

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Lent 3

Words for silent meditation: *He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture (Psalm 95:7)*

Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ Candle Lexi Heslop
Welcome Pastor Brad

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, from Psalm 95

Psalm 95

He is our God and we are the people of his pasture.

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in Song**

Holy God, we praise thy name HWB 121
My Jesus, I love thee HWB 522

Scripture Romans 5:1-11 Harvey Thiessen
Pg 1116

Children dismissed to Little Flock (for preschool-age children)

Message "The soul forge" Pastor Brad

The wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Extinguishing the cross candle

Each week we will extinguish a candle on the altar cross to mark our journey with Christ toward the darkness of the crucifixion. The final candle will be extinguished at our Maundy Thursday service.

Song of Response O God in heaven STJ 53

Offering and Coins Count Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

** Sending Song Lord Jesus, you shall be my song STJ 14

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeters: Mike & Connie Kaufman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld

Little Flock: Kaleigh Guhr

Sermon Notes

The soul forge

Romans 5:1-11

Theme

God's grace forms us through suffering.

Key Verse

(Romans 5:3) We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Notes

A Prayer

God who is present with us even in places of pain, grant that we might grow in Christlikeness.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Find us on Facebook!

Sunday, March 26, 2017

9:30 am: Sunday School
Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr
Worship Leader: Karen Loganbill
Message: Ron Moyo
Greeters: Will & Ellen Kaufman
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler
Little Flock: Lorene Lohrenz

10:30 am: Worship Service
Scripture: Zettie Wedel
Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Music: Chancel Choir, Jerod
& Daniel Kaufman

Coming Events

March 22: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Menu Pancakes, 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice,
8 PM Council Meeting

March 23: Fellowship Hall in use.

March 25-26: Pastor Brad to Liberal for *Camino de Santidad*
congregational anniversary

March 29: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Menu Tater Tot Cass., 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice

March 30: Fundraiser Daycare, fellowship hall 5:30-7:30 PM

April 5: 6 PM, Mission Communion Service, 7 PM Choir

April 6: Christian Homemakers bake night for MCC Sale 6 PM

April 6-8: Pastor Brad out to Sent mission conference in Ft.
Myers, FL

April 7-8: MCC Sale

April 9: 7 PM at West Zion, Community Holy Week service

April 10: 7 PM at West Zion, Community Holy Week service

April 13: 6 PM Maundy Thursday meal with communion and
footwashing

April 16: Easter Sunday:
6:45 AM Sunrise Service, Russ Stucky's pasture
7:15 AM Breakfast in WZ fellowship hall
9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship

April 12: 7 PM Chancel Choir

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 flowers at the front of the sanctuary this morning are in memory of Pete Koehn.
2. In the spirit of our Year of Breaking Bread, consider ways that you can extend hospitality to folks within the church and without. Why not start a crockpot meal before you leave for church on Sunday morning and then invite a few individuals or families (especially someone new!) to join you for a meal?
3. Are you traveling? Let Pastor Brad know or mention it during sharing time so that we can pray for you!
4. Prayer circles are starting up again. If you would like to spend time in prayer--or if you have a need for prayer--join us at the front of the church immediately following worship. Questions? Talk to Carl Duffman.
5. Join us on April 5 at 6:00 PM for a service of prayer and communion. We'll pray that Holy Week and Easter might be a time for people to connect to Jesus, and, in the spirit of the Year of Breaking Bread, we'll share communion together.
6. Life happens. Might some of the hard things that come our way also be openings for God's grace and provision? This week Pastor Brad continues his sermon series for Lent entitled "Hard Gifts." Come and learn more about how life's hard places can become God's grace places.
7. After seeing how prayer animated Jesus' life, his disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray." What is prayer, and how do we do it? What can we learn about prayer by observing how people interact with Jesus in the gospels? Pastor Brad is teaching an adult Sunday School class on prayer. Everyone is invited. You don't have to have been a part of Sunday School in the past.
8. During the month of March, we will receive a freewill offering to help cover pre-sale expenses for the Mennonite Relief Sale. The theme for the sale is "You did it for Me". Please mark on you checks KMRS.
9. During the month of March is the Mennonite Central Committee's "Coins Count". There are two ways to give. We will have the traditional coin offering during the offertory time of worship service.

