

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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### LENT 4

Prelude    Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle                      Mateo Roth

*During the season of Lent, we invite you to collect your thoughts and settle your heart in Jesus using the words for silent meditation above. We will pause briefly at the beginning of each service to make silent space for this to happen.*

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

Announcements

Choral call to worship                      Without His Cross                      Chancel Choir

Call to Worship, Psalm 51:1-12 (on screen)

Greeting in Christ's peace

#### **\*\*Celebrating in song**

*Immortal, Invisible God only wise*                      HWB # 70  
*Beneath the cross of Jesus*                      HWB # 250

Scripture                      John 3:14-21                      Bonnie Kaufman

Choir anthem                      In His Steps                      Chancel Choir

Message                      "Into the Light"                      Pastor Brad

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 on March 29.*

**Song of Response**    *I want to walk as a child of the light*    STJ # 95

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**                      *This little light of mine*                      (on screen)

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*please stand if able**

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

Greeter: Geneva Wedel

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

### Sermon Notes

Into the Light, John 3:14-21

Theme - Walking in God's light takes surrender and struggle.

#### Key Verse

John 3:21 Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

#### Notes

#### A Prayer

Unchanging God, in whom there is no darkness at all, call and strengthen us to walk in your light.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org*

Find us on Facebook!

## **Sunday, March 18, 2018**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Worship Leader:** Connie Kaufman      **Message:** Pastor Eric Buller  
**Greeters:** Leon & Virginia Guhr      **Scripture:** Geneva Wedel  
**Candle Lighter:** Elijah Roth  
**Accompanists:** Gerry Major & Jan Larson  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

## **Coming Events**

March 11: Piano recital 3:00 PM (Becky Setser's students) at WZ  
March 14: MYM 5:45-7, Meal Tator Tot Casserole 6-6:30,  
Prayer in back of sanctuary 6:30-7, Chancel Choir 7-8  
March 18: Pastor Brad out, Eric Buller preaches  
March 21: Spring break, **No MYM, meal, or prayer**  
Chancel Choir 7-8 PM  
March 25: Kathy Neufeld Dunn preaches,  
Holy Week Service 7 PM, United Methodist  
March 26: Holy Week Service, 7 PM, United Methodist  
March 28: Church Council 8:00 PM  
March 29: Maundy Thursday service at WZ  
April 7: Bohne Berrogi day at Mdge High School, fresh berrogi  
for sale from 10-12  
April 10: Verenike making at Parkview MB, Hillsboro  
April 13-14: MCC Relief Sale in Hutchinson at State Fairgrounds

**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](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:** Thurs. 9-11, 1-4 PM

Church: 620-345-8143

Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)

Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.  
Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. The 2018 Yearbooks are printed and in your mailboxes. There are extra available on the table by the mailboxes if needed. There is also a box under the table to be used for recycling your old yearbooks (we can reuse the plastic comb binder and will recycle the pages).
2. Update on signage process: The Moundridge City Council has approved an ordinance allowing lighted signs in residential zones. This now allows us to apply for a permit to install our sign. It's been a slow process, but things are moving forward! Talk to Pastor Brad or Carl Duffman if you have questions.
3. You can support MCC through the Kansas Run for Relief. Give money or checks made out to KMRS (with Run for Relief in the memo line) to Bo Bachman.
4. Pastor Brad will be out March 17-23 as he travels to Beatrice, NE, Marysville, KS, and St. Paul, MN to speak about the rural church from his book. He'll be sharing with Mennonite churches, Assemblies of God seminarians, and the annual conference of the Catholic Rural Life association.
5. SPACE women's group of prayer will next meet on Saturday, March 24 from 9-10 am at the church (not usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday). SPACE stands for Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement. We spend time in fellowship around breakfast (provided) and in prayer. All women are invited to join us!
6. Join us during the season of Lent as we pray for the mission of the church! We'll meet Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 in the back of the sanctuary through Holy Week (skipping March 21 for spring break).

## General Announcements

7. Bohne berrogie bake day for the MCC sale will be on April 7 at Moundridge High School. The first shift starts at 7 and the second shift at 10. If you would be willing to help, please contact Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428 or email [bmg@lrmutual.com](mailto:bmg@lrmutual.com). It's a good time of serving and fellowship. Please wear a head covering.

