

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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LENT 2

Words for Silent Meditation: *Those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! (Psalm 22:26).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle Elijah Roth

During the season of Lent, we invite you to collect your thoughts and settle your heart in Jesus using the words for silent meditation above. We will pause briefly at the beginning of each service to make silent space for this to happen.

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

Announcements

Choral call to worship *This Little Rose* by William Roy Kaleigh Guhr

Call to Worship, *from Psalm 22*
You who fear the LORD / **praise him!**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song** *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* HWB # 50

Scripture Mark 8:31-38 Sharon Gehring

Choral Anthem *To Honor Christ* Chancel Choir

Message "Go for God!" 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 crucifixion. The final candle will be extinguished at our Maundy Thursday service on March 29.

Song of Response *For me to live is Christ* STS # 111

Offering/Offertory *Bel Canto* by Clair W Johnson Kaleigh Guhr, clarinet
Accompanied by Karen Unruh

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Christ we do all adore thee* HWB # 105

****Benediction**
****Postlude**

****please stand if able**
Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound

Greeters: Clark & Connie Graber
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

Go for God! Mark 8:31-38

Theme

Our identity and worth are not defined by success.

Key Verse

(Mark 8:34) [Jesus] called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Notes

A Prayer

God who calls your people, grant us the courage to take up our crosses and follow the way of your Son.

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Worship Leader: Geneva Wedel **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeter: Norman Funk **Scripture:** Curtis Guhr
Message: Pastor Brad **Candle Lighter:** Lexi Heslop
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Coming Events

Feb. 25: Movie Night 6 PM at WZ, MCC Sale Fellowship Meals
Feb. 28: MYM 5:45-7, Meal Chicken Casserole 6-6:30,
Prayer in back of sanctuary 6:30-7, Chancel Choir 7-8
March 4: MCC Sale Fellowship Meals
March 7: MYM 5:45-7, Meal Tacos 6-6:30, Prayer in back of
sanctuary 6:30-7, Chancel Choir 7-8 PM
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

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. Join us tonight for a church movie night at 6:00 PM! 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!
2. 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 back of the sanctuary through Holy Week (skipping March 21 for spring break).
3. MCC Comforter Blitz at Yoder, Ks. All ladies are invited and may bring friends to help tie comforters for MCC. Date/time: March 5 is 10 AM-5 PM, March 6 & 7 is 9 AM-4 PM. Come all day or part of any day. Lunch is furnished by donation. Christian Homemakers will meet at the church at 8:45 on Monday, March 5 to go eat breakfast at Carriage Crossing then go to work at the Blitz.
4. Minutes from the last Associated Ministries of Moundridge (AMM) board meeting are available on the bulletin board.
5. 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.
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 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. All who are interested in volunteering for Offender Victim Ministries' restorative immediate intervention program in Harvey or McPherson County are warmly welcomed to gather from 9 am to noon on March 3, at First Mennonite Church in Moundridge. See Karen Loganbill or flyer on bulletin board for more information.
9. The Salina Rescue Mission is once again preparing for the Stutzmans Flower Sale Fundraiser in Salina (corner of Cloud and 9th St). This event will take place on Wednesday, April 11th – Saturday, April 14th from 8 am – 7 pm daily. There will be Master Gardeners on site to help answer questions for shoppers. With all proceeds, 20% will benefit the Salina Rescue Mission. Buy your spring flowers and help to rescue and restore lives!
10. Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 3, 9-11:30 AM at the Everence office in N. Newton. Register at 877-467-7294. More information is on the board.
11. The 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.
12. 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. The cost is \$20.00. For more information email kathywiens59@gmail.com.
13. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) will hold its annual business meeting March 11 at 2:30 PM at 1st 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.
14. 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 will speak on *Faith in Every Day Life* at 7 PM. Offering will be received for AIMM, Women's Literacy training with checks made to

WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

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 50th 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

Prayer Concerns

Shery Kessler and others at USD 423 at the recent resignation of the Board Clerk

Aline Bachman and family at the passing of Arline Bachman

Give thanks for Brett and Holly’s engagement!

Carl Duffman dealing with breathing issues

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Linda Oyer of Mennonite Mission Network is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France. Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC’s Immigration Task Force, and congregations in WDC discerning a faithful response to immigration concerns.

Mission Mosaic in the pew: Diane & Felipe Cruz Preciado in Benin Africa, pg 9



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

February 26: Desiree Antle

February 28: Robbie Loganbill

March 1: Lee Wenger