

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Praise the Lord all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts (Psalm 148:2).*

Prelude    Carla Stucky

\*\*Entrance hymn              O come, all ye faithful                      HWB 212

Lighting of the Christ candle                      Kaleigh Guhr

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

Announcements

Call to Worship                      Psalm 148                      Duane Becker  
(read responsively from the pew Bible, p.623)

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song**      Hark! the herald angels sing                      HWB 201

Scripture                      I John 1:1-2:2                      Leon Guhr  
Pg 1207

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

Message                      "The Word of Life"                      James Wenger

**Hymn of Response**              What child is this                      HWB 215

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*\*Sending Song              Good Christian friends, rejoice                      HWB 210

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

Greeters: Becky & Dan Pohl

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

**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

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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. 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 on Wednesday night Jan. 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, for two hours each evening. Talk to him for more information.
2. SPACE is cancelled for December, we will meet next on Saturday, January 16 at 9 AM at West Zion.
3. Our Christmas Eve Service will begin with the musical prelude at 6:00 and the service following at 6:30.
4. For updates on Brad and Lici's trip to Peru, check out [facebook.com/rothsinperu](https://facebook.com/rothsinperu) or watch our West Zion Facebook page.

### **General Announcements.**

5. 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](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu). (For help locating Agape Center in Richert House, see [www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/](http://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/))
6. The Camp Mennoscah Board of directors has accepted the resignation of John Stoesz, executive director. John will continue to assist Camp with marketing and advancement initiatives until the next executive director is hired. John shared "Camp Mennoscah is a wonderful organization and everyone - board, staff and volunteers - have been great. However, I would like to spend more time on Native American justice issues, particularly Dakota land return in my home state of Minnesota. I wish camp all the best in the future". If interested in the Executive Director position at Camp Mennoscah, contact David Weaver, recruiting consultant at Career 1 Source

at 620-327-0371 or [DavidWeaver@career1source.com](mailto:DavidWeaver@career1source.com). Please keep Camp in your prayers as we search for a new Executive Director to focus on advancement and marketing.

7. It's for the Youth! Camp Mennoscah is offering a Youth Volunteer Weekend for youth grades 7-12 on March 11-12, 2016. Patrick Loganbill and Rachel Miller, counselors and camp staff will lead the group in various tasks and activities and worship. Space is limited. Online registration now available at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org).

~ Wish **“Happy Birthday”** this week

December 30: Peter Stucky

January 1: Virginia Guhr

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

December 27: Pete & Ruby Koehn

### **Joys and Concerns**

Gerry Major’s friends Bruce and Edith Conklin who lost their son.

Gerry Major’s family, Carolyn, Adrian, and Scott, at the loss of Carolyn’s husband.

Ellen Kaufman’s brother, Robert Yost, dealing with blood clots in his lungs.

Roseanne Hayes’ mother, on hospice care.

Roseanne Hayes’ daughter in treatment for an eating disorder in Colorado.

Willing candidates for open Team positions.

Pray for Brad, Lici and the boys during their time in Peru

From our Mission Partners:

Praise for 30 years in ministry and opportunity to be with West Zion on Jan. 3.

Praise for new believers in the Gulf.

Pray that Christ’s goodness and mercy seek and find Masoud, Dina, and many other young persons to whom the Larsons minister.

Pray for Christ’s peace for all seeking meaning and hope.

Their newsletter will be on the bulletin board for several Sunday mornings. Contact Karen Loganbill if you miss it and want a copy.

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

Alisha and Joshua Garber of MMN request prayers for wisdom for LCC International University in Lithuania and for all Mission Network personnel in Europe as they try to find appropriate and Christ-centered responses to the massive influx of refugees.

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

Give thanks to God for all who contribute generously of their financial gifts, prayers and volunteer time to support the work of WDC.

Attendance Sunday School: 20 Worship: 106

### **Mission Signs**

Pray for the Roth family as they travel in Peru, and Pastor Brad and Lici spend time with the Peruvian Mennonite Church.

### **Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School

**10:30 am:** Worship Service

**Worship Leader:** Karen Loganbill

**Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman

**Message:** Wayne and Jeannie Larsen **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Candle Lighter:** Kaleigh Guhr

**Greeters:** Mike & Connie Kaufman

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

**Jr. Usher:** Kaleigh Guhr

### **Coming Events**

- Jan. 3: Larsons speaking. Dinner/fundraiser for the College Fund following worship service
- Jan 12: 7 PM Worship Planning Summit for Lent and Easter
- Jan. 13: New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm
- Jan. 16: SPACE at 9 AM
- Jan. 17: Annual Meeting
- Jan. 20: New Member Class 6:30-7:45PM, in Conference Rm
- Jan. 20: Church Council 8 PM
- Jan. 24: Game Night 5:30-8 PM
- Jan. 27: New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm
- Jan. 31: Larry & Karen Loganbill sharing about Israel
- Feb. 3: New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm