

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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LENT 3

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.

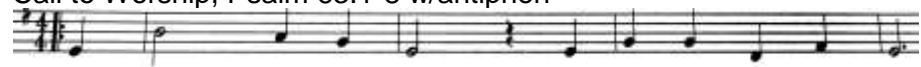
Words for silent meditation: *Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you (Psalm 63:3).*

Prelude
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 63:1-8 w/antiphon



My soul thirsts for you. My body yearns for you.

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**

All hail the power of Jesus' name HWB 106
Amazing grace! HWB 143

Scripture Luke 13:1-9 Jeremiah Hayes

Special Music Daniel Kaufman, French Horn
Andante-Felix Mendelssohn

Message "Like a Fig Tree in a Vineyard" 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 April 18.

Song of Response Jesus, be the center STS 31

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Blessed Assurance HWB 332

****Benediction**

****Postlude** ****please stand if able**

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

Greeter(s): Mel & Kathi Becker
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Thanks to Leon and Virginia Guhr for picking some of their favorite hymns: All hail the power of Jesus' name, Amazing grace!, and Blessed assurance, and to Daniel Kaufman for sharing his song for regional contest at the end of March.

Sermon Notes

Like a Fig Tree in a Vineyard, Luke 13:1-9

Theme - In prayer, God meets each of us in our uniqueness.

Key Verse

Luke 13:8 He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it."

Notes

A Prayer

God who tends each of our lives in the course of our unique circumstances, grant us redemption and hope in you.

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

Baptismal Sunday, March 31, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School
Message: Pastor Brad
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Greeter(s): Carl & Tracy Duffman
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman
We will celebrate communion.

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Scripture: Carla Stucky
Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Music: Chancel Choir

Coming Events

March 25: Women's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM
March 27: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM
Youth Choir 6:30-7:00 pm, Choir 7-8 pm
March 31: Baptismal Sunday and Communion
April 1: Women's Bible Study 6:30-7:30
April 2: School using Fellowship Hall for testing 7 am-noon
April 3: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM
Youth Choir 6:30-7 pm, Choir 7-8 pm
April 10: Youth Choir 6:30-7 pm, Choir 7-8 pm
April 11: Christian Homemaker's Bake Night
April 12-13: MCC Sale at KS State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson
April 14: Children's Choir sings in morning worship
Holy Week Svc at Eden, speaker Peter Goerzen 7 PM
April 17: Holy Week Prayer walk, meet at funeral home parking
Lot at 4:30 PM
April 18: Maundy Thursday service at WZ, 6:00 PM meal and
6:30 PM service with communion and foot washing
April 21: 6:30-7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service, at Russ Stucky's
Pasture (on Buckskin Road), breakfast at WZ,
Easter Sunday service!

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.

1. Next week, we'll be **celebrating communion**. Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table.
2. **Join us for community Holy Week services!** Pastor Peter Goerzen, Bethel College Campus Pastor and Instructor of Bible and Religion, will preach on the hope we have through Jesus' self-emptying on the cross (**Sunday, April 14 @ 7:00 PM, Eden Church**). Then join us again for a prayer walk on **Wednesday, April 17 @ 4:30 PM, Funeral Home parking lot**. It's a time to be present in and lift up our community!
3. Join us for **Easter Sunrise Service** (April 21) with First and Eden, 6:30-7:00 AM at Russ Stucky's pasture (on Buckskin Road), followed by breakfast at West Zion.
4. Thanks to everyone who helped with the bike drive last Saturday! We collected 13 bikes and \$242.
5. Because of a scheduling conflict with the director, **Goessel's Elbiata Singers** were not able to be with us this morning. We hope to be able to reschedule for the fall.
6. **You're invited to support the Camp Mennoscah Fund!** Council has established the Camp Mennoscah Fund as a way to give scholarships for kids to go to camp. Christian Discipleship Team offers a scholarship of ½ of enrollment for West Zion kids. Sometimes, families need a little extra help. The Camp Mennoscah Fund will cover the difference.
7. Camp Mennoscah registration forms are available in the foyer and online. **Scholarship forms** are also in the foyer. Christian Discipleship Team typically awards ½ registration scholarships, but more help is available. We want your child to go!
8. **Christian Homemakers** will be baking rolls for MCC Sale again. Bake night is April 11th. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board to bring items for baking. More information later.

9. If you would like to partner with **Cradle to Crayons** to introduce young children to God's love, search for Cradle to Crayons under **Amazon's Lists and Registries**. You will find a wish list of high quality faith-based toys and children's books from which to choose a gift for Moundridge's local childcare center. Contact Laura Goerzen laura.n.goerzen@gmail.com with any questions.

10. During the season of Lent, **join Mission Team** at the front of the sanctuary after church to **pray for the mission of our church--** especially our upcoming Easter celebration. Let's put what we're learning on prayer into practice!

General Announcements

11. The **Pine Village Anchors Banquet** will be held on April 5 at 6:00 PM. Open Road and Woven, Men's and Women's Choirs from Bethel College will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$100 each and proceeds go towards the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation. See Larry Loganbill for a ticket.
12. **Pine Village** will be hosting Denise Groene, the State Director from the Better Business Bureau. Denise will be presenting an informational meeting at the Wellness Center on April 18th at 3:00 P.M. Come learn about the **latest scams**; particularly those directed towards seniors, and understand the red flags of a scam and how to protect your information from scammers.
13. Everence will hold **informative Medicare workshops** at its offices in North Newton and Hutchinson in April. The North Newton presentation will be held at 3179 N. Main St. on Tuesday, April 2 (6:30 p.m.). The Hutchinson presentation will be held at 524 E. 30th Ave. on Thursday, April 11 (6:30 p.m.). Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.
14. **MCC Lunch & Learn** on April 2, at MCC in North Newton. We will host Willi Hugo Perez director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala. SEMILLA is a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Lunch will be provided, by donation, please RSVP by March 28 to patsydirksen@mcc.org; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

15. **Mennonite Mission Network** is currently seeking to fill three full time positions: Donor Relations Representative (western region), Editor and Marketing Associate. You can see the position descriptions at www.MennoniteMission.net. Please send a cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

16. Nancy Sprowell Geise, author of the biography, ***Auschwitz #34207: The Joe Rubinstein Story***, will share about the Holocaust survivor's story and her relationship with him, at Hesston College on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. A reception and chance to meet the author will follow the presentation.

MCC SALE April 12-13

MCC Contacts: Mike & Connie Kaufman

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, sponsored by Kansas Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, and Amish congregations, raises funds for MCC with this annual events held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. It includes 5 different auctions, traditional Mennonite and American food booths, Kansas and fair trade crafts, plants and things, bulk cheese and meats, quilting supplies, baked goods, kid activities and more.

Are you looking forward to the bohne berrogie at the MCC sale? Your help is needed to make it happen, on April 6 at Moundridge High School. Friday afternoon is some prep work for Saturday and volunteers are needed. If you need more information contact Marla Gillmore 620-921-0428.

We're collecting coins for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) through the Coins Count offering. Our kids will collect coins during the offering to deposit in a special tub. ur coins help make MCC's vital work possible!

The 22nd annual Run/Walk for Relief 5k will be held in Rice Park, Hutchinson, at 8am on April 13th. Registration forms can be found online or ask Connie Kaufman. **A special "passing the shoe" offering will be received (in addition to the regular offering) on March 31 for Run for Relief. Make your check out to KMRS and put in the shoe or give to Karen Loganbill or Boyd Bachman who are both running in the race. All money goes to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.**

WZ Joys and Concerns

For Richard Golden's health.

Melvin Graber and family at the passing of Melvin's mother Ruby

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for students and tutors in WDC congregations participating in IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano), grassroots theological education programs sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network helped plant the seeds of the 40-year-old Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso and continues to live in the country, working as a global Bible-translation consultant. Pray for her and her husband, Daniel, as they also provide leadership for congregations and schools.

Mission Mosaic

South Africa Partners including Bethany Bible School which offers affordable biblical and leadership training, pg 13



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:

March 24: Jessie Pohl

March 25: Spencer Fast

March 29: Kyle Becker

March 30: Jaden Schmidt , Amy Jantzen

We wish a **"Happy Anniversary"** to:

March 24: Bob & Deanne Loganbill