

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship
Vol. LV April 12, 2020 No. 15

Easter Sunday

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we will not be meeting for worship. Instead, worship services will be online on our West Zion Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/westzion/>).

Prelude, "Sweet hour of prayer," performed by Donna Stucky

Welcome

Call to Worship, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The Lord is my strength and my might. He has become my salvation.

Prayer

Celebrating in Song - "Christ the Lord is risen today!"

Scripture, John 20:1-18

Meditation "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" Pastor Brad

Song for meditation, "Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing," performed by Donna Stucky

Offering (*Please remember to continue supporting the church during this time.*)

Prayers of the People (*Joys and concerns can be shared in the "comment" bar on the Facebook live stream*)

Hallelujah Chorus, George Handel *Messiah*, performed by Donna Stucky

Blessing and Sending

Sermon Notes

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time
John 20:1-18

Theme

Encounter the resurrected Jesus.

Key Verse

(John 20:15) "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Notes

1. Be willing to seek him.
2. Be willing to wonder and ask questions
3. Be willing to see him.

A Question

Where is Jesus inviting you to experience his resurrection life and power?

***Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Mennonite Facebook page
Sermons are online @ [westzionmc.org](https://www.facebook.com/westzionmc.org)
Streaming license # 20084674***

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Worship Service online at West Zion Facebook page

9:30 AM: *Sunday School* (Connect via Google Hangouts by clicking this link: <https://meet.google.com/wif-iwce-xnw> or join by phone, dial +1 657- 529-0830 and enter this PIN: 634 591 635#

10:30 AM: *Worship Service* (live on WZ Facebook page)

Message: Pastor Brad Roth

Coming Events

April 15: Morning Prayer 8:00-8:30 AM via Google Hangouts using *Take Our Moments and Our Days* prayer app created by AMBS (download the app beforehand in your app store). To join the video meeting, click this <https://meet.google.com/fdn-akqy-usw>. To join by phone, dial +1 484-800-1904 and enter this PIN: 753 415 347#

April 22: Morning Prayer 8-8:30 AM via Google Hangouts

May 13: Women's Salad Supper at West Zion (tentative)

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 Cell: 620-386-4838

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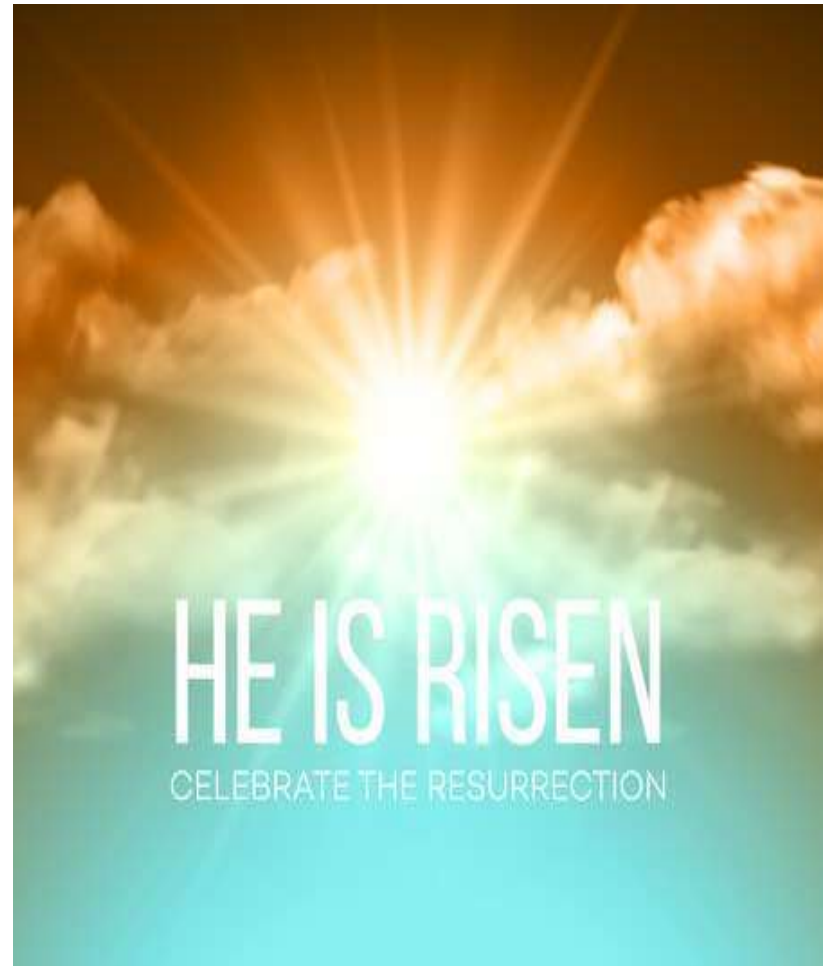
Secretary Carla Stucky's hours: Limited at the church

