

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. (Psalm 69:1-2)*

Prelude Come Thou fount of every blessing Crysta Guhr
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements (*Pastor Brad will make announcements from the pulpit. If you have an announcement, please get it to him before the service.*)

Call to Worship, Psalm 69

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

****Celebrating in song** (*We encourage you to wear a mask while singing to avoid potential virus broadcast.*)

All people that on earth do dwell HWB 42
I need thee every hour HWB 555

Scripture Matthew 5:21-26 Zettie Wedel

Message “Eats, Shoots, and Leaves” *The Skit on the Mount*
Synopsis - An angry Panda (Daniel Kaufman) bursts into a taco shop. What does Jesus’ teaching on letting go of anger and seeking reconciliation have to say about his situation? Unicorn (Lici Roth) and Tortoise (Mateo Roth) help show Panda the way.

Offering (*As we continue to deal with the threat of COVID-19, offering will be received in the basket on the back table to avoid passing the offering plates.*)

Song for Meditation How great Thou art

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*During this time, we will not be passing the mic. Please communicate joys and concerns to Pastor*

Brad ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-4838, or if you’re watching online, write in Facebook comment bar).

Prayers of the People

Gathering at the Lord’s Table

HWB 660 *The Lord be with you*
HWB 75 *Holy, holy, holy* (v.1)

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Communion this week will be coming forward. Please maintain social distancing as you approach. Deacons will place a cup with the bread and a cup with the juice on the table. Eat the bread, drink the juice, and then throw away the cups in the trash cans located at the far edge of the pews. We invite everyone who has been baptized to share the bread and cup.

****Sending Song** *Sent forth by God’s blessing* HWB 478

**Benediction

****Postlude** He is exalted
(Please exit back-to-front and practice social distancing. We encourage you to go outside and spread out if you would like to connect and chat.)

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Sharon Gehring
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Mennonite Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
Streaming license # 20084674

Sunday, June 28, 2020

9:30 AM: No Sunday School

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Message: Pastor Brad Roth

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Scripture: Tracy Duffman

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

Ushers: Mel Becker, Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Aug. 1-2: WDC Annual Assembly online

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 Cell: 620-386-4838

Pastor Brad's email: bradroth@westzionmc.org

Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Church: 620-345-8143

Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: secretary@westzionmc.org

Website: www.westzionmc.org

West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Welcome back!** We are in a series called "The Skit on the Mount!" In a challenging season, it's meant to be a light-hearted take on Jesus' vibrant words in Matthew 5-7.

2. **We're excited to get back together**, but we know things will look a little different. As always, church council will carefully monitor updates from federal, state, and county officials and make changes as necessary.

What will church look like on reopening?

- We will greet you at the door with hand sanitizer.
- We will seat people front-to-back and dismiss back-to-front.
- Seating will be spaced out in the sanctuary.
- The ushers will help seat you. We ask that you practice social distancing inside the church and not congregate at the back. The best place to catch up is outside, where we can spread out and avoid bottlenecks!
- There will be less singing and no special music to minimize aerial spread of the virus.
- We encourage everyone to wear a mask (**some masks will be available at the door, for those who don't have one**).
- We will not pass the offering plate and sharing and announcements will be done by Pastor Brad to avoid passing the microphone (you can text him or let him know of your prayer concerns/announcements ahead of time).
- Basement door will be locked, and we ask everyone to use the front door.
- Blowers will be turned off so as not to re-circulate air. Ceiling fans will not be used.
- In case of an outbreak, names and contact information of everyone in attendance will be shared with the McPherson County Health Department to do follow up contact tracing. We will also communicate directly with the congregation to let you know that there has been a positive case.
- We will continue to livestream our services, so we encourage vulnerable individuals to stay home and catch worship online.
- Of course, if you are feeling sick, please stay home.

This is not what we're used to. It might feel a little awkward or annoying. Remember that our goal is to keep everyone healthy so we

can worship together. Keep the words of the apostle Paul in mind: "In humility value others above yourselves." (Philippians 2:3).

3. During this time, **we ask you not to congregate and form bottlenecks** at the back of the sanctuary before service, but rather to proceed directly to the pews. Thanks for helping us work together to keep everyone safe in worship!

4. **Are you interested in being a West Zion delegate to the Western District Conference Assembly?** The Assembly will be held **online August 1-2**. "Living in Exile" will use Scripture themes from Jeremiah 29:4ff and I Peter 2:11-12 with emphasis on listening to our brothers and sisters on the margins and being missional in new contexts. Webinars, worship, keynote teachings from Danny Carroll of Wheaton College and time to talk together will all be part of this grand experiment. What can the times we're living in help us to discover about mission? We hope it will be possible for small groups to host Assembly watch parties together. Congregational delegates should register online. All others (non-delegates) may attend without registering. **No registration fee!** Congregations and individuals are invited to give a donation, as they are able, to cover Assembly costs. After these costs are met, donations will go into the WDC Hope Fund. See webinar options, online delegate registration, and more at <https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>. **Please register by July 12**. If you are interested in being a delegate, please visit with Pastor Brad.

5. **Sherry Wedel** moved to Mullet Place at Schowalter Villa. She says, "Dear West Zion, I miss you and pray for you and hope sometime soon we can have visitors!" Sherry's new address is:

Mullet Place - Rm 1205
200 W. Cedar
Hesston, KS 67062

6. **Thank you to all of you** for your prayers, cards and phone calls during my knee surgery and recuperation. A special thank you to Pastor Brad for his phone calls and prayers, to Sharon Gehring, Carla Stucky and Dave and Zettie Wedel for providing transportation when I needed it, and a very special thank you to Sharon for spending the day of surgery with me. May God bless each of you for your kindness and willingness to help during this time. – **Jan Dyck**

General Announcements

7. **MCC in North Newton is open on a limited basis** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please take your time, read the posted signs and follow the directions to the best of your ability when you visit. Masks are required and some are available, if needed. The material resources center and warehouse are not open to volunteer groups at this time, except for a handful of essential volunteers. Material resource donations are being accepted in the 24-hour donation room on the northeast side of the building for contactless drop-offs. If you need to meet with a staff person, please call the office and set up an appointment with that person at 316.283.2720 or email centralstates@mcc.org.

8. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for June 26, 2020 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM at the Cloud Nine Venue, 205 S Avenue A. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email bczenger@mtelco.net.

9. **Free Debt Counseling:** In these trying times, Everence has made free debt counseling possible through Lutheran Social Services Counseling. See <https://www.everence.com/everence-articles/core-markets/national-advisors-and-representatives/webinars/20191114-performing-a-financial-health-check-up> for more information. You don't have to struggle alone.



Pray for healthcare workers who are on the frontlines battling the pandemic, that God will strengthen and protect them as they bring healing and mercy to others.

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Berna Suarez's family in Bolivia, dealing with COVID-19

Elders in assisted living facilities who have not been able to interact with family or socialize because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Lois and Harvey Thiessen as Lois transitions to life in full care at Schowalter Villa. You can write Lois at Schowalter Villa; 200 W. Cedar; Hesston, KS 67062

Happy Father's Day to dads and granddads!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for Camp Mennoscah and WDC members and congregations, as they make new kinds of connections this summer in the place of traditional camp experiences.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

On this Father's Day, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for fathers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one global family.

Mission Mosaic

Faith Manickam in Kodaikanal, India, pg 17



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

June 22: Darin Schmidt

June 24: Wynona Becker

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

June 21: Richard & Margie Huxman

June 27: Jay & Vicky Kessler