

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? (Psalm 113:5-6)*

Prelude    Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ Candle                      Elijah Roth

Welcome    The Lord be with you / **and also with you.** Duane Becker

Announcements

Call to Worship    Psalm 113 (Red Pew Bible p.604)

Greeting in Christ's peace

### **\*\*Celebrating in Song**

To God be the glory                      HWB 102

Oh, have you not heard                      HWB 606

Scripture                      Luke 6:37-42                      Connie Graber  
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*Children dismissed to Little Flock* (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Message                      "Where's your plank?"                      Pastor Brad

Song of Response    Jesus, help us live in peace                      STJ 52

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**    Bless'd be the tie that binds                      HWB 421  
(vss. 1,2,6)

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

Greeters: Harvey & Lois Thiessen

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

### Sermon Notes

Where's your plank?

Luke 6:37-42

#### Theme

Look at your life before you look at the lives of others.

#### Key Verse

(Luke 6:37) Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

#### Notes

#### A Prayer

God who judges every human heart, lead us into your deep mercy.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org*

Find us on Facebook!

15. This is the last week to see Building Bridges, an exhibit of Iraqi and Palestinian art with a silent auction, at the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Fri., Sept. 23: 11 AM, Mel Lehman of Common Humanity speaks in convocation, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; 6-8 PM., closing reception (final bids due by 7 PM.), outside the gallery. Gallery hours are 9 AM-4 PM Mon.-Fri. with special extended hours Sept. 23.

16. **Sat., Sept. 24, 1:30-4:30 PM:** *Kauffman Museum* hosts, for one afternoon only, the traveling exhibit "A Place for All People" that celebrates the grand opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. At **3 PM, director Annette LeZotte will present a program** on how the national museum developed and how it changes the visual landscape of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

17. Hesston College invites everyone to campus Sept. 29-Oct. 2, for "Home Sweet Hesston," a shared homecoming celebration for Hesston College, Hesston High School and the larger community. The weekend highlights dual alumni of both HHS and HC, including noted conflict transformation author, Notre Dame professor and peace practitioner John Paul Lederach as keynote presenter at the college. A community-wide meal and parade kicks off the festivities Wed., Sept. 27. Registration for college events is due by Friday, Sept. 23. For more information, a full schedule or for college registration, visit [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming).

**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

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Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. West Zion Concert Series continues on Sun. evening, Oct.9 at 7PM. Scheduled performers include Ken Rodgers, Organ; Open Road (which includes our own Chase Stucky!), a men's ensemble from Bethel College, and the McPherson Brass Quintet.
2. **October 9** - Congregational Photo (NOTE: this is a date change)
3. Have you finished with your September copy of *The Mennonite*? Would you be willing to give it to Pastor Brad? Just leave it in his box. Thanks!
4. FALL CHURCH PICNIC – CDT is planning a fall church picnic on Sun. evening Sept. 25. The picnic is at the cabin of Phil & Lorene Lohrenz beginning at 5 PM. A hayrack ride will take place at 5:15 PM Hot dogs, buns, s'mores, and drink is provided. Bring table service for your family, lawn chairs, roasting sticks (if you have some), side dish OR chips. We look forward to a beautiful fall evening of fellowship and fun! Anyone needing a ride should contact Connie Kaufman.  
**Directions to the Lohrenz's:** From the four way stop in Moundridge: Go 4 miles south to Dutch Ave. Turn West (right) go 3 miles to North Golden Prairie Rd. Turn South (left) on sand road go 2 1/2 miles. Their driveway is on your right. DeKalb Seed Sign at the end of driveway.
5. Why do you love West Zion? Ellen Kaufman wrote this acrostic:  
**W**elcoming and caring members  
**E**ducation opportunities for all ages  
**S**ermons that make me think  
**T**asty potlucks and fellowship meals  
  
**Z**eal for Christ  
**I**nspiring piano and organ music  
**O**ptimistic pastor and members  
**N**umerous opportunities to serve others
6. Starting next week, Pastor Brad will be teaching a 6-part series on the prophet Elijah based on the books of Kings.
7. On October 2, we'll be joined in worship by the Golden Opportunity Moundridge 4-H club. That day will also be World Communion Sunday.

YTD COMPARISON		9/11/2016	9/13/2015	Difference
YTD Giving - Budget	\$	100,162.85	114,510.00	(14,347.15)
ANNUAL BUDGET	\$	154,520.00	152,207.00	2,313.00
Less: expended to date		(93,494.48)	(99,105.85)	5,611.37
Less: cash balance		(19,144.31)	(24,019.70)	4,875.39
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$	41,881.21	29,081.45	12,799.76
Avg. offering needed per Sunday to meet budget	\$	2,792.00	1,939.00	853.00

Treasurer's note: YTD giving for 2016 is \$14,347 less than last year.