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Website: www.westzionmc.org



He is risen indeed!

West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. **On that first Easter**, the disciples were locked up at home because of fear of human persecution (John 20:19-23). Here we are, stuck at home because of a virus. Jesus passed through their locked doors and met the disciples right where they were at: in their fears, doubts, and uncertainties. They experienced his peace and resurrection power. Jesus still comes to us where we've had to stay behind closed doors. He knows our fears and anxieties, and he brings his peace that passes all understanding to us here and now. Watch for the resurrected Jesus during this time. Jesus said: "Do not fear, only believe!" (Mark 5:36). He is risen! Happy Easter! - Pastor Brad

2. Church Council met on April 1 to reevaluate the timeline for reopening the church to gatherings. It was decided that **West Zion will not be meeting for worship through May 24**. We will revisit this decision and reopen sooner if conditions allow. The secretary will continue to work limited office hours, and all leadership teams and committees will continue to meet by phone and online as we live our mission as the church. Bulletins will still be available each week and can be found on the West Zion website. Several bulletins are available each week in the church foyer by Thursday evening.

3. Experience an abbreviated version of the Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday or Holy Saturday (4/10 and 4/11)**. There are five stations, beginning at West Zion. Walk or drive to each station, and meditate on the passage, image, and question. The stations are located at: #1 West Zion building, #2 West Zion sidewalk, #3 Post Office, #4 First Mennonite Church of Christian, #5 Eden Mennonite office. Please remember to keep your distance from other participants.

4. **Join us for morning prayer!** Wednesdays, 8:00-8:30 AM via Google Hangouts, starting April 8. We'll follow the *Take Our Moments and Our Days* prayer app created by AMBS. You will need to download the app to your device ahead of time. To join the video meeting, click this link: <https://meet.google.com/fdn-akqy-usw>. Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 484-800-1904 and enter this PIN: 753 415 347#

5. **Senior Center is looking for volunteers** to deliver meals to senior residents at home. Now that seniors cannot gather for the meal, this service is more vital than ever. Contact Pat Krehbiel at: mdgeseniorcenter@mtelco.net

6. **Christian Homemakers:** Due to cancelling of MCC Sale and all the closings, Geneva and I decided to cancel the April 16th meeting. – Glenda Golden

7. The doors of West Zion may be shut, **but we're not shut down!** We continue to be the church together, even more so during this time of pandemic. Please remember to continue supporting the church with your tithes and offerings. You can give online through the "donate" PayPal link on our church website. Or mail checks to: West Zion Mennonite Church, PO Box 758, Moundridge, KS 67107

8. I am excited to let you know that we will still be holding the 2020 **Run for Relief**, but that it will be a virtual event this year! Although the larger MCC sale has been canceled for this year (which makes me very sad), many of us can still use our abilities and connections to help get funds to MCC for their good work of relief and development throughout the world. Here's where you come in! I am going to be running the virtual race on April 18. You can help sponsor me by sending me a check made out to KMRS (Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale). Any amount that you are willing to donate will help the cause! By going this short distance (5K) we can make a BIG difference for others! In the name of Christ - We will RUN. Checks can be mailed to 10521 Hesston Road, Moundridge, KS 67107. THANK YOU! – Connie Kaufman

9. **Feeling isolated?** Have a prayer concern you don't feel comfortable sharing online? Call the church office or pastor's cell phone. Let's support one another so that with God's strength, we can make it through this pandemic together.

10. **MCC Sale cancelled:** Due to CDC guidelines limiting public gatherings for 8 weeks, the 2020 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is being cancelled. This cancellation is beyond our control. We thank you, as supporting churches, sale committees, and donors for the generosity and hard work that you have put into this sale. Please consider continuing to invest and support MCC through the 1,000 for \$1000 fundraising program, through your prayers and by your continued kindness to all.

