

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Morning Worship

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Ascension Sunday

Words for silent meditation: *Happy are they whose...delight is in the law of the LORD (Psalm 1:1-2).*

Prelude Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Kaleigh Guhr

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

Call to Worship Psalm 1 (from HWB 811)



Hap - py are they who love the law of the Lord.

Greeting in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song**

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah HWB 50

All hail the power of Jesus' name HWB 285

Scripture John 14:1-7 Connie Graber
Pg 1067

Children dismissed to Little Flock (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Message "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Come my way, my truth, my life HWB 587

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People
Blessed Savior, we adore thee HWB 107

****Sending Song**

****Benediction**

****Postlude** Carla Stucky

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

Greeter: Ken Stucky

Sermon Notes

John 14:1-7

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Theme

Meet Jesus on the way, live the good and abundant life.

Key Verse

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Notes

A Prayer

Glorious Father, grant us the grace to walk Jesus' Way for your glory.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

12. Thurs., May 21 – Bethel College Women’s Association annual meeting, 7 PM., Kauffman Museum. Offers a chance to view “Sorting Out Race: Examining Racial Identity and Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations” and hear a presentation by museum director Annette LeZotte. The public is invited. Refreshments served. Donations welcome.

13. Sun., May 24 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, 3 PM, Kauffman Museum. Annette LeZotte, museum director, and Rachel Pannabecker, curatorial consultant, will share community reactions to and interactions with the special exhibit “Sorting Out Race”; closing day of the exhibit, which will travel to museums around the country.

14. Bethel College Alumni Weekend this year is June 5-7 on campus, including the Alumni Banquet and recognition of the 2014 Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Achievement Award winner. Complete schedule: at www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends/alumni-weekend/ or call [316-284-5251](tel:316-284-5251)

15. Sat., June 6 – “Walk Sand Creek Trail Day,” hosted by the Sand Creek Trail Committee as part of National Trails Day. Water provided at Memorial Grove trailhead for walkers and dogs from 6 AM-8 PM. **Special recognition event at 3 PM** at the trailhead to honor Jacob D. Goering, who had the vision to develop the trail and continues to encourage others to enhance and enjoy it. Directions: www.bethelks.edu/community/affiliate-organizations/sand-creek-trail/

Our Mission : God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

<p>Pastor Brad Roth Pastor's Office hours: Tues. and Wed. 10 am -12:30 pm Thurs. 1-4 pm Pastor's Cell:620-386-4838 Pastor Brad's email:bradroth@westzionmc.org Sec. hours: Tues. 8:00 am-10:00 pm, Thurs. 12:30-5:30 pm Church: 620-345-8143 Becky's cell: 345-6696 Church's email: secretary@westzionmc.org Website: www.westzionmc.org</p>
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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 will celebrate Communion next Sunday. Let us examine our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord.
2. Next week is Pentecost, the Sunday when we celebrate God pouring out the Holy Spirit upon his church. During the service, we will have a time for anointing to seek anew the presence and power of God's Spirit in our lives. We invite you to wear red as a sign of the Spirit's fiery presence.
3. Nancy Ottley is walking in the **Relay For Life** Saturday June 6, at McPherson College. If you would like to donate, a donation sheet is on the table in the foyer. If you have questions contact Nancy.
4. Each month, the City of Moundridge sends us a list of new residents. Pastor Brad and Lici visit them, welcome them to church, take them a baked treat made by someone in our church, and invite them to join us for worship. Might God be tapping you to get involved with this sacred work? Talk to Pastor Brad.
5. Due to a missed connection, Ariane just received our card chain, but she has it up so she can look at it multiple times during the day. She wants to give you a big THANKS for continued support. Please prayer for the following: Her address and phone number follows.
 - 1.) Victoriano Guido Martinez, a community leader, and another young man in the community who are experiencing health issues from horse accidents and poor access to health care
 - 2.) Desperately needed rain during this next rainy season
 - 3.) Safe travels and deepening connections for the meeting of the MCC Central America/Haiti team in Honduras next week
 - 4.) Ariane's struggle with the helpless feeling toward the systematic injustice against most Nicaraguans
 - 5.) Good health, energy, and patience as she works with a crazy work schedule.