## General Announcements

8. Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats coming this Fall! We'll be cropping and crafting this fall October 28-30 and November 4-6 at Camp Mennoscah. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for more information. These retreats often fill up. Don't wait until the last minute!
9. MennoMedia is beginning development of a new hymnal to be published in 2020. They are inviting people to submit favorite songs online. They are also inviting folks to make a donation toward the hymnal project in someone's honor. The name of the person will be printed in a special page at the back of the hymnal. See envelopes in the foyer, or online at <http://hymnalproject606.com/>
10. Life Enrichment at Bethel College, September 21  
**9:30 AM:** *Building Bridges Art Exhibit*, Mel Lehman, director, Common Humanity, Nw York City.  
**10:15 AM:** Coffee Break  
**10:35 AM:** *Writing Your Own Story*, Laurie Oswald Robinson, writing coach, *Tales of the Times*, Newton.  
**11:30 AM:** *Fall Fest Theater Highlights*, John McCabe-Juhnke, professor of communication arts, Bethel College  
**11:40 AM:** *Bethel Athletic Band*, Brad Shores, athletic band director, Brad Shores, athletic band director, Bethel College
11. Bethel College Fall Fest is just around the corner and BCWA Council is hosting a Pie by the Slice Booth, due to popular demand as part of our fundraising efforts that benefits our beloved college. Our goal is to get 100 delicious pies for this booth. Are you willing to

contribute pies for this endeavor? We are asking for 9” pies, in disposable containers, no cream pies. Bring pies to the Student Center on Fri. evening, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> or Sat. morning, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

12. Market on the Green is moving in to the Luyken Fine Arts Center and will become Market in the Round. If you are not a pie baker and would like to contribute other baked goodies, BCWA will gladly accept donations. Thank you always for your ongoing support of Bethel College!

13. M2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity. Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 80 prisoners waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries’ M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New Volunteer training for M-2 is Mon., Sept. 19 at 12 PM at Hutch Correctional Facility or Tues., Sept. 20 at 6:30PM at Hesston College, Kropf Center room 160. Contact Ben Kreider at [ben@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org) or (316) 281 5244 for more information.

14. Everence® encourages young adults to join Darryl Dahlheimer, Program Director for LSS Financial Counseling, for a live chat designed to help people think about how their faith affects their financial decisions. *Conquering your debt: the overlooked key to faith and finances* is at 8 PM (EDT) Sept. 28. For more information or to register. Visit <https://stewardshipresources.org/compass-live-chats>

~ Wish “**Happy Birthday**” to~  
September 18: Will Kaufman  
September 20: Joshua Schmidt  
September 21: Rod Gehring , John D. Toews  
September 23: Craig Becker

~Wish “**Happy Anniversary**” to~  
September 20: Rhonda & Jon James

### **Joys and Concerns**

Dorothy Toews, recovering after hip surgery

### **Urgent Prayer Request from Mission Partners**

Miriam, a Christian from another Arabian Peninsula country, seeking refuge with the team.

Masoud’s upcoming marriage with his wife who is a believer—he is not, yet.

Guidance as they seek direction for the ministry in the upcoming 12 to 18 months.

New staff and long term workers who are leaving.

Impact of the “I Believe” series on the hearts of the needy.

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

Today, Mennonite Church USA congregations are invited to celebrate Peace Sunday with resources created by MMN’s Peace and Justice Support Network. Pray for God’s wisdom as we challenge the violence that continues to be our culture’s all-too-frequent response to conflict.

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

Pray for WDC’s Dallas-area congregations, hosting a Texas Family Fellowship Festival, this coming Saturday at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio

### **Mission Mosaic**

Angela, Tomoki, Mirai, Taira, Kiera, Yoshiki Yamanaka, Asahikawa City, Japan Pg 25 Mary Beyler, Obihiro, Japan, Pg 25

Attendance: Sunday School: 30 Worship: 94

## **Sunday, September 25, 2016**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School

**10:30 am:** Worship Service

**Candle Lighter:** Mateo Roth

**Scripture:** Pastor Brad

**Worship Leader:** Connie Kaufman

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Message:** Pastor Brad

**Greeter:** Geneva Wedel

**Ushers:** Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

## **Coming Events**

Sept. 21: Chancel Choir practice 7 PM

Sept. 24: Fellowship Hall in use 11AM-5PM

Sept. 25: Church Picnic 5PM @ Phil & Lorene Lohrenz

Sept. 28: Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM

Oct. 2: 4H Sunday, WZ Concert 7 PM

Oct. 5: Deacons 4 PM

Oct. 9: **Note date change**, Congregational Photo after church

Nov. 13: Budget Meeting