General Announcements

11. The Moundridge Community **Blood Drive** is scheduled for April 24 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Jerry at 501-388-0177 or email jerryschrag@gmail.com.

12. After 19 years of service, **Carol Stucky, Director of Social Services, is retiring from Pine Village.** "Carol has been a valuable asset to our team for a number of years," said Administrator Shelby Shaw. "I have very much enjoyed working with Carol the last several years and while she will be missed, we hope that her retirement is everything she hoped for and more." Replacing Stucky, will be Donna Becker. Donna has an extensive background in long-term care and most recently worked for hospice. She also is quite familiar with Pine Village through her work with hospice, plus her leadership with the McPherson County Alzheimer's Walk several years ago, which Pine Village was involved in.

13. **Everence® Financial** will host a webinar, *Exploring planned giving*, on Tuesday, April 21. The event will be at 10 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will discuss strategies to remember and support the causes and organizations that they are passionate about in their planning. Reserve your spot by contacting Darlene Buller at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

14. **MCC invites you to continue to work** on making comforter tops for those in need. If you need fabric to do so, we will deliver it to your doorstep. MCC has bags of color coordinated cotton fabrics that can be made into 60 X 80 comforter tops. A limited amount of pre-cut squares are also available. If you would like a bag(s) delivered safely to your house, please email katemast@mcc.org by Wednesday, April 8th, to get on the delivery list. Already have fabric at home that you'd like to use? Please review the MCC Comforter Guidelines and instructional videos at mcc.org/comforters. Thank you in advance for your stitches!

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Dr. Baehler and family, at the passing of his daughter. Lorene works for Dr. Baehler at the Hesston Veterinary Clinic.

Those who have become unemployed because of the coronavirus epidemic.

Kaleigh, seeking answers for her leg pain

Mission partners the Larsons ask for prayers for teams in North Africa and the Gulf as they continue to find creative ways to minister. Pray for friends who were recently beaten and imprisoned for being baptized. The North African Ministry Director is saying people are seeking answers in the midst of the pandemic and their online women's ministry team is answering over a half million friends with a narrative of a loving and good God.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

On this Easter Sunday, give thanks for God's gift of life! Pray that WDC congregations and members will be a witness for healing and hope in the Easter season.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Join Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 54 countries around the world in proclaiming the good news of Jesus' love and victory over the grip of evil in our world.

Mission Mosaic

Naomi Tice in Potters Bar, England, pg 28



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:
April 13: Kathi Becker

We wish a **"Happy Anniversary"** to:
April 18: Gene & Amy Bachman

Easter Early Service at Home

While we can't gather for our usual sunrise service this year, **you can still celebrate Jesus' resurrection from your home!** Below is a simple service of readings, songs, and prayer. Take a selfie at your home sunrise service and send it to Pastor Brad's phone (620-386-4838) or email (bradroth@westzionmc.org). We'll post it on our Facebook page. Sunrise is at 6:58 AM on Easter. Consider starting at 6:45 so you can sing the alleluia right at sunrise.

He is risen / **He is risen indeed!**

The Lord of life has broken the bars of death.

He is risen!

The God of mercy has defeated the power of sin.

He is risen!

The cross has become his victory.

He is risen!

Let us pray...

Almighty God, who on this glad morning

Trampled down Death by death

Awaken your new life in us

That we might live for the glory of your resurrection

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the God of gods, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, **for his steadfast love endures forever**

who alone does great wonders, **for his steadfast love endures forever**

who by understanding made the heavens, **for his steadfast love endures forever**

who spread out the earth on the waters, **for his steadfast love endures forever**

who made the great lights, **for his steadfast love endures forever**
the sun to rule over the day, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

the moon and stars to rule over the night, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

and rescued us from our foes, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

who gives food to all flesh, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the God of heaven, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

HWB 143 Amazing grace (vss.1-2)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Romans 6:8-11

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed

he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

HWB 150 Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Christ is risen! Let us greet the day with courage and expectation!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God has poured out new life! Let us live in confident hope!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Spirit enlivens us all! Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the Lord bless us

Protect us from all evil

And bring us to everlasting life

Amen.