Ariane Bergen
La Liberación, de la esquina
Norte del Colegio San Luis,
1c Oeste Casa No: 1650
Matagalpa, Nicaragua
Tel: 8441-4512

6. Luke Loganbill would like to invite the church to the Bethel graduation at 4:00 PM **Today**, Sunday, May 17 and to his reception following at the First Bank Conference Room in Schultz Student Center.
7. Vicki Smith has been removed from membership, per her request. Darin Nattier has been removed from membership, per his request.
8. Mennonite Church USA Convention will take place in Kansas City, June 29-July 5. Delegates will have the chance to discuss and vote on resolutions regarding Israel-Palestine, Faithful Witness Amid Endless War, the Status of the MCUSA Membership Guidelines, Forbearance in the Midst of Differences, and a Churchwide Statement on Sexual Abuse. More information is available at:
<http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/delegate-resources/>

General Announcements

9. Client Services Representative/Office Manager

Ever wish you could combine your career with your life of faith? How about being a part of a team committed to serving others? Everence Financial Advisors has a full-time position available in the Hesston office for a person who will provide administrative support to our financial advisors and may serve as a receptionist and/or office manager for the office. For more information about the responsibilities and qualifications of this position, please visit our website, <http://www.everence.com/showitem.aspx?id=20748>.

10. Find your own college savings plan
Saving money for college can seem like an uphill climb. That's why Everence is offering *Current strategies for college savings*, a webinar scheduled for noon to 12:30 p.m. (CDT) Tuesday, May 19. Join us as we talk about the value of a college education and how having a plan can help you save for college in spite of competing priorities. Register by visiting everence.com/kansas.

11. June 28, 2:30-5 PM is a come and go farewell for Clarence Rempel, outgoing Western District Conference Minister, at the WDC offices in N. Newton. (Clarence will also be preaching at West Zion on May 31.)

~ Wish “ **Happy Birthday**” this week
May 17: Susan Leonard

~Wish ” **Happy Anniversary**” this week
May 20: Craig & Louise Becker & Kent & Amy Jantzen
May 21: Terry & Shery Kessler
May 22: Royce & Sandy Jantz

Joys and Concerns

We have 3 people graduating from Bethel College **today**.
Brendan Bergen, Luke Loganbill, and Jessie Pohl. Pray for them that they will discern, with God’s help, what is the next step in their lives.

Marilyn and Ron Decker as Marilyn struggles with bowel blockage and cancer. Marilyn is Shery Kessler’s sister.

Buford Peters on hospice is Randy Kessler’s brother.

Sharon Gehring and family at the passing of Sharon’s cousin, Joel Kauffmann. Joel was the artist behind the *Pontius’ Puddle* cartoon strip.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Adam and Jeanette Strode of MMN continue to develop cultural and language competency in Thailand. Pray with them for the ability “to conduct a Bible study and share the gospel in a way that would be intellectually and spiritually significant” to their Thai neighbors.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for the discipling ministries of our churches and for the Anabaptist Faith Formation seminar that will be held June 12 and 13.

Mission Signs

3 out of 4 people visit a congregation because they were invited. Yet, research shows that less than half of church members have invited someone in the last year. What about you? (from "50 Ways to Welcome New People" from churchleadership.com)

Attendance: Sunday School: 31 Worship: 99

Sunday, May 24 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Mateo Roth

Greeters: Becky & Dan Pohl

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Dan Kaufman

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

coming Events

May 20: Pre School Graduation 7 PM, Church Council 7:30 PM @ Bob & Sharon Gehring’s home.

May 23: Men’s Breakfast 8 AM

May 24: Open game night 5-8 PM

May 27: Mission Team Meeting 9 AM

May 30: Men’s Breakfast 8 AM

May 31-June 8:

Pastor Brad and family out on vacation

June 10: Deacons Team Meeting 8 AM

June 28: Jerod Kaufman baptism

June 29-July 5:

MCUSA Convention in Kansas City

July 13-17: VBS, 6-8 PM @ our church