The "Quarters for MCC Tower" located in the foyer will continue. A foot of quarters is approximately \$45 dollars, let's fill the tower.

10. Bake night for Christian Homemakers is Thurs., at 6 PM. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board to bring items to help with baking. Should have some cinnamon and fruit rolls ready to purchase by 9 PM. All unpurchased items will be taken to MCC Sale on Friday.
11. Join us for community Holy Week Services at West Zion, April 9 and 10 at 7 PM. Kurt Horst, pastor of Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, will speak on themes of trauma and healing at the cross, reflecting on his experience ministering in the community after the Excel shooting in 2016.
12. Join us April 13 at 6 PM for a Maundy Thursday meal and service of communion and footwashing. The meal and service will be held in fellowship hall.
13. Join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter morning, April 16!
6:45 AM Sunrise Service, Russ Stucky's pasture
7:15 AM Breakfast in WZ fellowship hall
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship

General Announcements

14. Lions Club is hosting their Annual Omelette Feed on Sat., March 25th from 7 AM to 11 AM at the Senior Center. Donations will benefit Moundridge Youth Ministries.
15. The second of three concerts in the Andover Organ Series is Tues., March 21, at 7 PM at Hesston Mennonite Church on the college campus. The concert features Kevin J. Vaughn, director of music and organist at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (South Bend, Ind.), instructor of organ at Goshen College, and adjunct assistant professor of piano and organ at the University of Notre Dame. The concert is free and open to the public, a reception follows the concert.
16. **NO** Life Enrichment at Bethel College March 22, Spring Break
17. Cradle to Crayons is hosting a walking taco/hot dog fundraiser on March 30th at West Zion Church from 5:30-7:30 PM it's free will donation. The money raised goes towards purchasing new chairs for our infant room and new classroom learning toys.
18. Help is needed to detail the donated vehicles for the MCC sale. Help clean windows, vacuum, and wax vehicles. Volunteer

days are the week of March 26. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257 for details. Thanks.

19. Garden Community Church is hosting a marriage seminar on April 1 with Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley. The seminar is entitled: "A Crazy Little Thing Called Marriage" and looks at ways couples can strengthen their marriage. Cost is \$25/couple or \$15/individual. For more information, visit gardencommunitychurch.org.

20. The MCC Sale is fast approaching. Bohne berrogie bake day is April 1 at the Moundridge High School cafeteria. There are two shifts, starting at 7AM and at 10 AM. To volunteer, call Marla Gillmore at [620-921-0428](tel:620-921-0428) or email bmg@lrmutual.com. Please wear a head covering. Together we can serve others.

21. Pine Village will host its 6th Dementia Education Series beginning April 4. The series teaches the basics of dementia, including its stages and resources available to family and caregivers. The Series is taught by Pine Village team members Jenna Lehrman, Director of Nursing, and Shelby Shaw Administrator. This four class series, is April 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 7-8 PM at the Wellness Center on the Pine Village campus. The Series is open to the public and free to attend, but space is limited. If interested in attending, contact Shelby at shelby.shaw@pinevillageks.org. or [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901)

22. Sun., March 26, is Bethel College Concert Choir home concert, at 7 PM, in *Memorial Hall*. The choir is touring in Minnesota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri during spring break, March 18-25, raising money for MCC with its offerings. The Home Concert offering will go to defray tour expenses.

23. Fri., March 31, is the Mid-Kansas Jazz Workshop Gala Concert with special guest Wycliffe Gordon, trombone, and Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I, 7:30 PM, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

~Wish "Happy Birthday" to~
March 20: Lory Fisher
March 21: Alexia Hayes
March 24: Jessie Pohl
March 25: Spencer Fast

~Wish "Happy Anniversary" to~
March 24: Bob & Deanne Loganbill

Prayer Concerns

Teresa Stucky and family as Teresa struggles with a brain bleed.
Maleya White, Carl and Tracy Duffman's granddaughter.
U.N. peace worker Michael Sharp, who was kidnapped in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz have served with MMN since 1985. Pray for him as he works with more than 50 business chaplains in Paraguay who reach out to employees in the workplace, and pray for Hildi as she provides spiritual direction to help people deepen their faith.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC board, commission and congregation members participating in adaptive leadership training programs at the Kansas Leadership Center, that God would use this experience to equip them more fully for effective ministry.

Mission Mosaic

Anne & Daniel Kompaore, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso Pg 9

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