



## **Sunday, June 21, 2020**

**9:30 AM:** No Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Pastor Brad Roth      **Accompanist:** Crysta Guhr  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Zettie Wedel  
**Greeter(s):** Sharon Gehring  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

## **Coming Events**

June 21:      Communion celebration  
Aug. 1-2:      WDC Annual Assembly online

**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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### **Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:**

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

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## West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Welcome back!** Today we're starting a four-week series called "The Skit on the Mount!" In a challenging season, it's meant to be a light-hearted take on Jesus' vibrant words in Matthew 5-7.
2. **We will celebrate communion** next week, June 21! Deacons are planning special procedures to help make it safe for everyone. Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come to the table of the Lord in peace. If you would like to have communion delivered to your home, please contact the church office.
3. **We're excited to get back together**, but we know things will look a little different. As always, church council will carefully monitor updates from federal, state, and county officials and make changes as necessary.

### **What will church look like on reopening?**

- We will greet you at the door with hand sanitizer.
- We will seat people front-to-back and dismiss back-to-front.
- Seating will be spaced out in the sanctuary.
- The ushers will help seat you. We ask that you practice social distancing inside the church and not congregate at the back. The best place to catch up is outside, where we can spread out and avoid bottlenecks!
- There will be less singing and no special music to minimize aerial spread of the virus.
- We encourage everyone to wear a mask (**some masks will be available at the door, for those who don't have one**).
- We will not pass the offering plate and sharing and announcements will be done by Pastor Brad to avoid passing the microphone (you can text him or let him know of your prayer concerns/announcements ahead of time).
- Basement door will be locked, and we ask everyone to use the front door.
- Blowers will be turned off so as not to re-circulate air. Ceiling fans will not be used.
- In case of an outbreak, names and contact information of everyone in attendance will be shared with the McPherson County Health Department to do follow up contact tracing. We

will also communicate directly with the congregation to let you know that there has been a positive case.

- We will continue to livestream our services, so we encourage vulnerable individuals to stay home and catch worship online.
- Of course, if you are feeling sick, please stay home.

This is not what we're used to. It might feel a little awkward or annoying. Remember that our goal is to keep everyone healthy so we can worship together. Keep the words of the apostle Paul in mind: "In humility value others above yourselves." (Philippians 2:3).

4. During this time, **we ask you not to congregate and form bottlenecks at the back of the sanctuary before service**, but rather to proceed directly to the pews. Thanks for helping us work together to keep everyone safe in worship!

5. There will be **no Sunday School** held for adults or children this summer.

6. **Thank you to all of you** for your prayers, cards and phone calls during my knee surgery and recuperation. A special thank you to Pastor Brad for his phone calls and prayers, to Sharon Gehring, Carla Stucky and Dave and Zettie Wedel for providing transportation when I needed it, and a very special thank you to Sharon for spending the day of surgery with me. May God bless each of you for your kindness and willingness to help during this time.

## General Announcements

7. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for June 26, 2020 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM at the Cloud Nine Venue, 205 S Avenue A. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email [bczrger@mtelco.net](mailto:bczrger@mtelco.net).

8. **Join us for a socially-distanced Western District Conference Annual Assembly online on August 1-2.** (*Note: This replaces previous plans for an in-person gathering*). Webinars, worship, Danny Carroll, our keynote speaker, and some time to talk together will all be part of this grand experiment. What can the times we're living in help us to discover about mission? About God's love for the exile? We hope it will be possible for small groups to host Assembly watch parties together. We'll be together in Spirit and over digital media.

Congregational delegates should register online. All others (non-delegates) may attend without registering. **No registration fee!** Congregations and individuals are invited to give a donation, as they are able, to cover Assembly costs. After these costs are met, donations will go into the WDC Hope Fund.

9. **Free Debt Counseling:** In these trying times, Everence has made free debt counseling possible through Lutheran Social Services Counseling. See <https://www.everence.com/everence-articles/core-markets/national-advisors-and-representatives/webinars/20191114-performing-a-financial-health-check-up> for more information. You don't have to struggle alone.

10. **Everence** will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free. Register soon by contacting Darlene Buller at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

11. The June/July/August issue of **WDC Garden** (WDC's quarterly newsletter) is now available! However, since many WDC churches are not meeting in person during this time of pandemic, it will not be sent in bulk to churches for distribution. It is available online at: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-garden-june-july-august-2020/>.

### **West Zion Joys and Concerns**

We thank God for a return to worshipping together!

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

Give thanks for generous contributions to the WDC Hope Fund and pray for ongoing financial support for WDC ministries and congregations.

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

Jaden Hostetter serves in Ecuador through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for him and the Quito Mennonite Church as they deliver food to 80-100 refugee families during the rigorous COVID-19 lockdown that keeps people confined to their homes. Pray for God's protection over all members of the congregation and their communities.

### **Mission Mosaic**

Ray and Akiko in Naganuma, Japan, pg 16



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
June 19: Gerry Major

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:  
June 17: Curtis & Crysta Guhr