

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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March 1, 2020

No. 9

LENT 1

Words for silent meditation: *Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. (Psalm 32:1)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship - *Litany for Lent* (on screen)

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**

God is here among us HWB 16
Holy God, we praise thy name HWB 121

Scripture Matthew 10:34-39 Jim Stucky

Message "The Way of the Cross Loves" 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 April 9.

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

Offering & Coins Count Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *The way of the cross leads home* (on screen)

**Benediction

**Postlude

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Dale Jantzen
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

The Cross Loves
Matthew 10:34-39

Theme

The way of the cross is loving Jesus above all else.

Key Verse

(Matthew 10:38) Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Notes

A Question

What scares you about Jesus' words? What is he saying to you where you're at right now?

**Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Mennonite Facebook page.
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org**

Lent 2 Sunday, March 8, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM: Worship Service**
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Melvin Graber
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman **Music:** Praise Team
Ushers: Mel Becker, Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

March 2: Homemakers meet at church 8:30 am to go to Yoder
March 4: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360
 MYM and pancake/sausage meal 6:00 PM
 Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM
March 11: Last Men's Bible Study
 Last MYM and chicken casserole meal 6:00 PM
 Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM
March 18: Lent gathering **6:30-7 PM (note change of time)**
 Church Council 7 PM
March 25: Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM
April 5: Palm Sunday/Children's Sunday
 Holy Week Service
April 9: Maundy Thursday service
April 12: Easter Sunday
April 16: MCC bake day at West Zion
April 17-18: MCC Sale
May 13: Salad Supper at West Zion

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. **During the season of Lent**, Pastor Brad will lead us in a sermon series on prayer called "The Way of the Cross." How should we live our lives in light of the meaning of the cross? Invite a friend as we learn together!
2. **During Lent**, the Mission Team will be gathering at the front of the sanctuary for prayer following worship. Join us as we pray for the mission of our church and needs of our community! If you have a prayer request, feel free to let a Mission team member know (Carl Duffman, Geneva Wedel, Crysta Guhr).
3. On Monday, March 2, **Christian Homemakers** will meet at West Zion at 8:30 am to drive to Carriage Crossing in Yoder for breakfast and then go tie quilts at the Yoder Comforter Blitz. All are invited to attend!
4. Are you interested in **setting aside some time** during Lent to walk with Jesus? All are invited to a Lent gathering on four Wednesdays in March from 7:00-7:30 (March 18 will be 6:30-7 PM) for simple conversation and reflection on Jesus and His journey to the cross. The first gathering is Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 pm which will be led by Carla Stucky. We will meet in the conference room.
5. Mark your calendars for the **Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper** on Thursday, March 12 at 6 pm at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. The meal starts at 6 pm with the program at 7 pm. Special music will be provided by Marlene Habegger. Patty Shelly, Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College, will present "My Journey through Scripture." **Reservations are required** by contacting Darlene at westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com or call 316-323-9762. Cost is \$10 and payable at the door.
6. **Mt. Hope Sanctuary** of McPherson Kansas is looking for ministry-minded women for a part-time staff position and a coaching position. The staff position is a part-time and some responsibilities include helping the women cook meals, pray with them, light cleaning, answering the phone and doors. The coaching positions is part-time as well. Hours are flexible and vary depending on case load. For information, contact Kayla Aguilar at kayla.mthope@gmail.com or by phone at 620-241-1993.

7. **West Zion is going live!** We are now livestreaming our entire service to the church Facebook page. This is a way to reach out to homebound individuals, the Pine Village community, and others who may wish to connect to West Zion but can't be present in service. Note that the camera will be kept focused on the stage. Please use discretion during sharing time, particularly when sharing involves medical information about another person. The sermon will also continue to be available in audio and video format on the website (westzionmc.org), usually by Tuesday afternoon. We are continuing to formulate our policy and are adding new technology. If you have question or concerns, please address those to Leon Guhr.

8. The **Moundridge Food Pantry** is looking for an individual to become its Director as they serve those families and individuals in need in our community. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Rick Krehbiel at 620-386-4147.

9. **For all puzzle enthusiasts!** Enjoy putting together a puzzle on a table in the foyer. The congregational puzzle put together by all of us is now on display in the foyer.

General Announcements

10. **Everence** will host its popular workshop, Make Medicare an easy step, in North Newton on Tuesday, Mar. 10 and in Hutchinson on Thursday, Mar. 12. Both will begin 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 is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

11. **Hesston College Music and Theatre** will present six performances of the musical Tuck Everlasting in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. Show times are 7 p.m. March 4 - 7, with an extra 2 p.m. show on March 7, as well as a 2 p.m. showing on March 8. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. Seating is limited so advanced ticket purchase is encouraged at hesston.edu/bookstore or by calling 620-327-8105. Tuck Everlasting is family-friendly and rated G, but due to length is recommended for ages 7 and up.

12. **Bethel College events** can be found on the bulletin board.

13. **Dr. James Juhnke will** be the speaker at the March 8 annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association held at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite in N. Newton. Dr. Juhnke will talk on “Mennonite Museum in Uzbekistan” and the history of the Mennonite community that lived for fifty years near the city of Khiva. The Handbell Choir of the church will provide music. Election of SMCHA officers for 2020 will be held. Refreshments will be served.

MCC CORNER

MCC Sale on April 17 and 18
www.kansas.mccsale.org

How do I support Mennonite Central Committee?

1. Bring **loose change** each Sunday and drop in the coin collection jug during offering.
2. Place a **check** in the offering plate (written to West Zion, with MCC in memo line)
3. Participate in the **Run for Relief** (which also has a lot of walk-ers!) by signing up online or filling out a registration form in the foyer by April 1.
4. **Shop at smile.amazon.com** and click on Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.
5. **Sign up** for monthly highlights from MCC’s 100 stories for 100 years! Explore images and stories from MCC’s work by going to mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/email to sign up.
6. **Make something** to donate to the MCC Sale! And be sure to attend on April 17 and 18!

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Sharon Gehring and family as they mourn the death of Bob

Kaleigh Guhr qualified for the state piano competition and received a rating of 2, good job!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC commissions as they meet in the coming month to nurture ministries of leadership, church planting, congregational resourcing and stewardship in the conference.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and MMN partner agencies praise God for the success of the Congo Mennonite Literacy Project and the hope it gives to the 3,000 people (mostly women) who have learned to read.

Mission Mosaic

Laura Schlabach in Mongolia, pg. 18



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

March 4: Wilda Schrag

March 5: Jeremy Kessler

We’re calling 2020 the Year of Celebration! *It’s a time to reflect on God’s blessing and mercy in our individual lives and life together as the church – and celebrate!*