

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

Vol. LV                                      March 8, 2020                                      No. 10

### *LENT 2*

Words for silent meditation: *My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:2)*

Prelude    Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome    Pastor Brad Roth

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 121

**God is our help and strength.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

*Reminder: As illness season continues, no one should feel obligated to shake hands. A friendly "The peace of Christ be with you!" suffices!*

**\*\*Celebrating in song**    (words on screen)

*Change my heart Oh God  
Beneath the cross of Jesus (HWB 250)  
I have decided to follow Jesus (S&R 39) vss. 1-4*

Scripture                                      Matthew 16:24-28                                      Melvin Graber

Message                                      "The Cross Loses to Find"                                      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 9.*

**Song of Response**                      *Take up your cross*                                      HWB 536

Offering and Coins Count Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*\*Sending Song                                      *Two fishermen*                                      HWB 227

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

**\*\*please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

Ushers: Mel Becker, Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

### Sermon Notes

The Cross Loses to Find

Matthew 16:24-28

#### Theme

We find our truest life in Jesus.

#### Key Verse

Matthew 16:25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

#### Notes

#### A Question

Where do you find your life--your identity and purpose? Are there ways that you need to re-center your identity and purpose in Jesus?

**Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Mennonite Facebook page.  
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org**

## **Lent 3 Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**9:30 AM: Sunday School**      **10:30 AM: Worship Service**  
**Message:** Pastor Brad Roth      **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Sandy Jantz  
**Greeter(s):** Will & Ellen Kaufman  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

### **Coming Events**

March 11:      Last Men's Bible Study  
                    Last MYM and chicken casserole meal 6:00 PM  
                    Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM  
March 18:      Lent gathering **6:30-7 PM (note change of time)**  
                    Church Council 7 PM  
March 25:      Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM  
April 5:        Palm Sunday/Children's Sunday  
                    Holy Week Service 6 PM Passover Seder meal  
April 6:        Holy Week Service 7 PM  
April 9:        Maundy Thursday service  
April 12:      Easter Sunday  
April 16:      MCC bake day at West Zion  
April 17-18:   MCC Sale  
May 13:        Women's Salad Supper at West Zion

**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

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838

Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:** Thurs. 9-11, 1-4 PM

Church: 620-345-8143

Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)

Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

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

1. Join us for community **Holy Week Services** at First Mennonite of Christian! April 5 at 6:00 PM, we will celebrate a Passover Seder meal, highlighting the ways that Jesus adapted the Passover meal to point to his death and resurrection. On April 6 at 7:00 PM, worship will include several local pastors preaching on the meaning of Passover and Jesus' sacrifice.
2. **During the season of Lent**, Pastor Brad will lead us in a sermon series on prayer called "The Way of the Cross." How should we live our lives in light of the meaning of the cross? Invite a friend as we learn together!
3. **During Lent**, the Mission Team will be gathering at the front of the sanctuary for prayer following worship and you are invited to join us. If you have a prayer request, feel free to let a Mission team member know (Carl Duffman, Geneva Wedel, Crysta Guhr).
4. **Sickness is everywhere**, but we can take precautions to stay healthy. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer (on audio/visual desk). During the Greeting in Christ's Peace, don't feel obligated to shake hands. After church, feel free to forgo shaking the pastor's hand as well. (You won't hurt his feelings!)
5. Are you interested in **setting aside some time** during Lent to walk with Jesus? All are invited to a Lent gathering on four Wednesdays in March from 7:00-7:30 (March 18 will be 6:30-7 PM) for simple conversation and reflection on Jesus and His journey to the cross.
6. Mark your calendars for the **Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper** on Thursday, March 12 at 6 pm at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. The meal starts at 6 pm with the program at 7 pm. Patty Shelly will present "My Journey through Scripture." **Reservations are required** by contacting Darlene at [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com) or call 316-323-9762. Cost is \$10 and payable at the door.
7. **West Zion is going live!** We are now livestreaming our entire service to the church Facebook page. Note that the camera will be kept focused on the stage. Please use discretion during sharing time, particularly when sharing involves medical information about another

person. The sermon will also continue to be available in audio and video format on the website ([westzionmc.org](http://westzionmc.org)), usually by Tuesday afternoon. Contact Leon Guhr for questions or concerns.