8. Continuing to bring quality performing art from around the world, the next concert in the 2017-18 Andover Organ Series will feature organist, Dr. Ryan Hebert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the concert.

9. *Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children* training will be held at the MCC Center on March 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Bill Reynolds from *CASA: A Voice for Children* is the presenter. Survivor stories and expert insight in child protection will be presented. This training may be of particular interest to youth organizations, parents, educators, childcare providers and those working with children in faith communities. The cost is \$20.00. To register, email Kathy Wiens at [kathywiens59@gmail.com](mailto:kathywiens59@gmail.com) or call 316-587-7244.

10. House warmer projects needed! MW USA partners with Mennonite Disaster Service to provide hand-crafted wall-hangings for each re-built home dedication. The supply is depleted. Several wall-hangings are sent per month to the Mennonite Disaster Service home office in Lititz, PA for distribution by project managers. Please find full instructions for sewing and sending a quilted wall-hanging at <https://mennonitewomenusa.org/ministries/housewarmer/>.

11. The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$500 in matching funds to support special needs in our church and community last year. Vicky Kessler serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. You may contact her for more information.

12. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) will hold its annual business meeting this afternoon at 2:30 PM at 1st Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie. The speaker will be Rev. Kathryn Goering Reid. SMCHA membership and the public are welcome. Reservations are NOT required.

13. The WDC/SCC Women's Spring Supper will be at 6 PM on March 15 at Whitestone Mennonite, Hesston. The \$10 meal will be served by Whitestone Youth with payment to them. Joanna Gerber Pinkerton will speak on *Faith in Every Day Life* at 7 PM. Offering will be received for AIMM, Women's Literacy training with checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

## **MCC SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

kansas.mccsale.org

Remembering 50 years of the Sale: April 14 was the date of the 1973 Sale held in Hutchinson at the Fairgrounds. After the devotional service and the welcome by Chairman Rudy Schmidt, the Sale began with the sale of a “fluffy kitten”. The sale of sausage was completed with the donation of 22 hogs, the purchase of 5 hams, and the donation of eight additional hams. The quilt auction raised \$10,595 with the highest price paid for a quilt being \$1,020. The Friday night open house included eleven churches each providing a 15-minute program. This was the second year for the information booth. This booth provided information and a telephone was available for use if needed. The theme for the 1973 Sale was Matthew 25, ...”whatever you have done for these my brethren...you have done for me.”

This year you can sign up for volunteer opportunities online, check it out at the MCC website. However, the Feeding of the Multitude sign-up cannot be done online. Royce Jantz will have a sign-up sheet available in church. Also needed from West Zion are 7 table waiters from 10-12:15 on Saturday, April 14.

An excess of \$20,000 was committed in our meeting for expenses of the sale. \$800 was committed to the expense of purchasing the hams from our congregation. Please make your checks payable to West Zion Mennonite Church and in the memo part of your check please designate it to MCC Sale, can put in offering plate.

Remember the “Coins Count” as we will be collecting coins again during the morning worship service from now until sale time. We will also be requesting your help in making pies for the sale and will be handing out the pie plates in mid-March. Important dates to remember are listed in Coming Events in the bulletin.

Baked goods are always in demand. Mini pies sell well. One pie recipe makes 3 mini pies. Whole pie is \$12, mini pie is \$6. Need more cinnamon rolls in 9x9 pans. Angel food cake always sells out Friday night. Need lots more peppernuts!

- Royce and Sandy Jantz

## **Prayer Concerns**

Mel Becker, dealing with heart issues and a patient at Mercy Hospital.

Ron Chafee, a friend of Jr’s, who had a car accident recently.

Nancy Ottley as she begins her chemo treatment.

Holly and Brett and their family as their due date draws near.

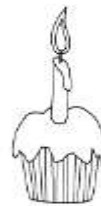
### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for WDC congregations Beatrice Mennonite Church and First Mennonite Church of Beatrice, NE, as they host Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches, a study series with Brad Roth, Mar 18-19.

**Mission Mosaic in the pew:** Benin, Botswana and Burkina Faso partners including La Casa Grande, a Christian home for orphans and disadvantaged children who have lost parents to AIDS, pg 11



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

March 11: Maddie Koehn

March 12: Jan Graber

March 13: Leola Koehn

March 14: Samara Wenger

March 16: Bentley Isaac

March 17: AJ Kessler, Rhonda James