

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

December 14: Aaron Fast

December 15: James B. Schmidt

December 17: Brad Roth

Joys and Concerns

Willing candidates for open Team positions.

Pray for the Roth family as they travel to Peru.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Early next year, Moriah Hurst will conclude seven years of Mennonite Mission Network ministry in Australia. Pray for her as she lives with difficult good-byes, and confides her work into the hands of colleagues.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for joy and wisdom for Jennie Wintermote in her new role as WDC Resource Library Director, a ¼ time position that began December 1.

Attendance Sunday Schools: 23 Worship: 82

Mission Signs

According to LifeWay research, people are more open to consider church during the Christmas and Easter season. Who's someone you could invite Christmas Eve service or Sunday service during this time? (<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/LifeWay-Research-finds-Americans-open-to-outreach-from-churches>)

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Quinn Hill

Greeters: Geneva Wedel

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Quinn Hill

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Zettie Wedel

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

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

Jan. 27: 7 PM Chancel Choir

Jan. 31: Larry & Karen Loganbill sharing about Israel