

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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ADVENT 4

Words for silent meditation: *Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Luke 1:46-47)*

Prelude Carla Stucky

**Entrance Hymn *Joy to the world* HWB # 318

Lighting of the Christ candle Elijah Roth

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Luke 1:46b-55



Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle (kids come forward) Lici Roth
This week's prayer focus is our sister church in Peru.

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

Scripture Luke 1:26-38 Tracy Duffman

Message "In the Fiat Zone" Pastor Brad

Response - *From Isaiah 9:2-7* Words on screen

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *O little town of Bethlehem* HWB # 191

**Benediction

**Postlude

***please stand if able*

Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound

Greeters: Royce and Sandy Jantz

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

Sermon Notes

In the Fiat Zone

Luke 1:26-38

Theme

God calls and we respond.

Key Verse

Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

Notes

A Prayer

Loving God, woo us into your will through your unfailing love.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Find us on Facebook!

Sunday, December 31, 2017

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Worship Leader: Karen Loganbill **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeter: Ken Stucky **Scripture:** Carla Stucky
Message: Pastor Eric Buller **Candlelighter:** Kaleigh Guhr
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler
Special Music: Peter Buller

Coming Events

Today: Christmas Eve service 6:00 PM "What Child is This?"
Dec. 26-Jan. 1: Pastor Brad out to Illinois (Pastor Eric Buller
preaches on Dec. 31)
Jan. 14: Missionaries Wayne & Jeannie Larson lead Sunday
School and bring the message, potluck meal and
Annual Meeting
Jan. 19: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 7-9 PM
Jan. 20: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 9 AM-3 PM
Jan. 21: Marvin Lorenzana brings the message
Feb. 4: Mennonite Education Sunday at 1st Mennonite Church
Feb. 15: Over 70 Dinner 5:30-6:30 PM

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. Hey kids--today is the fourth Sunday of Advent! 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 each week as we get closer to Christmas.

2. Each week through the season of Advent, you will find daily prayer requests for mission in the bulletin or bulletin insert. Consider placing the list in your Bible, on your fridge, or wherever you will see it throughout the week and be prompted to pray.

3. What's Christmas all about? Join us tonight at 6:00 PM for a candlelit service of scripture and song entitled "What Child Is This?" Come fill this special time of the year with sacred meaning.

4. Remember to save all your unwanted greeting cards from any occasion. Christian Homemakers will send them to St. Jude Children Ranch for their use in recycling.

5. Mark your calendars for January 14. Our mission partners in the Arabian Peninsula, Wayne and Jeannie Larson, will share during the Sunday School hour and worship service. We'll have a potluck meal downstairs, and the Annual Meeting will follow.

6. *Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness* has a host of great workshop leaders who will offer practical ideas to take home to your church and neighborhood. Here are just a few: James Krabill, Joe Sawatzky, Brad Roth, Byron Pellecer, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, and keynote speakers Heidi Roland Unruh and Marvin Lorenzana. Learn more at mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism. This will be held at Alexanderwohl Mennonite in Goessel, January 19-20, 2018. Cost is \$25 for four or more registrants, but Mission Team is covering the cost for all who would like to attend. Talk to Pastor Brad or Carl Duffman if you are interested.

General Announcements

7. Five Times Harder will perform a "Songs of the Season" concert on Friday, December 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite

Church in Wichita. A free-will offering will be collected to support the work of MCC.

8. Jerry Toews is looking for someone to haul a small John Deere Tractor from Bakersfield, CA to Goessel, KS for the KS MCC Sale on April 13-14, 2018. Also wanted are good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery, etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale - new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax deductible donation. Contact Jerry Toews for more info at 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com.

9. Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Dec. 25, or Mon., Jan. 1, but resumes Jan. 8. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly - all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com.

10. Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series in 2018, starting with *Your Medicare options* on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

11. Kauffman Museum is open regular hours through the holidays: Tues.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m. Visit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," extended through Jan. 21, 2018, and the newest special exhibit, "Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West" (through April 1, 2018). See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

12. Registration is now open for the academic conference "Mennonites and the Holocaust," to be held on the Bethel College campus March 16-17, 2018, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.

13. Join friends & family of Russ Neufeld on January 13, 2018 in the inaugural running of The Neuf 9K & 2 mile run. The run starts at 10:00am at Mojo's Coffee Shop (Bethel College). Russ was a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The run will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and a scholarship is Russ' name at Hesston College. Register online through Jan 10, or in person on the day of the race. Read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca.

We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
 December 24: Deanne Loganbill
 December 25: Rachel Rupp
 December 30: Peter Stucky

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
 December 25: Richard & Glenda Golden

Daily Prayer

December 24 - Our sister church in San Juan de Cotabambas, Peru, as they worship and study the Bible together.
December 25 - Believers from different congregations as they travel to outlying areas to bring gifts, hot chocolate, and sweet <i>paneton</i> cake. The trips are ways to evangelize in the community and encourage outlying churches.
December 26 - Pastor Felix as he travels to outlying communities to lead Bible studies.
December 27 - Pastor Roberto, president of the Peruvian Mennonite Church, and his wife Valeria as they serve the church and build leaders.
December 28 - Land for our sister church to build a new church building.
December 29 - The Mennonite school in Peru, called PROMESA, as they seek funding and expertise to build a new school building on a parcel of land outside of the city.
December 30 - The PROSIM health mission of the Peruvian Mennonite Church as they conduct training for health promoters who serve in remote Andean communities.

Prayer Concerns

Maleya White, going to Hays for mental health treatment.

The family of Maxine Fast, after her passing.

Frances, recovering after having a heart valve replacement procedure.

Amy Jantzen, going in for back surgery on December 27 at the Kansas Spine Hospital in Wichita.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us give thanks for the ways Christ's presence is made visible through WDC congregations.

Mission Mosaic in the pew: Dennis & Connie Byler; Brian, Noelia, Elisa, Mikaela, & Norah Fox in Burgos Spain, page 34