8. The **Moundridge Food Pantry** is looking for an individual to become its Director as they serve those families and individuals in need in our community. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Rick Krehbiel at 620-386-4147.

## General Announcements

9. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual **Benefit Day Pulled Pork and Baby Back Ribs Dinner** will be Saturday, March 28th from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Pine Village Wellness Center. Friends and family are welcome to come enjoy, tender, smoked pulled pork and fall off the bone baby back ribs. Baby back ribs by the rack and pulled pork by the pound are also available for pre-order. All pre-orders are due by March 18<sup>th</sup> and all orders can be picked up the day of the BBQ. Pre-order forms are available online at [www.pinevillageks.org](http://www.pinevillageks.org).
10. **Camp Mennoscah** informational catalogs are available in the church foyer, check them out! Also posted is information on the April 20-22 Retirees Retreat.
11. **Volunteers are needed** in Eureka, KS to complete siding & trim repairs, sub floor repairs, install and finish drywall, trim and painting. Work days are March 5, 9, 11, and 13. Transportation from the Newton or Hutchinson area is available. We will leave at 7:00 am and return by 6:00 pm. Meals, tools and instruction will be provided. Contact Jordan Miller 316-217-4570 [jordanmiller795@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmiller795@gmail.com).
12. Please join MCC Central States in our first **Young Adult Immigration Learning Tour**. May 25-29th, young adults are invited to South TX to raise awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, and environmental degradation near the border wall. Grants might be available to interested participants with financial need. For registration or questions, contact Abby Endashaw, 720-500-3413, [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto:abbyendashaw@mcc.org). Registration deadline is April 1.
13. Are you creative? **Camp Mennoscah** is looking for three two-word phrases that represent the important parts of Camp Mennoscah to you. The best combination of phrases will become our camp tee! One (generic) example would be Sing loudly, Play hard, Love God. Send to [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)!

14. **Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship** (MHF) is seeking a half-time Executive Director to start between May and September 2020 who is committed to Anabaptist values and the mission of MHF, has proven skills in administration, communication, and networking, and has an intergenerationally compelling vision for MHF. Send a resume and statement of intent to [president@mennohealth.org](mailto:president@mennohealth.org). See [www.mennohealth.org](http://www.mennohealth.org) for more information.

15. **Everence** will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an Easy Step*, in North Newton on Tuesday, Mar. 10 and in Hutchinson on Thursday, Mar. 12. Both will begin at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

16. **Bethel College events** can be found on the bulletin board.

## MCC CORNER

MCC Relief Sale -- April 17 & 18 -- KS State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Like the Facebook page [Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale](https://www.facebook.com/KansasMennoniteReliefSale) or visit [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

How do I support  Mennonite  Central  Committee?

1. Bring **loose change** each Sunday and drop in the coin collection jug during offering.
2. Place a **check** in the offering plate (written to West Zion, with MCC in memo line). MCC is looking for 1,000 people to donate \$1,000 to celebrate 100 years!
3. Participate in the **Run for Relief** (which also has a lot of walk-ers!) by signing up online or filling out a registration form in the foyer by April 1.
4. **Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)** and click on Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.
5. **Make something to donate** to the sale! Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. If you have pictures of items you are donating, send to [photos@kansas.mccsale.org](mailto:photos@kansas.mccsale.org) to advertise.

### West Zion Joys and Concerns

Emily and Derek Dibbens expecting a baby as Emily deals with breast cancer. Derek is a brother in law to Jay and Vicky's daughter Jamie.

Family of Glenda's aunt traveling for her funeral.

Congratulations to Daniel Kaufman on qualifying for and performing in the KMEA state band!

### Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for special speaker Patty Shelly and women who gather for the Western District Women in Mission Spring supper this Thursday evening at Faith Mennonite Church.

### Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Rebekah York of Mennonite Mission Network is serving at Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia. Pray for her as she helps prepare young leaders and provides continuing education opportunities for seasoned church leaders.

### Mission Mosaic

Angela and Tomoki Yamanaka in Ashikawa, Japan, pg 19



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

- March 8: Kaleigh Guhr
- March 9: Glenda Golden
- March 11: Maddie Koehn, Brandon Porter
- March 12: Jan Graber