

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Morning Worship

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Lent 2

Words for silent meditation: *You who fear the LORD, praise him!*
(Psalm 22:23)

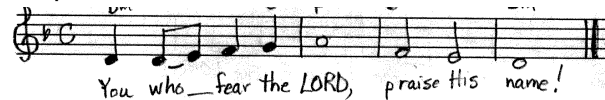
Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Samson Petersen
Cross Bearer Mateo Roth

Welcome! The peace of God that surpasses all understanding
be with you all
/ **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 22:23-31 Geneva Wedel



Confession and Assurance

Greeting in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song**

I will sing of my Redeemer (on screen)
Change my Heart Oh God
There is a Redeemer

Scripture Mark 8:31-38 Crysta Guhr
Pg 999

Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock

Lead me to the cross

Message "Turn toward the cross" 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.

Song of Response Take up your cross HWB 536

Offering/Penny Power Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Jesus, keep me near the cross HWB 617
(v.1 and 3)

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler
Jr. Usher: Samson Petersen

Sermon Notes

Turn toward the cross
Mark 8:31-38

Theme

Jesus leads us in the way of the cross.

Key Verse

Mark 8:34 "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Notes

A Prayer

Lord of life, call us beyond ourselves and into the way of the cross that we might truly live.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

15. Events at Bethel College

These events in Krehbiel Auditorium, Luken Fine Arts Center

Sun., March 1, Third in the KIPCOR 2014-15 film series, the **2013 documentary *Released*, 3 PM.**, Four convicted felons are released from prison and manage to defy the odds; talk-back session follows with Steve Dechant, retired deputy warden at Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

Tues., March 3 , Pete Zimmer Trio, 7:30 PM., Zimmer is a New York-based jazz drummer.

Sun., March 8, Bethel College Wind Ensemble, *William Byrd Suite and Kleine Dreigroschenmusik*, 3 PM.,

Fri.-Sat., March 13-14 – Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra with vocalists, “Scenes from the Mozart Operas,” 7 PM.

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**16. Thurs., March 5, Friends of the MLA program, 7 PM.**, *Bethel College Ad Building chapel.* James Juhnke, North Newton, will speak on Kansas Mennonites and politics since WW2, and Robin Ottoson, Hillsboro, talks about dissertation research on Hillsboro Mennonites during the Vietnam era.

**17. Sat., March 7**, Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk; meet at 7:45 AM. in the museum parking lot, Main & 27th Streets, N. Newton, for a 1- to 1.5-hour walk on Sand Creek Trail with experienced birder Gregg Friesen; binoculars helpful but not required.

**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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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. **All the antiphons used during Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter were written by Donna Stucky.**
2. Join us for community Holy Week services at 1st Mennonite, March 29 and 30 at 7:00 PM. Kent Rogers, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Wichita, will be our speaker.
3. 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.
4. Join us **after church today** 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.
5. April 5 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service @ Russ Stucky's pasture

## General Announcements

6. Everyone's invited to a come and go farewell reception for Marlene Bogard **Today**, from 3-5 pm at the WDC office, 2517 N Main, North Newton, KS. Marlene has served WDC for almost 25 years.
7. Life Enrichment at Bethel March 4  
**9:30 AM:** *Building Relationships for a Better Community*, Jennifer Rose and Danny Barrera  
**10:35:** *Living Out the Peace of God: Paul and Jesus*, Ray Reimer  
**11:30:** *Swinging: Golf Impacts Local, National, and International*, Chris Tuohey
8. Sat., March 7, Dyck Arboretum of the Plains hosts its annual spring educational symposium on the theme of water. Participants will be informed about our states water, conservation solutions available for agricultural systems, municipalities, and landscapes, and how important water is to our state's natural history and eco-tourism. Admission: \$40 for arboretum members or \$50 for non-members (includes a full day of presentations, breakfast, and lunch).
9. "**Reflections from the Past**" is the theme of the March 8, Annual Meeting of the **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical**

**Association.** Kingman Mennonite Church will host the meeting at 2:30 PM. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

10. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pine Village Anchor's Banquet is Sat., March 21 at 6 PM. in the Wellness Center. The Flatland String Band is the Entertainment and Knackie's will cater the meal. Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds go toward the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation for the benefit of the elders served at Pine Village. Tickets can be purchased until Fri., March 13 by contacting Pine Village at [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) or stopping by the main office at 86 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
11. The annual **Spring Supper**, for women of all ages of Western District Conference and South Central Conference and their guests is Thurs, March 26. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and inspiration with Carolene Jackson at Hesston Mennonite Church. Carolene was a public school educator in Oklahoma and now teaches university courses part-time and serves as a literacy coach. The program includes music by the McKinney Sisters from Moundridge. An offering for Mennonite Women USA will be received. Reservations are required by **March 16**, for the light supper served at 6 PM. Cost is \$6.per person. Contact Wynona Becker from our church or contact Amanda Rempel, at [carempel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carempel@sbcglobal.net) or 316-284-0470 .
12. **Scrapbooking Retreats** at Camp Mennoscah are March 6-8and 13-15. We're looking forward to full weekends of creative and busy folks, there are still a few openings. Join in the fun! Contact us at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) in Retreats for the registration form or 620-297-3290 . This is a retreat for all skill levels.
13. Freezing temperatures and snow are adding another layer of deprivation to Syrians and Iraqis who have been forced from their homes to escape violence from the Islamic State group and battling armies in Syria. Mennonite Central Committee is calling for financial donations as it provides heating fuel and blankets this winter and continues to address basic needs of food, shelter and education. To contribute go to [mcc.org](http://mcc.org).
14. **PET Kansas and Hope Haven** are planning another PET distribution. If anyone would like to help with expenses to fund special projects like medical supplies, food for the children or widows, or food for the families receiving the PETs make checks to PET Kansas, memo mission trip. Thanks. Kirby and Chris Goering.

~ Wish “ **Happy Birthday**” this week

March 1: Lee Wenger

March 2: Duane Becker

March 3: Diane Amstutz

March 4: Wilda Schrag & Isaac Schrock

March 5: Kent Jantzen, Jeremy Kessler, Kevin Loganbill &  
Lyle Koehn

March 6: Denise Shipley

March 7: Angie Durst

### **Joys and Concerns**

BC Dirks is recuperating at Pine Village

#### **An Update from our Mission Partners, Wayne and Jeannie Larson**

Prayer Praises:

Connecting with families of youngsters with whom they work  
Connecting young girls with their fathers and/or uncles  
Gulf testimonies on Facebook with over two million views  
Time with Jeannie’s sister

Prayer Requests:

Twelve-month Extended Home Assignment  
Wayne’s start on a graduate degree program  
Time with son, Josh  
Time connecting with churches  
Growth in their Gulf team while they’re away  
Low-cost housing and transportation in the states

Ariane Bergen, as she continues to serve with Mennonite Central  
Committee in Nicaragua.

#### **Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network**

Pray for MMN personnel Janie and Neal Blough, Linda Oyer, and  
Brad and Brenna Steury Graber in Paris, France as they help youth  
and adults in their congregations and communities make sense of the  
recent violence. May they help provide a Jesus-centered perspective  
to the outrage and anger.

#### **Prayer Requests from Western District Conference**

Praise God for Marlene Bogard’s 25 years as Resource Librarian and  
Minister of Christian Formation with WD . Pray for God’s wisdom and  
strength as she begins her work as Executive Director of Mennonite  
Women USA.

Attendance: Sunday School: 15 Worship:48

## **Sunday-March 8, 2015**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School

**Worship Leader:** Brad Roth

**Message:** Brad Roth

**Candle Lighter:** Trynity Petersen

**Greeters:** Dorothy Toews & Gerry Major

**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Vicky Kessler

**Jr. Usher:** Trynity Petersen

**10:30 am:** Worship Service

**Scripture:** Karen Loganbill

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Music:** Chancel Choir

## **Coming Events**

**Today:** Potluck, Sharing Faith 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 12: Fellowship Hall in use 9 AM-5PM

March 18: Choir 7 PM

March 19: Mission Team meeting 4 PM, Over 70 meal @ Pine  
Village 5:30 PM

March 21: Space from 9-10 AM

March 25: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM  
Church Council, 8PM

April 2: 6 PM Maundy Thursday service with meal, communion  
celebration and foot washing

April 5: Easter Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast more information  
TBA, Easter Sunday!

April 22: Church Council 8 PM

