West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School 10:30 am: Morning Worship Vol. L Dec 20, 2015 No 51

Advent 4

Words for silent meditation: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face

shine, that we may be saved (Psalm 80:7).

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Quinn Hill

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

Announcements

Choral call to worship I Bring You Good News! Chancel Choir

By Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship Litany for Advent,

congregational response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle: Joy Sherry Wedel

Hope is a candle STS 15

**Celebrating in song Holy child within the manger STS 28

My soul cries out STS 124

Scripture Luke 1:39-55 Zettie Wedel

Pg 1013

Special music Glory To The Lamb Chancel Choir

By Nancy Price and Don Besig

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

Message "Magnificat!" Pastor Brad

Hymn of Response Joy to the world! HWB 318

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song Come on ring those bells! (on screen)

**Benediction

**Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus Donna Stucky-Organ Kirk Stucky-Trumpet (please stand)

Greeter: Geneva Wedel

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Quinn Hill

Sermon Notes

Magnificat! Luke 1:46-55

Theme

Lean into God's promise.

Key Verse

(Luke 1:49) The Mighty One has done great things for me.

Notes

A Prayer

God of mercy, awaken us to your promises and renew us in praise.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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

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

- 1. Have you considered becoming a member of West Zion? Membership is a covenant between you and the church. Members support the church with their time, finances, and prayers, and are entitled to vote in business meetings and serve on leadership Teams. Cemetery fees are waived for the West Zion Cemetery. Pastor Brad plans to lead a membership class on Wednesday night Jan. 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, for two hours each evening. Talk to him for more information.
- 2. SPACE is cancelled for December, we will meet next on Saturday, January 16 at 9 AM at West Zion.
- 3. Our Christmas Eve Service will begin with the musical prelude at 6:00 and the service following at 6:30.
- 4. Pray for Pastor Brad traveling to Peru on Dec. 22. The Roths will return Jan. 7.
- 5. For updates on Brad and Lici's trip to Peru, check out facebook.com/rothsinperu or watch our West Zion Facebook page.
- 6. Are you interested in exploring what our worship will look like for Lent/Easter 2016? The Worship Team invites you to join us for a Worship Visioning Summit on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM in the West Zion conference room. We would love to hear YOUR ideas! We will take the ideas generated that evening to create Christ-filled worship for Lent and Easter.

General Announcements.

- 7. Centering Prayer continues to meet every Monday from noon-1 PM in the Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Please note our December schedule: We will meet Dec. 14 and Dec. 21; we will not meet Dec. 28. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly, all are welcome, For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu. (For help locating Agape Center in Richert House, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)
- 8. The Camp Mennoscah Board of directors has accepted the resignation of John Stoesz, executive director. John will continue to

assist Camp with marketing and advancement initiatives until the next executive director is hired. John shared "Camp Mennoscah is a wonderful organization and everyone - board, staff and volunteers - have been great. However, I would like to spend more time on Native American justice issues, particularly Dakota land return in my home state of Minnesota. I wish camp all the best in the future". If interested in the Executive Director position at Camp Mennoscah, contact David Weaver, recruiting consultant at Career 1 Source at 620-327-0371 or DavidWeaver@career1source.com. Please keep Camp in your prayers as we search for a new Executive Director to focus on advancement and marketing.

~ Wish "Happy Birthday" this week

December 20: Brandie Foster

December 22: Carla Stucky

December 23: Connie Kaufman

December 24: Deanne Loganbill

December 25: Rachel Rupp

Joys and Concerns

Willing candidates for open Team positions.

Pray for Brad, Lici and the boys during their time in Peru

From our Mission Partners:

Praise for 30 years in ministry and opportunity to be with West Zion on Jan. 3.

Praise for new believers in the Gulf.

Pray that Christ's goodness and mercy seek and find Masoud, Dina, and many other young persons to whom the Larsons minister.

Pray for Christ's peace for all seeking meaning and hope.

Their newsletter will be on the bulletin board for several Sunday mornings. Contact Karen Loganbill if you miss it and want a copy.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for safe travels for MMN's Christian Service participants going home for Christmas. Remember in a special way those who are not able to travel home and who will celebrate far from their families. May they experience the love and support of the communities they serve.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Give thanks for the gift of Christ's birth, and for WDC congregations embodying the presence of Christ in their local communities.

Attendance Sunday School: 15 Worship: 54

Mission Signs

When Isaiah encountered God in worship, he said, "Here I am, send me!" Where's God calling you to? Who's God calling you to?

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School
Worship Leader: Duane Becker
Message: James Wenger

10:30 am: Worship Service
Scripture: Leon Guhr
Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr Greeters: Mike & Connie Kaufman Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

Coming Events

Jan. 3:	Larsons speaking. Dinner/fundraiser for the College
	Fund following worship service
Jan 12:	7 PM Worship Planning Summit for Lent and Easter
Jan. 13:	New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm
Jan. 16:	SPACE at 9 AM
Jan. 17:	Annual Meeting
Jan. 20:	New Member Class 6:30-7:45PM, in Conference Rm
Jan. 20:	Church Council 8 PM
Jan. 24:	Game Night 5:30-8 PM
Jan. 27:	New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm
Jan. 31:	Larry & Karen Loganbill sharing about Israel
Feb. 3:	New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm