West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship Vol. LIII August 26, 2018 No. 33

During the prelude we invite you to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on the words for silent meditation which are taken from the psalm for the day.

Words for silent meditation: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. (Psalm 34:15)

Prelude Gerry Major

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Carl Duffman

The Lord be with you / and also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 34:15-22

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted / and saves the crushed in spirit.

Greeting in Christ's peace

**Celebrating in song Open my eyes HWB # 517

On Jordan's stormy banks HWB # 610

Scripture Colossians 4:2-6 Connie Kaufman

Message "Eyes on the Road" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Somebody prayed for me STS # 120

(vss.1-3)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song We are often tossed and driv'n STS # 72

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if able

Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound

Hearing assistance devices are available on request at sound desk.

Greeters: Royce & Sandy Jantz

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Thank you to Sherry Wedel for sharing some of her favorite hymns (HWB #517 and HWB #610).

Sermon Notes

Eyes on the Road Colossians 4:2-6

Theme

Prayer requires us to pay attention to God, the church, and the world.

Key Verse

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Notes

A Prayer

Jesus who called your disciples to watch and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, awaken our hearts to your will and purpose.

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

Sunday, September 2, 2018

9:30 AM:Sunday School10:30 AM:Worship ServiceMessage:Pastor Brad RothScripture:Pastor Brad

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Greeters: Will & Ellen Kaufman Music: Praise Team

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Coming Events

Sept. 5: Children's choir practice 6:30-7:00 pm K-8th

(will be singing on Sept. 23)

Sept. 9: Pastoral review report to the congregation

Sept. 12: Children's choir practice 6:30-7 PM

Sept. 16: Congregational vote on new term for Pastor Brad

Sept. 19: Children's choir practice 6:30-7 PM Sept. 16: Evangelism workshop 6:30-7:30

Sept. 23: Come and See Sunday, 130-year celebration of WZ

Sept. 30: Safe Sanctuary and Circles of Grace workshop

following worship, pizza lunch served

Oct. 26-27: Dallas, TX: WDC Year of Evangelism event: "Telling

the Jesus Story"

Nov. 11 Noon meal and Budget 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

 $\boldsymbol{Pastor's~Office~hours}:$ 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. "Come and See Sunday" is Sept 23. Invite friends and new people in your neighborhood to "come and see" how we spread the word of Gods' love. In conjunction with Come and See Sunday, we will be celebrating 130 years of God's faithfulness and looking forward to what comes next. You're invited to use the invitations by the mailboxes to mail or give to West Zion alumni, including your adult children.
- 2. Sunday School will begin again on September 2 from 9:30-10:15 AM. Pastor Brad will lead the adult Sunday School class on his book *God's Country*. All are welcome to attend!
- 3. Christian Discipleship Team is launching a fund to help cover registration for Camp Mennoscah for kids who would not otherwise be able to go. CDT already provides half scholarships for all West Zion kids, and this fund will be used when needed to meet the other half. If you would like to donate to it, please make your check out to West Zion and put Camp Mennoscah Fund in memo line.
- 4. Join us on September 16, 6:30-7:30 PM for an evangelism workshop. Let's hone our skills for sharing our faith as we prepare for Come and See Sunday!
- 5. Hearing assistance devices are available on request at the sound desk.
- 6. Join us on September 30 immediately following worship for a Safe Sanctuary and Circles of Grace workshop led by Kathy Neufeld Dunn, our WDC Conference Minister. This workshop is mandatory for anyone who teaches children's Sunday School or works with children at West Zion. (Talk to Pastor Brad if you need to make alternate arrangements). We will review our Safe Sanctuary policy and redo reference and background checks. Pizza lunch will be provided.
- 7. October 26-27, Dallas, TX: Western District Conference Year of Evangelism wrap up: "Telling the Jesus Story." Join brothers and sisters in Christ, hear accounts of faith, and practice sharing your

story of the good news. Keynote speaker: John Garland, pastor of San Antonio Mennonite Church. A van will be going from central Kansas. There is a discount if multiple people register from the same church--talk to Pastor Brad if you're interested. For more info: http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/

General Announcements

- 8. The Moundridge Senior Center Annual Benefit Fish Fry will be Tuesday, September 11 from 5-7 PM. The menu is fresh fried fish, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, and homemade pie with ice cream. The proceeds for the fish fry will go toward a fund for the replacement of the windows at the Senior Center. These are the original windows when the building was first opened, are over 30 years old, and not energy efficient. Free will donations appreciated and all ages welcome. The Center has invited West Zion to donate 6 pies for this event. If you would like to donate a pie, please contact Sharon Gehring.
- 9. Moundridge Community Blood Drive will be held at the Pine Village Wellness Center on Friday, August 31 from 12-6 PM. To schedule your appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- 10. On Saturday, September 1 the Kauffman Museum will hold its First-Saturday Bird Walk. Meet at 7 a.m. in the museum parking lot on the corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton. Experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1 ½ hours. Please be aware that part of the walk is on an unpaved (wood chip) trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.
- 11. Area singers are invited to join a mass choir for Hesston College's Masterworks concert Saturday, Sept. 22. The concert, entitled "Grant Us Peace," will be a performance of Vaughan William's "Dona Nobis Pacem" in celebration of the International Day of Peace. The rehearsal schedule can be found at hesston.edu/peace. Choir members are requested to make a \$20 donation if possible to help cover the cost of music. Contact russell.adrian or 620-327-8143 to join the choir or for questions.
- 12. Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place

at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

13. Offender Victim Ministries is offering a FREE training for new and current volunteers to learn more about Neighborhood Accountability Boards in Harvey and McPherson counties. Join us Saturday, September 8 from 9:30am-4pm at the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room (lower level), 800 N. Main, Newton. Lunch included.

Prayer Concerns

Gerry's brother Alf, dealing with back pain

Bonnie Kaufman recovering at home after surgery

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet this week to support church plants and encourage partnerships between existing and emerging congregations.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network, along with two Colombian missionary families, work with the Iquitos Mennonite Church in Peru to offer a children's ministry, education, and gardening. Pray for grace and wisdom as this cross-cultural team responds to God's call to make earth more like heaven.

Mission Mosaic in the pew

Chile Partners like Puerta del Rebano (Door of the Sheepfold), an Anabaptist congregation in Concepcion, pg 43



We wish a "Happy Birthday" to:

August 28: Marlene Wiens, Bob Loganbill

August 31: Tyler Kaufman September 1: Clare Galle