

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, for the time being worship services will be online on our West Zion Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/westzion/>).

ADVENT 2

Words for silent meditation: *Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. (Psalm 85:9)*

Prelude *Veni Emmanuel*, Plainsong/ Arr. Lani Smith Donna Stucky

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth

Call to Worship, *from Psalm 85*
Lord, grant us your salvation

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Light

Celebrating in Song *O Come, all ye faithful* HWB 212

Scripture, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Meditation "Witness to the Light" Pastor Brad

Song for meditation
Still, still, still, Salzburg Melody/ Arr. Mark Hayes

Offering (*Please remember to continue supporting the church during this time.*)

White Christmas Offering - *During the season of Advent, we're collecting items and offering for Mt. Hope Sanctuary. See announcements for more information.*

Prayers of the People (*Joys and concerns can be shared in the "comment" bar on the Facebook live stream*)

Sending Song *Holy Child within the manger* STS 28

Blessing and Sending

Wachet Auf! HWB 188, Philipp Nicolai/ Arr. Edward Broughton

Sermon Notes

Witness to the Light
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Theme

Let your life point to the light of Jesus.

Key Verse

(John 1:7) He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.

Notes

A Question

What are the unique ways that your life points to Jesus?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ [westzionmc.org](https://www.westzionmc.org)
Streaming license # 20084674

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2020
Worship Service online at West Zion Facebook page

9:30 AM: Sunday School (Join us online at
<https://meet.google.com/bxs-bixi-vbi>)

10:30 AM: Worship Service (live on WZ Facebook page)

Message: Pastor Brad

Coming Events

Dec. 18: Red Cross Bloodmobile

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve online 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

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Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. Due to the sharp rise in COVID-19 cases, **Church Council has decided to return to online-only worship.** Bulletins will still be printed, and you can pick one up in the foyer or find it on the West Zion website. If you would like one mailed to you instead, please contact Carla Stucky. Join us on our Facebook Live page each Sunday morning for worship at 10:30 AM.
2. Our **Christmas Eve service** will be online this year! Join us for a time of Scripture and song as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Watch this space for more information.
3. The 2021 proposed **West Zion budget** was voted on and accepted at our recent online budget meeting. Will Kaufman was affirmed as a Deacon as well. Thank you to Carl Duffman for his service as Deacon these past few years!
4. A **greeter's list** will be distributed when we go back to in-person worship. When we do meet again, we will continue to ask greeters to wear masks, open the door for people, and to not shake hands. Please let Carla Stucky know if you are still willing to greet or if you would prefer to be taken off the list.
5. Our White Christmas Project this year is **Mt. Hope Sanctuary of McPherson!** Mt. Hope Sanctuary is a Christian organization that provides transitional housing, life-changing programming, and support services to single mothers and children. Items we'll be collecting are listed below. CDT is placing a basket in the foyer. You can learn more on their website: <http://www.mthopesanctuary.org/>. You can also see a short PowerPoint presentation about Mt. Hope Sanctuary on our church website.
 - Tall kitchen trash bags
 - Paper towels
 - Boxed blue Nitrile gloves (medium)
 - \$25 gift cards to Dillon's or Walmart
 - Children's bedding: twin size
6. **Moundridge Angel Tree** is preparing for another year of service. Due to COVID-19 there are both no-contact and limited-contact options. The angels will be on a Christmas tree in the foyer. If you would like to adopt an angel, you can drop by to pick one up.

Contact Angela Azzarito at 316-712-9849 or by email at moundridgeangeltree@gmail.com if you have questions.

7. Sunday School update:

- 1) Adult SS for December through February will be from the new quarterly called *Salt and Light*. We'll have various teachers. The link to join is <https://meet.google.com/bxs-bixi-vbi> and is also on the website.
 - 2) Jr./Sr. High Sunday School will meet online.
 - 3) K-5 Sunday School is paused for the time being due to Covid.
8. For those interested, the **memorial service** for Terry Zehr (former pastor of West Zion) will be held December 11 at 7:00 pm EST and can be viewed online via this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89123589284?pwd=a0JIWDJaMDhLRjNzeMNXUEF1V21mdz09>
9. Please remember to **continue supporting** the church during this time. You can give online through PayPal or mail a check.

General Announcements

10. All are invited to take part in **Bethel College's annual Lighting of the Green** on Sunday, December 13 at 8 PM. This long-standing Bethel Advent tradition celebrates the Light that shines in the darkness, the life and light of Christ. The gathering will take place virtually this year, live online with some parts pre-recorded. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/LZeLxduHoVk> or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98444357235?pwd=N1MzQlpiQ29HQWZlWUs2NGpNWWtlZz09>
11. **Kauffman Museum** at Bethel College is hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" through Jan. 17. A local companion exhibit, "Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads," is also on display. The museum is open 9:30 am-4:30 pm Tues.-Fri and 1:30-4:30 pm Sat.-Sun. Admission to the "Crossroads" exhibit is free on Saturdays. On Dec. 13 at 3:00 pm, **Gene Chávez, Ed.D., Shawnee, Kan., will give a virtual presentation** on the rich history of Mexican immigration to Kansas and the journey of the humble but important flour tortilla. Visit the museum website (kauffmanmuseum.org) and/or Facebook page for registration instructions.

12. **Everence** will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

13. **Free resource from MCC: Learning about generosity!** Help children learn about generosity with MCC printable worksheets including activities, a story, a craft to make and Christmas gift ideas that benefit global neighbors with colorable greeting cards, find it all at mcc.org/generosity. Explore the full list of Christmas giving options from MCC at mcc.org/christmas.

14. **A memorable, meaningful and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas!** Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern day Mennonite feeding station - your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at <https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – last week	\$ 2,637.00	\$ 1,315.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 116,854.80	\$ 129,468.40
 Budget	 \$163,471.00	 \$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(140,706.42)	(139,829.52)
Less: cash balance	(5,504.11)	(7,805.78)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 17,260.47	\$ 14,916.70
 Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	 \$ 4,315	 \$ 3,729
 Mission: Larsons	 \$ 125.00	

West Zion Celebrations and Concerns

Mel and Kathi Becker, as Mel prepares to have a pacemaker installed and they both make plans to transition to living in a nursing home.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for health and safety for healthcare providers and other essential workers, and for all WDC members working to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our local communities.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP has developed COVID-19 protocols that permit serving in some locations. While the Navajo Nation has a high rate of infections, most of the cases are further west than the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission. Pray for volunteers to serve through tutoring and Christmas activities.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Lara Scott and Joel Klassen with MVS in Chicago, Illinois, pg 52

Advent Prayer Focus

Pray for Wayne and Jeannie Larson, our mission partners in the Middle East. The Larsons share the light of Christ among Muslim people through online media.



We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:
December 6: Phil & Lorene Lohrenz