

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Christmas

Words for silent meditation: *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ Candle Mateo Roth

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

Announcements

Choir introit Run, Shepherds! Chancel Choir
by Victor C. Johnson

Call to Worship, Isaiah 9:2-7 (HWB 827)

Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle (kids come forward)

****Celebrating in Song**

O come, all ye faithful HWB 212
Good Christian friends, rejoice HWB 210

Scripture Luke 2:1-20 Becky Pohl
Pg 1014

Choir Anthems Angel Band Chancel Choir
by Pepper Choplin
Adore
By Graham Kendrick, Martin Chalk, & Lloyd Larson

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

Message "Good news of great joy" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Hark! The herald angels sing HWB 201

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

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

**Benediction

**Postlude--Hallelujah Chorus (please stand)

Greeter: Frances Neufeld

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

Good news of great joy

Luke 2:1-20

Theme

Jesus' birth is good news of great joy for all people.

Key Verse

(Luke 2:1) The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Notes

A Prayer

Praise be to you, O God, who has given us the gift of your Son!

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
Find us on Facebook!

Mission Mosaic

Margrit, Freddy, Misael & Betsabe Kipfer Barron, Santa Cruz, Bolivia.
C. Paul & Hildi Amstutz, Asuncion, Paraguay Pg 43

Attendance: Sunday School: 15 Worship Service: 50

Sunday, January 1, 2017

NO Sunday School **10:30 am:** Worship Service

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr **Scripture:** Carla Stucky

Worship Leader: Karen Loganbill **Accompanist:** Gerry Major

Message: Steve Schmidt

Greeter: Ken Stucky

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Today: No Sunday School, Worship at 10:30 AM

Jan. 1: No Sunday School, Worship at 10:30 AM

Jan. 6: Diaper Shower for Holly Isaac 6:30 PM @ WZ

Jan. 15: Annual Meeting

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

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

Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. Hey kids, Can you find the three wise men hidden somewhere in the church as they're journeying to Bethlehem? Look for them in a different place until they arrive on Epiphany, Jan 8.
2. We will not hold Sunday School on Christmas morning, Dec.25, or Jan. 1 New Year's Day. Worship will start at 10:30 AM as usual.
3. On Jan. 1 Steve and Lynn Schmidt will share how God helped them through a difficult time in 2004 when Steve had a 'surprise' illness. Come and hear how God worked through this unexpected change in life and leave encouraged knowing God is with you no matter what struggle you are facing. Steve and Lynn reside in Hutchinson and have three adult sons.
4. Ladies, join us for a diaper shower to pamper Holly on Friday, January 6 at 6:30 PM @ West Zion. We'll collect diapers and wipes and we'll have a basket for diaper money as well. RSVP to Lici at [620-386-4838](tel:620-386-4838) or aliciaeroth@gmail.com
5. Pastor Brad will take a sabbatical in 2017, July 2 - September 5 (10 Sundays). Part of that time will be spent at home. He is also planning a retreat at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler, NE and family trips to Boston and Peru.
6. Council recently approved starting a Sabbatical Fund with a goal of \$5,215. The church will use 70% of the money for a supply pastor, and Pastor Brad will use 30% for sabbatical-related expenses. If you'd like to donate, make your checks out to West Zion and write "Sabbatical Fund" on the memo line.
7. A new refugee family has arrived in Hesston. More info about how we can help them as they get settled will be forthcoming.
8. Are you interested in learning more about 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. Pastor Brad plans to lead a membership class on Wednesday nights in January, 5:30-7:00 PM. We'll eat together at 5:30 and then discuss our way through the *Confession of Faith*. Talk to Brad for more information.

9. A note from the Talita Cumi orphanage in Bolivia is on the bulletin board in the foyer. It reads: Season's Greeting from Talita Cumi Children's Home in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Dear Friends & Family of Jennifer, Feliz Navidad! We wish you all a beautiful Christ centered Christmas and a happy healthy New Year! Thank you so much for sharing Jennifer with us. Jen is a treasure who brings joy, and energy, and strength to the job every day. Her Spanish is really getting good. Thank you for raising up the next generation of Christians to stand in the gap for those who have no voice. We know it is a sacrifice to not be able to see her. May God Bless you for your generosity and prayers. Love in Christ, from the Talita Cumi Family.
10. Christmas cards from John and Marcia Yoder-Schrock and Marv and Jeannie Zehr are on the bulletin board in the foyer

General Announcements

11. **Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit.** Pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. More information is at www.bethelks.edu/audit, where there are links for **interterm 2017 course schedule** (enrollment deadline **Jan. 4**) and **spring 2017 course schedule**(enrollment deadline **Feb 13**).
12. **Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts**, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. If you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at [316-283-1612](tel:316-283-1612) or alezotte@bethelks.edu.
13. The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers. The next concert is Sun., Feb. 5, @ 3 PM. There is only one rehearsal, Sat., Feb. 4, 10 AM-3 PM If you're a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see "Bethel College Alumni Choir" on Facebook for more information.)

~ Wish "Happy Birthday" to~
December 25: Rachel Rupp
December 30: Peter Stucky

~Wish "Happy Anniversary" to`
December 25: Richard & Glenda Golden

Joys and Concerns

Doris Loganbill, now at Pine Village.

Edna Anderson, dealing with health issues

Killian Norton and family, friends of Leon, as Killian deals with bacterial meningitis

The new refugee family from Congo settling in Hesston

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

On this Christmas day, pray for Nazareth Village near where Jesus grew up 20 centuries ago. MMN partners with Nazareth Village in peeling away the layers that distort Jesus' message of peace in a world torn apart by conflict.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, give thanks for the congregations of WDC as local communities of faith where God's Word becomes flesh.