

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Advent 2

Words for silent meditation: *To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God (Psalm 25:1-2).*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Mateo Roth

Poinsettia Processional

Welcome (*from HWB 24*)

Christ's peace be with you! / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Luke 1:68-79 (read responsively, Pew Bible p.1014)

Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle: Hope and Peace

Rodney Dyck/Leon and Virginia Guhr

Hope is a candle STS 15

****Celebrating in song** Joy to the world HWB 318

Christmas Hallelujah (on screen)

Infant holy, infant lowly HWB 206

Scripture Luke 21:25-36 Dave Wedel

Pg 1043

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

Message "Watch and pray" Pastor Brad

Hymn of Response O come, O come, Immanuel HWB 172

(v.1-3, 6)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Greetings from James Wilson, Harvey County Homeless Shelter

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Comfort, comfort, O my people HWB 176

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeters: Dale & Elda Jantzen

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

Sermon Notes

Watch and pray

Luke 21:25-36

Theme

In a world of hurt, watch for Christ and pray.

Key Verse

(Luke 21:36) Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

Notes

A Prayer

God who draws near, wake us from preoccupation and fear and turn us to our true center in Jesus.

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

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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. \$1040 has been raised toward the Roths' Peru mission. Thanks for your tremendous generosity! \$828 will go to fund the Roths' mission, with the remaining \$212 going to Mission Team to fund a flashlight project for Peruvian pastors.

2. Poinsettia processional: Right after the prelude ends this morning, Pastor Brad will invite those who purchased memorial poinsettias to take their poinsettia up to the front of the sanctuary. If you would prefer not to take it up, other people will be available to do that for you. Memorials are listed in the bulletin insert.

3. The Christian Homemakers will meet Sunday Dec. 6 at 6 PM at the home of Becky Pohl for their Christmas Mtg. Please bring a snack.

4. The Red Cross Blood Mobile is at Pine Village on Monday, Dec. 14. Our church is responsible for the food for the canteen. We need the following food items:

12 - 1 pound packages ground beef, browned with onions

3 - 26 oz cans Tomato Soup

9 - pkg Hamburger Buns

2 - No. 10 Sliced Peaches

2 - 32 oz Bread & Butter Pickles

4 - Cakes (11 x 15 size pan)

Following the service this morning, there will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please have the food in the kitchen on Monday, Dec. 14 by 9 AM.

5. 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 in January/February. Talk to him for more information.

General Announcements.

6. Today, **Dec. 6** – Donna Hetrick recital, “Organ Music for Advent and Christmas,” 3 PM, *Administration Building chapel at Bethel College*

7. Today, **Dec. 6, 30th annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 PM**, *the Green in the center of campus*; refreshments to follow in the cafeteria

8. The 14 piece McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews will give a concert of All Christmas Music in the Historic Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 PM. Alexanderwohl Church is located one mile north of Goessel on K-15 high way. Come celebrate the season with an evening of exciting brass choir music.

9. The Wissmann Family will bring their Branson Christmas production to Memorial Hall, at Bethel College in N. Newton Dec. 11, at 7 PM. They have been sharing their music ministry nationwide for the past 15 years, with the past 5 years being in Branson for the holiday season. Doors open at 6:15 PM. There is **No admission fee**. A portion of the free-will offering proceeds will benefit widows & orphans in India through Don Shire Ministries.

10. **Angel Tree:** If you, or someone you know is in need of Christmas gifts for children we are here to help. If you're interested we need your information by Wednesday Dec. 16th. This is for families in the Moundridge School District. If you would like to help one of these families there is an Angel Tree located at Cradle to Crayons. We would like the Angel's all out by December 18th. Please have your wrapped gift with the Angel you chose attached to the gift returned to Cradle to Crayons by December 21st at 5 PM. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Christina Graber at 345-2390 or by email at cradletocrayons@mtelco.net

11. **You're invited to the MCC Christmas Open House** - bring your friends, family and neighbors to our open house on Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 4-6PM. The come-and-go event features live music, lots of delicious Christmas goodies and snacks and at 5PM hear MCC alumni reflect on Christmas traditions in Bosnia Herzegovina, Bolivia and Cambodia. Please plan to drop by to enjoy some Christmas cheer! Questions? Call [316.283.2720](tel:316.283.2720).

I am including last weeks birthdays and anniversaries

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

November 29: Rick Kaufmann

December 1: Terry Jantzen

December 5: Jeff Becker & Dorothy Toews

December 10: Lois Thiessen

December 12: Dennis Kaufman

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

December 1: John & Harriet DeLay

December 6: Phil & Lorene Lohrenz

Joys and Concerns

Rosanne Hayes' daughter Amanda undergoing treatment for an eating disorder, and for Amanda's family while she is away.

Rosanne Hayes' mother, recently put on hospice care.

Duane Juhnke, Sandy Jantz's cousin, and Duane's family. Duane is on hospice care because of an inoperable brain tumor.

Willing candidates for open Team positions.

The Decker and Kessler family, at the passing of Shery Kessler's sister Marilyn Decker.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Join MMN in thanking God for the safety of five international workers based in Paris, France, during the Nov. bombings. Pray for wisdom as French Mennonites and others discern how to respond to these tragedies and to the violence that occurs in other countries on a daily basis.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they offer support and accountability for pastors in WDC.

Attendance No church because of the ice storm

Mission Signs

Studies show that the effectiveness of announcements drops as the number of announcements increases. Think carefully--does my announcement need to be said in church, or is printing it in the bulletin enough?

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Elijah Roth

Greeters: Will & Ellen Kaufman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Elijah Roth

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Rodney Dyck/
Sandy Jantz

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

Dec. 6: Christian Homemakers Christmas get-together
at Becky Pohl's 6 PM

Dec. 9: 7 PM Chancel Choir

Dec. 14: Daycare Christmas Program 6:30 PM

Dec. 16: 7 PM Final Choir rehearsal

Dec. 19: SPACE 9-10AM

Jan. 3: Larsons speaking. Dinner/fundraiser for the College
Fund following worship service

Jan. 17: Annual Meeting

Jan. 24: Game Night 5:30-8 PM