

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Prelude Gerry Major & Jan Larson

Lighting of the Christ Candle Kaleigh Guhr

Welcome Karen Loganbill

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 8 (HWB 812)

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in Song**

Sweet hour of prayer HWB 11

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB 37

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Carla Stucky

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

Message Steve Schmidt shares his testimony

Song of Response Have thine own way HWB 504

Offering Gerry Major & Jan Larson

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**** Sending Song** How firm a foundation HWB 567

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeter: Ken Stucky

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Find us on Facebook!

Today Steve and Lynn Schmidt will share how God helped them through a difficult time in 2004 when Steve had a 'surprise' illness. Hear how God worked through this unexpected change in life and leave encouraged knowing God is with you no matter what struggle you are facing. Steve and Lynn reside in Hutchinson and have three adult sons.

Mission Mosaic

Margaret De Jong, Senegal, Pg 6 & Annelise Goldschmidt, Senegal,
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Attendance: Christmas Eve:114 Worship Service:62

Sunday, January 8, 2017

9:30 am: Sunday School **10:30 am:** Worship Service
Candle Lighter: Elijah Roth **Scripture:** Duane Becker
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Message: Pastor Brad
Greeters: Kirk & Carla Stucky
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Coming Events

Today: No Sunday School, Worship at 10:30 AM
Jan. 4: 5:30-7 PM Membership class, Fellowship Hall
Jan. 6: Diaper Shower for Holly Isaac 6:30 PM @ WZ
Jan. 11: 5:30-7 PM Membership class, Fellowship Hall
Jan. 15: Annual Meeting, 3:30 PM Youth Catechism
Jan. 18: 5:30-7 PM Membership class, Fellowship Hall
Jan. 22: 3:30 PM Youth Catechism
Jan. 25: 5:30-7 PM Membership class, Fellowship Hall
Jan. 29: 3:30 PM Youth Catechism
Feb. 5: Mennonite Education Sunday @ WZ

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. Richard and Glenda Golden chose some of our songs today: HWB 567 How firm a foundation, 504 Have thine own way, 11 Sweet hour of prayer.

2. Thanks to everyone for all of the Christmas cards and well-wishes. We are enjoying time with family in Illinois this weekend.

Happy New Year- The Roths

3. Hey kids, Can you find the three wise men hidden somewhere in the church as they're journeying to Bethlehem? Look for them in a different place until they arrive on Epiphany, Jan 8.

4. The schedule for Worship Leaders and Scripture Readers is out and in your boxes. Please take note of when you're scheduled to lead or read. If you are unavailable on a day when you're scheduled, please swap with someone and let the church office know. Thanks.

5. Ladies, join us for a diaper shower to pamper Holly on Friday, January 6 at 6:30 PM @ West Zion. We'll collect diapers and wipes and we'll have a basket for diaper money as well. RSVP to Lici at [620-386-4838](tel:620-386-4838) or aliciaeroth@gmail.com

5. Proposal for new signage for the church was brought to church council at their December meeting. The Council approved bringing the proposal to the church at the next business meeting. This is part of the agenda for the Annual Meeting on January 15th.

6. Pastor Brad will take a sabbatical in 2017, July 2 - September 5 (10 Sundays). Part of that time will be spent at home. He is also planning a retreat at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler, NE and family trips to Boston and Peru.

7. Council recently approved starting a Sabbatical Fund with a goal of \$5,215. The church will use 70% of the money for a supply pastor, and Pastor Brad will use 30% for sabbatical-related expenses. If you'd like to donate, make your checks out to West Zion and write "Sabbatical Fund" on the memo line.

8. A new refugee family has arrived in Hesston. More info about how we can help them as they get settled will be forthcoming.

9. Are you interested in learning more about 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. Pastor Brad plans to lead a membership class on Wednesday nights in January, 5:30-7:00 PM. We'll eat together at 5:30 and then discuss our way through the *Confession of Faith*. Talk to Brad for more information.

10. A note from the Talita Cumi orphanage in Bolivia is on the bulletin board in the foyer. It reads: Season's Greeting from Talita Cumi Children's Home in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Dear Friends & Family of Jennifer, Feliz Navidad! We wish you all a beautiful Christ centered Christmas and a happy healthy New Year! Thank you so much for sharing Jennifer with us. Jen is a treasure who brings joy, and energy, and strength to the job every day. Her Spanish is really getting good. Thank you for raising up the next generation of Christians to stand in the gap for those who have no voice. We know it is a sacrifice to not be able to see her. May God Bless you for your generosity and prayers. Love in Christ, from the Talita Cumi Family.

11. Christmas cards from John and Marcia Yoder-Schrock and Marv and Jeannie Zehr are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

General Announcements

12. Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tues., Jan. 3, at 2 PM in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. The program includes time for sharing in small groups on topics related to Parkinson's Disease.

13. **Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit.** Pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. More information is at www.bethelks.edu/audit, where there are links for **interterm 2017 course schedule** (enrollment deadline **Jan. 4**) and **spring 2017 course schedule** (enrollment deadline **Feb 13**).

14. **Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts**, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. If you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at [316-283-1612](tel:316-283-1612) or alezotte@bethelks.edu.

15. The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers. The next concert is Sun., Feb. 5, @ 3 PM. There is only one rehearsal,

Sat., Feb. 4, 10 AM-3 PM If you're a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see "Bethel College Alumni Choir" on Facebook for more information.)

~ Wish "Happy Birthday" to~

January 1: Virginia Guhr

January 4: Shelly Loganbill

January 5: Chase Stucky

January 7: Bob Gehring

~Wish "Happy Anniversary" to`

January 4: Bob & Sharon Gehring

January 5: Byron & Susan Schrag

Joys and Concerns

Jaden Schmidt and Tyler Kaufman traveling in South America over Bethel College Interterm

Adrian Carson, Carl and Tracy's grandson, as he moves to San Antonio, TX

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Linda Oyer, serving with MMN, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for all WDC congregations during this coming year, that God may empower us to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.