

# West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Epiphany

Words for silent meditation: *Praise the Lord...for he grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat! (Psalm 147:14)*

Prelude                      Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle                      Kaleigh Guhr

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

Announcements

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 60)                      Karen Loganbill

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light

**People: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

Leader: The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night;

**People: but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

Leader: Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself;

**People: for the LORD will be your everlasting light,**

**All: and your days of mourning shall be ended.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song**

God is here among us                      HWB 16  
I sing the mighty power of God                      HWB 46

Scripture                      Isaiah 43:1-20                      Ellen Kaufman  
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Special Music                      Jeannie Larsen & Carla Stucky

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

Message                      "Dancing with camels"  
Wayne and Jeannie Larsen

**Hymn of Response** Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem                      STS 32

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Blessing of the White Christmas Offering

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**                      God be with you

HWB 430

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

Greeters: Connie & Mike Kaufman

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr



Dancing with Camel's – Isaiah 43:1-20  
*or Rivers in the Desert*

Pick 3 Words or Phrases: *Jot down a word and why it struck you or how to make it real or what to do about it.*

THE LORD - 1) \_\_\_\_\_

YOU ARE MINE 2) \_\_\_\_\_

CALL TO ACTION 3) \_\_\_\_\_

What to do?

*THE 3 Questions? (take home and answer this week)*

*What does it mean to you to be called by \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord?*

*What are the \_\_\_\_\_ God has done for you?*

*What is your expectation of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ things?*

3 stops on the Journey:

Is 43: 1-5: We are called by Name:

Is 43: 14-17: Great and Might things

Is 43:18-20: Rivers in the Desert - Expectations

Wrapping it up - any conclusions for you?

*answer key: 1) "name" 2) "GREAT things" 3) "NEW and GREATER"*

Sermons are online @ [westzionmc.org](http://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

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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. All women are invited to come fellowship together on Saturday, January 16 at 9 AM at the church for SPACE (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement). We visit, share prayer requests, and pray together. Breakfast is available and childcare can be provided if needed (call Carla at 345-6471 if needed).
3. For updates on Brad and Lici's trip to Peru, check out [facebook.com/rothsinperu](https://www.facebook.com/rothsinperu) or watch our West Zion Facebook page.
4. The family of Sherry Wedel invites you to a celebration of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this January. Please join us for a reception in her honor on Saturday, January 9, from 3-5 in the Hesston Wellness Center Garden Rm. If you are not able to attend you may send birthday wishes to her home at 521 S. Main, Hesston, KS 67062. We hope you can come!  
Wendy, Janelle, Chris and Corey
5. Christian Homemakers will meet Monday, January 11, 2016 to work at the MCC Center. We will meet at 11:30 AM at the church to carpool to the Breadbasket for lunch and then meet at MCC at 1PM and will work until 3:30 or 4:00. All men and women of the church are invited to join us. Any questions, contact Connie Graber.

## **General Announcements.**

6. 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/))

7. 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.
8. 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).
9. Pine Village has hired Ginger Seeber as the new Chaplain. A native of Moundridge, Ginger is a Certified Lay Speaker and a member of the Moundridge United Methodist Church where she serves as a youth Sunday school teacher, President of the United Methodist's Women's group and church treasurer. Ginger has long felt a calling to ministry and decided 7 years ago to pursue her certification to become a lay speaker. With this she has given messages at her church, as well as others in the area. She and her husband, Allen, also developed a contemporary worship service at their church to reach out to more in the community.

~ Wish **“Happy Birthday”** last and this week

December 30: Peter Stucky

January 1: Virginia Guhr

January 4: Shelly Loganbill

January 5: Chase Stucky

January 7: Bob Gehring

January 9: Sherry Wedel

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

December 27: Pete & Ruby Koehn

January 4: Bob & Sharon Gehring

January 5: Byron & Susan Schrag

### **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’ daughter in treatment for an eating disorder in Colorado.

Rosanne Hayes' mother Rosella Klassen Bolen passed away Dec. 26, 2015. Please remember Rosanne and the rest of the family in your prayers.

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**

Praise God for the Toba/Qom radio station that was inaugurated last month in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that the Christian programming will touch many lives through this ministry that is facilitated by

Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, serving with MMN.

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

As a new year begins, pray for God's vision and guidance for all WDC congregations in their ministry and witness

Attendance No Worship because of ice.

### **Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad

**Message:** Brad Roth

**Candle Lighter:** Mateo Roth

**Greeters:** Mel and Kathi Becker

**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffmann

**Jr. Usher:** Mateo Roth

**10:30 am:** Worship Service

**Scripture:** Crysta Guhr

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Music:** Praise Team

### **Coming Events**

**Today:**

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 & Jennifer Kaufman sharing about Israel

Feb. 3:

New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm

Feb. 14:

2-10 PM. Fellowship Hall in use