crucifixion. The final candle will be extinguished at our Maundy **West Zion Mennonite Church** Thursday service on March 29. 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship February 18, 2018 Vol. LIII No 7 STS # 39 Song of Response Will you come and follow me LENT 1 Carla Stucky Prelude Offering Words for silent meditation Sharing of Joys and Concerns Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths (Psalm 25:4). Prayers of the People During the season of Lent, we invite you to collect your thoughts and \*\*Sending Song God be with you (vs. 1 & 3) HWB # 430 settle your heart in Jesus using the words for silent meditation above. We will pause briefly at the beginning of each service to make \*\*Benediction silent space for this to happen. \*\*Postlude Lighting of the Christ candle Mateo Roth \*\*please stand if able Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, Welcome Pastor Brad Roth S&R-green hardbound The Lord be with you / and also with you. Greeters: Bob and Sharon Gehring Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman **Announcements** Call to Worship To you, O LORD / I lift up my soul **Sermon Notes** What's Your Level? Mark 1:9-15 Greeting in Christ's peace Theme - We find our truest identity in God. \*\*Celebrating in song God is here among us HWB # 16 To God be the glory HWB # 102 Key Verse - Mark 1:11 A voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Scripture Mark 1:9-15 Vicky Kessler Notes

Special Music "In Heaven's Eyes" Lory Fisher In heaven's eyes, there are no losers. In heaven's eyes, no hopeless cause. Only people like you, with feelings like me, amazed by the grace we can find in heaven's eyes.

Message "What's Your Level?" Pastor Brad

Extinguishing the cross candle

Each week we will extinguish a candle on the altar cross to mark our journey with Christ toward the darkness of the

# A Prayer

Father God, welcome us into your embrace and define us by your love.

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

# Sunday, February 25, 2018

9:30 AM: Sunday School
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Greeters: Clark & Connie Graber
Message: Pastor Brad
Candle Lighter: Elijah Roth

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Scripture: Sharon Gehring
Special Music: Kaleigh Guhr & Chancel Choir

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

# **Coming Events**

Feb. 21: MYM 5:45-7, Meal Tator Tot Casserole 6-6:30, Prayer in Conf. Rm 6:30-7, Chancel Choir 7-8 PM Feb. 25: Movie Night 6 PM at WZ, MCC Sale Fellowship Meals

March 4: MCC Sale Fellowship Meals

March 10: 8-10 AM Bicycle drive for refugees in WZ parking lot March 11: Piano recital 3:00 PM (Becky Setser's students) at WZ

March 25: Holy Week Service, 7 PM, United Methodist March 26: Holy Week Service, 7 PM, United Methodist

March 29: Maundy Thursday service at WZ
April 7: Bohne Berrogi day in Moundridge
April 10: MCC Sale Verenike making in Hillsboro

April 13-14: MCC Relief Sale in Hutchinson

**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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#### **West Zion Announcements**

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

- 1. Join us during the season of Lent as we pray for the mission of the church! We'll meet Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 in the conference room through Holy Week (skipping March 21 for spring break).
- 2. From Mennonite Mission Network: Thank you West Zion for giving \$7,071.63 to MMN in 2017! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church.
- 3. MCC Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS on March 5-7. Come any day. Christian Homemakers are going March 5. More information next week.
- 4. Wednesday meals and MYM have begun! You are welcome to come enjoy a meal at the church on Wednesdays from 6-6:30 PM through April 4 (no meal or MYM on March 21). Menus will be listed in the bulletin under Coming Events.
- 5. Join us February 25, 6:00 PM for a church movie night! We'll be showing the recent movie *All Saints: The Surprising Story of how Refugees from Burma Brought Life to a Dying Church.* The movie is based on a true story. We'll supply the popcorn. Bring your own drink and invite a friend!
- 6. If you have a computer or an electronic tablet, you are needed to help establish an electronic catalog for our church library. We will be working Wednesday Feb. 28 from 1 to 2:30 PM. If you cannot come any of those days, but would still like to help, see Karen Loganbill.
- 7. March 10, 8:00-10:00 AM, Mission Team is sponsoring a bicycle drive in the West Zion parking lot for refugees who live in Wichita. If the bicycle needs light repairs, that's okay. We welcome bicycles for all ages. You can also make monetary donations, which will go toward the purchase of helmets. Questions? Talk to Pastor Brad or Carl Duffman.

