

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised! (Psalm 145:3)*

Prelude Gerry Major
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth
The Lord 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 145:1-8
The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

****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
All hail the power of Jesus' name HWB 106

Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 Geneva Wedel

Message "Where the Light Gets Out" Pastor Brad

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

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

**Sending Song Lord, let us now depart in peace HWB 428

**Benediction

**Postlude (*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): Leon & Virginia Guhr
Ushers: Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

"Where the Light Gets Out"
2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Theme

God's power sustains us in weakness.

Key Verse

(2 Corinthians 4:8) We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair.

Notes

A Question

How have you experienced God animating your life when you feel down?

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

Sunday, September 27, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Joanne Stucky
Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Coming Events

Today: Adult SS topic: Feeling Blah
Sept. 23: Online study on "How to Pray" 8-9 AM
Sept. 26: SPACE gathering for women 9-10 AM
Sept. 27: Adult SS topic: Uncertainty/dealing with unknowns
Sept. 30: Online study on "How to Pray" 8-9 AM
Oct. 4: Names for Deacon nomination given during church,
 World Communion Sunday
Oct. 21: Church Council 7 PM
Oct. 23: Bloodmobile at West Zion
Nov. 15: Mission Sunday followed by 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

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Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Church: 620-345-8143
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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Our “Return to Worship” plan** to keep everyone safe as we gather can be found on the West Zion website. Church Council will carefully monitor updates from federal, state, and county officials and make changes as necessary. **Please text Pastor Brad at 620-386-4838 if you have a joy, concern, or announcement you would like shared during worship.**

2. During the month of September, **Christian Homemakers** will be collecting items for school kits for MCC. There will be a black tub in the foyer of the church where you can drop off your school items. You can pick up a list of the new items needed from the table in the foyer. Here is a list of the **NEW** items requested by MCC:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate **30 cm**; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

Monetary contributions can also be given and Homemakers will purchase items with the donations. If you have questions, contact Connie Graber or any Christian Homemaker.

3. **Connie Kaufman has volunteered** to help line up meals for STEPNC (an anti-poverty program) in Moundridge, which will kick off October 12. She is looking for people to sign up for one meal to serve 15-20 people. Find a friend and make the meal together to help the STEPNC program get off to a good start. Please see Connie for more information and details about how to get signed up.

4. **It is time for Deacon nominations.** Carl Duffman will be ending his 3rd year. The other 2 Deacons presently are Carla Stucky and Sharon Gehring. This is a 3-year term and will commence in January. Carl has asked that he NOT be considered for another term at this time due to health reasons. We will conduct nominations for Deacon on Sunday October 4th. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate. If you have any questions, the Gift Discernment team is Mike Kaufman, Lorene Lohrenz, and Carolyn Schmidt.

5. November 15 we will hold a **semi-virtual Mission Sunday** with First Mennonite and Eden. Joe Manickam, president of Hesston College, will be our speaker. Dr. Manickam will be livestreamed to our three churches, and we will incorporate virtual elements from each of the churches. Dr. Manickam will also share virtually during the SS hour.

6. November 15, immediately following worship, we will hold our **annual budget meeting**. Because of COVID-19, we will not have a meal this year. If you prefer to attend virtually, follow this Google Hangouts link: <https://meet.google.com/zob-jxdj-qkt>.

7. **All women are invited to SPACE** (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement) on Saturday, September 26 from 9-10 AM at West Zion. No food or drink will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own and come visit together and spend a little time in prayer. Contact Lici with questions: 620-386-4194.

8. **Yearbook change:** Please change Jeremiah Hayes' address in the yearbook to 805 South Randall Avenue in Moundridge.

9. **Pastor Brad prepared a booklet** for the current sermon series that can be used for taking notes. They are available on the sound desk in the back of the sanctuary.

10. **Christian Homemakers** are accepting all used greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Children Ranch. Please put the entire card into the box on the shelf in the lobby.

11. **Are you interested in going deeper in your life of prayer?** Join us online Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 AM for conversations following Pete Greig's book *How to Pray*. We'll meet for 8 weeks online to discuss the book--and to put into practice what we're learning by spending time together in prayer. Follow this Google Hangouts/Meet link to join: <https://meet.google.com/kep-rbkm-erb>.

12. **Sunday School for all ages has begun!** K-6 will meet in the ramp room or outside as weather allows. Grades 7-12 will meet in the youth room. The adult class will be taught by Pastor Brad and will spread out in the fellowship hall and also be available online.

13. Our fall adult Sunday School class is entitled “**Letters to a Weary Church.**” Pastor Brad will discuss passages from the New Testament letters that deal with different emotions that a lot of us are going through right now. What are the letters God is writing to his

contemporary weary church? What letter is He writing to you? Join us online at: <https://meet.google.com/jkq-gdbw-hyk>. A list of upcoming topics can be found on the bulletin board.

Our topic for next Sunday, Sept. 27 is “Uncertainty/dealing with unknowns” James 4:13-17

General Announcements

14. **The Pine Village Benefit Day Auction** is coming up and will be fully online this year. We are still taking Benefit Day items and are hoping to get photos of all the items entered and launch our auction preview within the next week. Contact Julie Brochtrup at 345-2901 or email Julie.brochtrup@pinevillageks.org with questions.

15. **Fall Festival at Bethel College will look different this year.** While there won't be a “Fall Festival fair” on campus Oct. 3, there will be a homecoming football game, an art exhibit by David Long, and a virtual play written by Karen Robu, among other events. The Bethel College Women's Association is taking orders for baked goods at www.bcwamarketonline.com/shop/preorderforfallfest/9 (ordering deadline: Sept. 30). See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for a detailed schedule.

16. **Mt. Hope Sanctuary**, a non-profit Christian ministry for single women and children, invites all to Taco Tuesday on September 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson. The taco truck will be at the church from 11am-1 and 5-7pm and will offer your choice of beef or chicken burrito and sides. You can pre-order online for carry out or delivery at www.mthopesanctuary.org. All free will donations will go to Mt. Hope, cash or check preferred.

17. **The Moundridge Senior Center** is having their fundraising event on Tuesday, September 22. This year we are trying a pie/ice cream social. Come join us at the Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a piece of pie and ice cream. Carry out will be available. Monetary donations will go toward helping recover losses from COVID 19. Call the Center at 345-2729 with any questions.

18. The **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is sponsoring an online auction happening right now through 5:00 PM on September 26 at the Auctria Auction site <https://charityauction.bid/KMRS>. There will not be any quilts sold at this time but there is hope for a quilt online auction in October. Items purchased may be picked up at distribution points in North Newton, Topeka and Hutch. For questions, contact Jim Robb at 620-747-0186 or jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com.

West Zion Celebrations and Concerns

We thank God for dedicated school teachers and staff helping kids get back to learning!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Gifts Discernment Committee and staff as they meet online next Saturday for Reference Council, a time for orientation and reflection together on common mission and priorities for the coming year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of MMN request prayer for the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Benin since quarantine ended in June. Pray especially for the protection of the children and staff at *La Casa Grande*.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Deborah Byler in San Pedro Carcha, Guatemala, pg 33



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
September 25: Sandy Jantz, Lici Roth, Jayce Schriener
September 26: Jerry Becker

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
Sept. 26: Harvey & Lois Thiessen

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 1,012.00	\$ 1,459.00
Receipts – year to date	\$ 94,409.20	\$ 109,503.47
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(106,964.97)	(109,027.77)
Less: cash balance	<u>(11,927.68)</u>	<u>(11,160.54)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 44,578.35	\$ 42,363.69
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,972	\$ 2,824