

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak (Psalm 85:8).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

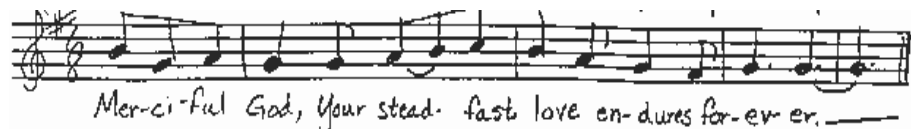
Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 85:8-13
Lord, let us see your kindness.

****Celebrating in song**

*10,000 Reasons (VT 111)
In Christ Alone (VT 332)*

Scripture, Psalm 103 Sharon Gehring



Message "Bless the Lord" Pastor Brad

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the back table.*)

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.*)

VBS Dedication

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (VT 606)*

****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.*)

Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky

Sermon Notes

Bless the Lord
Psalm 103

Theme

Bless the Lord in all you do, say, and are.

Key Verse

(Psalm 103:1) Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Notes

A Question

How can you bless the Lord every day?

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

Sunday, July 18, 2021

9:30 AM: Fellowship time (no SS) 10:30 AM: Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Connie Graber
Singers: Jan Dyck & Carolyn Schmidt
Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

Coming Events

July 11-13: Community VBS at West Zion 6:00-8:30 PM
July 16: Pool party 6:30-8:30 PM
July 18: Church potluck & Jr. FEWZ Sunday
July 25: Pastor evaluation forms due, hymn sing 7:00 PM
Aug. 22: Results of the pastoral evaluation presented 9:30 AM
Aug. 29: Pastoral vote immediately following worship

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
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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. **Due to improving Covid conditions** in our church and community, Council has decided to make masks optional. Please continue to practice social distancing. We will continue to monitor the situation and reevaluate if cases begin to climb again.
2. All are invited to a **church potluck** next Sunday, July 18 following the worship service. Table service and drinks will be provided. July 18 is also **Jr. FEWZ Sunday** where Jr. youth and their family are invited to attend our church.
3. A **hymn sing** will take place on Sunday, July 25 at 7:00 PM. Come join us in singing all your favorites!
4. A **pastoral evaluation** has been placed in the church mailboxes. Please take time to prayerfully fill out this one-page evaluation and return to the Deacons' mailbox (on the bottom row) by July 25. If you do not have a mailbox but would like an evaluation, please contact a Deacon (Sharon Gehring, Will Kaufman, or Carla Stucky). Results of the survey will be presented during Sunday School hour 9:30 am on August 22.
5. **Church mailboxes** in the back of the sanctuary are available for any person attending West Zion. If you do not have a mailbox but would like one, let Carla Stucky know.
6. The Mission Team is planning a **free pool party** on Friday, July 16 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the new Moundridge swimming pool. Vacation Bible School students and families as well as West Zion members are invited. Beat the heat and come join us!
7. **Looking for volunteers!!** STEP MC is looking for volunteers to make a meal for 15-20 people on Monday nights for their weekly meeting. Find a friend and make the meal together OR get a Sunday School class together and help STEP-MC with their mission. It's easy to sign up using SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a928a3fdc70-stepmc>. Please call or text Connie Kaufman at 620-386-0816 OR conniejkaufman@gmail.com if you need more information.

8. **All are invited to a fellowship time** (plus snacks!) from 9:30-10:15 on Sunday mornings during the summer. This come and go time is for all ages! Regular Sunday School will not be held during the summer.

General Announcements

9. **Everence** will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com. *Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.*
10. The 2021 issue of **Mennonite Life**, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Rachel Epp Buller, Peter Goerzen, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Mark Jantzen, Jim Juhnke, Nate Kroeker, Alec Loganbill, Jacob Miller, Bethany Pows, Rich Preheim, Darrin Snyder-Belousek, Tara Schwartz, Anne Marie Stoner-Eby and Melanie Zuercher.
11. The **WDC Annual Assembly** will be held **July 30-August 1**. Some parts are virtual and some are on-site (**Faith Mennonite Church** in Newton). The Assembly theme will be "Woven Into God's Story" (Col. 2:2-7). **Michele Hershberger**, Bible and Ministry Professor, Hesston College, will be our keynote speaker and storyteller. An assortment of **seminars** will be offered and we will be sharing communion around the supper table and virtually. The Assembly cost will be by donation (suggested for on-site participants \$85, for virtual participants \$35, for congregations having a "viewing party" \$300 for the group). Give as you are able to cover the costs. For **registration** and details, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 5,009.10	\$ 3,284.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 91,411.70	\$ 74,777.82
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(78,564.03)	(73,611.55)
Less: cash balance	<u>(21,191.64)</u>	<u>(30,511.05)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 65,402.33	\$ 59,348.40
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,616	\$ 2,374

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week and offer support and accountability for ministerial leadership in the conference.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

In Bangladesh, India and Nepal, Community Health Evangelists (CHEs) have received special permission from their governments to work, despite COVID-19 travel restrictions. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the CHEs, who care for the sick and share the good news of God’s love throughout Asia.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Robin Gingerich in Lithuania, pg 25

Prayer Garden

Pray for Vacation Bible School, beginning tonight and continuing through Tuesday. Pray that we have a good turnout of kids, that they can learn to know Jesus more deeply, and that teachers and helpers--and especially Lory Fisher our director!--can be energized.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
July 17: Dave Wedel

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
July 16: Mike & Connie Kaufman