### **General Announcements**

8. Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 3, 9-11:30 AM at the Everence office in N.

- Newton. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. Register at 877-467-7294. More information is on the board. Also, Everence Sharing Funds provided \$500 in matching funds to support special needs in our church and community last year. Vicky Kessler serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. You may contact her for more information.
- 9. A Child Protection/Sexual Abuse Prevention training will be held at the MCC Center, March 1, at 6:30 on "Beyond Good Touch/Bad Touch." Presenter is Kathy Wiens. This workshop will explore how education on consent, respect, listening, and empowerment helps protect children against sexual perpetrators. The cost is \$20.00. For more information email <a href="mailto:kathywiens59@gmail.com">kathywiens59@gmail.com</a>.
- 10. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) will hold its annual business meeting March 11 at 2:30 PM at 1<sup>st</sup> Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie. The speaker will be Rev. Kathryn Goering Reid. SMCHA membership and the public are welcome. Reservations are NOT required. Information is on the bulletin board.
- 11. The next blood drive will be held at Pine Village Wellness Center on Friday, Feb. 23 from 12-6 PM. You are encouraged to visit <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> or call 800-733-2767 for an appointment.
- 12. The WDC/SCC Women's Spring Supper will be at 6 PM on March 15 at Whitestone Mennonite, Hesston. The \$10 meal will be served by Whitestone Youth with payment to them. Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in Congo, will speak on *Faith in Every Day Life* at 7 PM. Offering will be received for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.
- 13. Attend the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference February 23-25 at Hesston College to become an effective change agent. More information is on the board.
- 14. MCUSA announces the latest book from Women in Leadership *I've Got the Power!* is available! Visit http://mennoniteusa.org/wlp to get a copy by downloading it at no cost or purchasing a print copy.

#### MCC SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Praising God through Service" is this year's theme for the MCC Relief Sale in Hutchinson on April 13 & 14. This year also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sale.

Volunteer sign-up can now be found on the website for the Kansas sale at kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer. Click on the sign up (volunteer contact form). All volunteers can now sign up online to help in the areas of their particular interest.

An excess of \$20,000 was committed in our meeting for expenses of the sale. \$800 was committed to the expense of purchasing the hams from our congregation. Please make your checks payable to West Zion Mennonite Church and in the memo part of your check please designate it to MCC Sale.

Remember the "Coins Count" as we will be collecting coins again during the morning worship service from now until sale time. We will also be requesting your help in making pies for the sale and will be handing out the pie plates in mid-March. A reminder for the quilts is March 12. Please let us know if you need a form that must be submitted with the quilts and we'll get one for you. Important dates to remember are listed in Coming Events in the bulletin.

Remember MCC is in 50 countries worldwide. MCC helps to provide, safety, shelter, food, water, education, jobs, opportunities and most of all, **HOPE.** Thank you in advance for your help and contributions.

Royce and Sandy Jantz

New for the Sale: The Sale Board is providing a few new events. One of those events is a program with Mini Auction on Friday night, April 13, featuring the KS Mennonite Men's Chorus. A scavenger hunt for all ages is being organized to help you find things and learn about the workings of the sale. We are providing a time capsule for each church and sale committee to have the opportunity to put a memory into the capsule which will be opened in 25 years. Items for the time capsule should be smaller than the area of a shoe box; bring to the March monthly meeting. MDS volunteers will be building a tool shed on the Fairgrounds. Construction will start on Friday at noon and the blitz build will be completed by Saturday noon. All ages can help! The tool shed will be auctioned as part of the General Auction.

## **Prayer Concerns**

Carl Duffman, dealing with a respiratory infection.

Corey Lohrenz, dealing with kidney issues.

Terry Zehr, former pastor of West Zion, at the passing of his father and the return of his cancer.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network
Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network serve as
resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of
Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships
with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus'
justice and shalom.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference
Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.

**Mission Mosaic in the pew**: Bruce, Nancy, Deborah, Jeremiah Yoder Frey in Burkina Faso; Anne & Daniel Kompaore in Burkina Faso, pgs 8-9



We wish a "Happy Birthday" to:

February 22: Terry Kessler, Nancy Ottley

February 24: Kirk Stucky

We wish a "Happy Anniversary" to: February 18: Dave & Julie Buller