

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. (Psalm 103:1)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements (*Pastor Brad will make announcements from the pulpit. If you have an announcement, please get it to him before the service.*)

Call to Worship, Psalm 103



****Celebrating in song** (*We encourage you to wear a mask while singing to avoid potential virus broadcast.*)
10,000 Reasons
I know not why God's wondrous HWB 338
(Words on the screen)

Scripture Philippians 4:4-9 Sharon Gehring

Message "Worry Less, Pray More" Pastor Brad

Offering (*As we continue to deal with the threat of COVID-19, offering will be received in the basket on the back table to avoid passing the offering plates.*)

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*During this time, we will not be passing the mic. Please communicate joys and concerns to Pastor*

Brad ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-4838 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar).

Prayers of the People STS 45
Calm me Lord as you calmed the storm

****Sending Song** *When peace like a river* HWB 336

****Benediction**
****Postlude** (*Please exit back-to-front and practice social distancing. We encourage you to go outside and spread out if you would like to connect and chat.*)
****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Kirk and Carla Stucky
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Sermon Notes

Worry Less, Pray More
Philippians 4:4-9

Theme

Prayer makes us reliant on God and resilient.

Key Verse

(Philippians 4:6) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Notes

A Question

Are you willing to entrust your biggest worries to God?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
Streaming license # 20084674

Sunday, September 20, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Geneva Wedel
Ushers: Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Adult SS topic: Dealing with anxiety/worry
Sept. 16: Online study on "How to Pray" 8-9 AM,
 Church Council meeting 7 PM
Sept. 20: Adult SS topic: Feeling Blah
Sept. 23: Online study on "How to Pray" 8-9 AM
Oct. 23: Bloodmobile 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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Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Church: 620-345-8143
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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Our “Return to Worship” plan** to keep everyone safe as we gather can be found on the West Zion website. Church Council will carefully monitor updates from federal, state, and county officials and make changes as necessary. **Please text Pastor Brad at 620-386-4838 if you have a joy, concern, or announcement you would like shared during worship.**

2. During the month of September, **Christian Homemakers** will be collecting items for school kits for MCC. We are inviting our church family to help with this much needed project. There will be a black tub in the foyer of the church where you can drop off your school items. You can pick up a list of the new items needed from the table in the foyer. Here is a list of the **NEW** items requested by MCC:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate **30 cm**; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

Monetary contributions can also be given and Homemakers will purchase items with the donations. If you have questions, contact Connie Graber or any Christian Homemaker.

3. **Pastor Brad prepared a booklet** for the current sermon series that can be used for taking notes. They are available on the sound desk in the back of the sanctuary.

4. **Christian Homemakers** are accepting all used greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude’s Children Ranch. Please put the entire card into the box on the shelf in the lobby.

5. **Lee Suderman’s tests** at Mayo Clinic indicated that Lee does NOT have constrictive pericarditis and will NOT be having open heart surgery after all! The doctors are recommending a different protocol to resolve his heart issues. We will be gratefully returning home at the end of the week. Thank you for your uplifting support and love! -Lee and Di Suderman

6. **Are you interested in going deeper in your life of prayer?** Join us online Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 AM for conversations following Pete Greig’s book *How to Pray*. We’ll meet for 8 weeks online to discuss the book--and to put into practice what we’re learning by spending time together in prayer. Follow this Google Hangouts/Meet link to join: <https://meet.google.com/kep-rbkm-erb>.

7. **Sunday School for all ages has begun!** K-6 will meet in the ramp room or outside as weather allows. Grades 7-12 will meet in the youth room. The adult class will be taught by Pastor Brad and will spread out in the fellowship hall and also be available online.

8. Our fall adult Sunday School class is entitled **“Letters to a Weary Church.”** Pastor Brad will lead and will discuss passages from the New Testament letters that deal with different complex emotions that a lot of us are going through right now. What are the letters God is writing to his contemporary weary church? What letter is He writing to you? Join us online at: <https://meet.google.com/jkq-gdbw-hyk>. A list of upcoming topics can be found on the bulletin board.

Our topic for next Sunday, Sept. 20 is “Feeling Blah” 2 Cor. 4:7-12

General Announcements

9. **The Moundridge Senior Center** is having their fundraising event on Tuesday, September 22. This year we are trying a pie/ice cream social. We are not having our annual Fish Fry. Come join us at the Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a piece of pie and ice cream. Carry out will be available. Anyone welcome. Monetary donations are appreciated. The money will be used to help recover losses from COVID 19. Please join us and support your local Senior Center. Call the Center at 345-2729 with any questions.

10. The **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is sponsoring an online auction happening right now through 5:00 PM on September 26 at the Auctria Auction site <https://charityauction.bid/KMRS>. This auction will feature donations that would have been sold at the KMRS event last April. Items will continue to be added through the time period of the auction so check out the site often. There will not be any quilts sold at this time but there is hope for a quilt online auction in October (details to follow). Items purchased may be picked up at distribution points in North Newton, Topeka and Hutch. Shipping or delivery will be considered upon request. **Bidding ends September 26.** For donations or questions, contact Jim Robb at 620-747-0186 or jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com.

11. **Register NOW for the MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride!** Due to COVID-19, the ride is a “virtual” event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. Register online at Bikereg.com. Join us in raising money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to MCC Flatlander Bike Ride may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

12. You are invited to read the **September-November issue** of WDC's quarterly newsletter, *WDC Garden*, now available at: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-garden-september-october-november-2020/>.

13. **The 9th Annual Benefit Day Bierock** sale is back! Fresh, homemade bierocks sold by the half dozen are available for pre-order. Orders can be made online at www.pinevillageks.org, or by returning an order form to Pine Village. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY September 15th.** Pick up will be Friday, September 25 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. and September 26 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Eden Church. Please use the back entrance for pick up. All the bierocks are cooked perfectly and packaged, ready to eat or ready to freeze so you can enjoy delicious bierocks anytime! There will not be a sit-down supper.

14. **Everence will host** its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover as well as enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

15. **Wurst Fundraiser Ever:** You're invited to a German-themed drive-through carryout meal fundraiser to benefit Mennonite Central Committee Sept. 26 held at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, Kan. Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks, with an RSVP deadline of Sept. 19 or 300 reservations at <https://forms.gle/ASndjK9AQP3BLRS7>.

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Randy Kessler, recovering at home after thyroid surgery

Sharon Gehring and family after the passing of her brother-in-law Ed Thode

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom, guidance and joy for Lois Barrett, as she begins serving as the new moderator for WDC.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God that no students, staff, or faculty of the Near East School of Theology were injured when last month's explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon. Pray for wisdom for George Sabra, the school's president, and for the necessary resources to repair the extensive damage done to the eight-floor building. Pray also for all who have lost loved ones and homes.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Paul and Hildi Amstutz in Asuncion, Paraguay, pg 33



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

September 13: Michelle Porter

September 14: Angela Azzarito

September 16: Brett Koehn

September 18: Will Kaufman

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 1,724.00	\$ 1,459.00
Receipts – year to date	\$ 93,397.20	\$ 100,879.71
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(104,198.47)	(103,615.77)
Less: cash balance	(13,682.18)	(15,400.54)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 45,590.35	\$ 43,535.69
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,849.	\$ 2,721.