

Sunday, April 7, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Kathy Neufeld Dunn **Scripture:** Jennifer Kaufman
Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeter(s): Jan Dyck **Music:** Praise Team
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

April 1: Women's Bible Study 6:30-7:30
April 2: School using Fellowship Hall for testing 7 am-noon
April 3: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM
Youth Choir 6:30-7 pm, Choir 7-8 pm
April 10: Youth Choir 6:30-7 pm, Choir 7-8 pm
April 11: Christian Homemaker's Bake Night
April 12-13: MCC Sale at KS State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson
April 14: Palm Sunday/Children's Sunday
Youth Choir sings in morning worship
Holy Week Svc at Eden, speaker Peter Goerzen 7 PM
April 17: Holy Week Prayer walk, meet at funeral home parking
lot at 4:30 PM
April 18: Maundy Thursday service at WZ, 6:00 PM meal and
6:30 PM service with communion and foot washing
April 21: 6:30-7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service, at Russ Stucky's
Pasture (on Buckskin Road), breakfast at WZ,
Easter Sunday service

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.

1. We are overjoyed to **celebrate the baptisms** of Mateo Roth and Kaleigh Guhr today! Both have completed catechism class where they learned the essentials of the Christian faith, studied the Scriptures, and dived into the history of the church.
2. Hearty **congratulations** to Jeremiah Hayes as he is being received into membership today! Jeremiah completed a study with Pastor Brad on the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*. He has already begun serving on the Trustee team.
3. **We would like to thank** everyone for remembering us during the loss of our mother Ruby Graber. - Melvin and Jan Graber
4. **Each candidate** for baptism and membership chose a favorite song. Mateo chose STS 124 My soul cries out, Kaleigh chose S&R 129 Unity, and Jeremiah chose HWB 327 Great is thy faithfulness.
5. **April 14 is Palm Sunday!** We're also calling that day "Children's Sunday." We'll have a number of activities geared especially toward children, including a palms procession, children's moment, children's choir, favorite kid songs, and a gift. Invite the children in your lives to this special Sunday!
6. **Join us for community Holy Week services!** An insert outlining different events can be found in the bulletin.
7. **A special "passing the shoe" offering** will be received (in addition to the regular offering) this morning for Run for Relief. **Make your check out to KMRS** and put in the shoe or give to Karen Loganbill or Boyd Bachman who are both running in the race. All money goes to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.
8. **Western District Conference encourages your regular financial support for your congregation and for WDC** as we share together in God's work in 2019. In his book *A spirituality of fundraising*, Henri Nouwen writes "Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about...The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough... Even a

seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine." Contributions to WDC may be made online at <http://mennowdc.org> or sent to PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

9. **You're invited to support the Camp Mennoscah Fund!** Council has established the Camp Mennoscah Fund as a way to give scholarships for kids to go to camp. Christian Discipleship Team offers a scholarship of ½ of enrollment for West Zion kids. Sometimes, families need a little extra help. The Camp Mennoscah Fund will cover the difference.
10. Camp Mennoscah registration forms are available in the foyer and online. **Scholarship forms** are also in the foyer. Christian Discipleship Team typically awards ½ registration scholarships, but more help is available. We want your child to go!
11. **Christian Homemakers** will be baking rolls for MCC Sale again. Bake night is April 11th. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board to bring items for baking. More information later.

General Announcements

12. **Love Crosses Borders: A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants.** Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? July 28 to August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.
13. **Bethel College** events can be found on the bulletin board.
14. The **Pine Village Anchors Banquet** will be held on April 5 at 6:00 PM. Open Road and Woven, Men's and Women's Choirs from Bethel College will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$100 each and proceeds go towards the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation. See Larry Loganbill for a ticket.

15. **Pine Village** will be hosting Denise Groene, the State Director from the Better Business Bureau. Denise will be presenting an informational meeting at the Wellness Center on April 18th at 3:00 P.M. Come learn about the **latest scams**; particularly those directed towards seniors, and understand the red flags of a scam and how to protect your information from scammers.

MCC SALE April 12-13

MCC Contacts: Mike & Connie Kaufman

SIGN UP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE in the foyer for the upcoming MCC Sale. You can make a pie, help serve, or help make verenike, the choice is yours!!

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, sponsored by Kansas Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, and Amish congregations, raises funds for MCC with this annual events held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. It includes 5 different auctions, traditional Mennonite and American food booths, Kansas and fair trade crafts, plants and things, bulk cheese and meats, quilting supplies, baked goods, kid activities and more.

Are you looking forward to the bohne berrogie at the MCC sale? Your help is needed to make it happen, on April 6 at Moundridge High School. Friday afternoon is some prep work for Saturday and volunteers are needed. If you need more information contact Marla Gillmore 620-921-0428.

We're collecting coins for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) through the Coins Count offering. Our kids will collect coins during the offering to deposit in a special tub. Your coins help make MCC's vital work possible!

The 22nd annual Run/Walk for Relief 5k will be held in Rice Park, Hutchinson, at 8am on April 13th. Registration forms can be found online or ask Connie Kaufman. **Checks can be made out to KMRS** and given to either **Karen Loganbill or Boyd Bachman** who are both running in the race. All money goes to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

WZ Joys and Concerns

Taylor Esau, Leon and Virginia's granddaughter, recovering after extensive jaw surgery in Boston.

Family, friends, and coworkers of Dan Nilson. Dan worked at Goering Hardware.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC members attending adaptive leadership training at Kansas Leadership Center (Wichita, KS) in 2019, as they apply this learning to a variety of different ministry contexts and leadership challenges.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure units from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jackson, Mississippi; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania; are beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas. Pray for God's love to flow through them.

Mission Mosaic

Justin Weaver with MVS in Chicago, Joanna Loepp Thiessen, Katrina Kniss with MVS in Texas



We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:
April 4: Clark Graber, Duane Toews, Ron Galle
April 6: Zettie Wedel

We wish a "**Happy Anniversary**" to:
April 6: Mel & Kathi Becker



Holy Week

Join us for community and West Zion Holy Week activities as we mark our journey to Christ's resurrection.

Sunday, April 17

10:30 am: Palm Sunday and Children's Sunday at West Zion

7:00 pm: Holy Week Service at Eden Mennonite
Pastor Peter Goerzen, Bethel College Campus Pastor and Instructor of Bible and Religion, will preach on the hope we have through Jesus' self-emptying on the cross. An offering will be received in support of the work of Associated Ministries of Moundridge.

Wednesday, April 17

4:30 pm: Meet in the funeral home parking lot for a community prayer walk, lifting up different community organizations in prayer.

Thursday, April 18

6:00 pm: A Maundy Thursday meal will be served in Fellowship Hall at West Zion followed by a 6:30 pm service with communion and foot washing

Sunday, April 21

6:30 am: Easter sunrise service with First and Eden Mennonite churches at Russ Stucky pasture (on Buckskin Road) followed by breakfast at West Zion

9:30 am: Sunday School at West Zion

10:30 am: Easter Sunday service at West Zion!

Sermon Notes

Arise and Go to the Father
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Theme

Whatever you do, move toward God.

Key Verse

Luke 15:17 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'

Notes

A Prayer

Father Almighty, interrupt our lives with your grace and call us to your love.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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