

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! (Psalm 147:1)*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Miles and Mason Jones

Welcome! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all
/ **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 147:1-11 (p.623) Karen Loganbill

Greeting in Christ's Peace

Introit Here I am, Lord Chancel Choir
395

****Celebrating in song**

Come, let us all unite to sing HWB 12
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB 37

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30 Kaleigh Guhr
Pg 983

Choir Anthem May, the Mind of Christ My Savior Chancel Choir
By Lloyd Larson

Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock

Message "You wicked slave" Eric Litwiller

Song of Response Grant us, Lord, the grace HWB 388

Offering/Penny Power Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** God be with you HWB 430
(v.1 and 4)

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel
Jr. Usher: Miles and Mason Jones

Please give a special welcome to Eric Litwiller who is joining us today on behalf of Everence, the stewardship agency of Mennonite Church USA. Eric is a member of Tabor Mennonite Church.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

17. Events at Bethel

Today (Sun., Feb. 8) – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program at Kauffman Museum, 3 PM. Chuck Epp, University of Kansas professor of public affairs and administration, will speak on “Racial Stereotyping in Police Stops.” He will also be in Bethel College’s convocation tomorrow (Feb. 9) at 11 AM in Krehbiel Auditorium.

Fri., Feb. 20 – Internationally acclaimed New Testament scholar Bart Ehrman speaks in Bethel College convocation, **11 AM, Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center.** Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

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 Office hours: Tues. and Wed. 10 am -12:30 pm

Thurs. 1-4 pm

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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.
Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. We've formed a special prayer team to pray for the mission of our church. Around 10 people are committed to praying each Wed. night at 8:30 PM in their own homes. If you're interested in being a part of the prayer team, contact Geneva Wedel.

2. **Christian Homemakers** will meet Monday, February 9 at 11:30 AM to carpool to The Breadbasket for lunch. At 1:00 PM we will meet at the MCC Center and spend the afternoon working at the Center. All women and men are invited to attend.

3. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 - in place of Oasis (6:30-7:00)

4. Join us for an open game night on February 22 from 6:00-9:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Bring your favorite games and snacks to share. Consider inviting a non-church guest to join the fun.

5. Join us **after church on March 1** for a potluck and workshop exploring how we **share our faith** with others. We'll use role-playing and table conversation to deepen our capacity to share the Gospel.

6. Wanted: Our Christian Homemakers project for next year is to send greeting cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. We want Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentines, Birthday and other cards. There is a collection box on the foyer shelf. **Hallmark and Disney cards are not accepted.**

7. The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$724.50 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Connie Graber serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

General Announcements

8. Life Enrichment at Bethel Feb. 18

9:30 AM: *Turkey: Hizment and Hope*, James Juhnke

10:35 *Art is Ageless*, Noell Dickinson

11:30: *The Weather is Going to the Dogs*, Ross Janssen and Millie

9. The **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS)**

conference is Feb. 13-15 at Hesston College, "Overcoming Evil: Ordinary People Making a Difference." Keynote speaker is Father

John Dear, internationally known voice for peace and 2008 Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Information/registration at www.hesston.edu/avds or call [620-327-8109](tel:620-327-8109).

10. Nationally recognized artist Ted Swartz of Ted & Co.

TheatreWorks brings the scriptures alive in **"I'd Like to Buy an Enemy,"** a hilarious and poignant satire that explores peace, justice and the American way. The play is part of the 2015 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS), Sat., February 14 at 7 PM., Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$12 or free with conference registration.

11. The 1st Mennonite Church –Stauffer Hall, 427W. 4th Street, Halstead is having a Verenike Supper on Feb. 21, 5-7 PM. Cost is by donation. More information about the supper is posted in the foyer.

12. Moundridge Community Blood Drive is Feb 20, 1:30-6 PM at Pine Village Wellness Center.

13. **Learn with MCC!** Everyone is invited to this special Mennonite Central Committee event on Sat., Feb. 28 at 9AM in the Luyken Fine Arts Center on the campus of Bethel College. MCC Central States program staff is teaming up with MCC U.S. staff to provide resources and a time of mutual learning on the topics of: immigration, sexualized and gender based violence, Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous people and militarization within the U.S. Lunch at Mojo's Coffee Shop (also on the Bethel campus) will follow the seminars. If you plan to attend, please email tinascraq@mcc.org or call [316-283-2720](tel:316-283-2720)

14. **Getting ready to retire?** Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* at 4 PM. and 7 PM on three upcoming Mondays – Feb. 9, March 9 and April 13. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare and Social Security, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:877-467-7294), [\(620\) 327-4043](tel:620-327-4043) or darlene.buller@everence.com.

15. **Camp Mennoscah** is recruiting at Hesston, Tabor, and Bethel Colleges respectively on Feb. 9-11. This is a chance for us to meet with prospective summer staffers and for these folks to ask us

questions. Stop by and take a look at the display, pick up an application form--or drop one off!

16. **Save the Date** – Pine Village will host the 11th Annual Anchor's Banquet on Saturday, March 21 and the 2nd Annual Pulled Pork & Baby Back Rib Dinner on April 25. More information coming soon on both events!

~ Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week

February 7: Lori Schmidt

February 10: Dale Jantzen

February 12: Earl Neufeld & Pat Stucky

February 14: Jennifer Kaufman

~ Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week

February 14: Donald & Elaine Hofman

Joys and Concerns

Praise God that Sharron Kempf is back home after a prolonged stay at Showalter Villa. Bill is also home after suffering from a bout with pneumonia.

Samson and Trynity's Grandpa Vern.

Earl and Frances Neufeld thank everyone for their prayers as Earl continues cancer treatment. They are thankful that scans have not found cancer in any other parts of their body.

BC and Joyce Dirks as BC is at the Newton Medical Center

Norm's brother Jim, recovering after surgery and a twisted knee.

Praise God that Nancy Ottley is in remission.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

MMN partners, DOOR Denver and DOOR Hollywood, are hosting local junior and senior high youth groups next weekend. Pray that students and leaders are open to seeing the face of God in the people they encounter.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for a fruitful beginning for Howard Garver, new Associate Conference Minister for Texas and Director of Church Planting. Pray for safe travel as Howard will be commuting from Sarasota, Florida, for the first six months.

Attendance: Sunday School: 25 Worship: 61

Sunday- Feb 15, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Brad Roth

Message: Brad Roth

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr

Greeter: Norman Funk

Ushers: Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler, Mel Becker

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Vicky Kessler

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Coming Events

Feb. 11: CDT 4 PM, 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM.

Feb. 12: Mission Team 4:30 PM

Feb. 15: Fellowship Hall in use from 12M

Feb. 17: Worship Team Meeting 9 AM

Feb. 18: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Ash Wed. Service 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM, Church Council 8 PM

Feb. 21: Fellowship Hall in use from 9-11 AM

Feb. 22: West Zion Game Night 6-9 PM

Feb. 25: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM

March 1: Potluck, Workshop following

March 4: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM

March 7: Fellowship Hall in use from 9-11 AM

March 8: Becky Clark's Student Piano Recital

March 11: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM

March 18: Choir 7 PM

March 19: Over 70 meal @ Pine Village 5:30 PM

March 21: Fellowship Hall in use from 9-11 AM

March 25: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM

