

# West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance (Psalm 78:25).*

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, *from Psalm 78:23:29*  
God rained down manna on his people and gave them the grain of heaven.  
**Mortals ate the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.**  
They ate and were filled.  
**God gave them the desire of their hearts.**

## \*\*Celebrating in song

*Great is the Lord (HWB 87)*  
*Your Grace Is Enough (VT 167)*

Scripture                      Psalm 91                      Leon Guhr



Message                      "The Shelter of the Most High"                      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.*)

Prayers of the People

\*\*Sending Song *Holy God We Praise Thy Name (HWB 121)*

\*\*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): Carl & Tracy Duffman

## Sermon Notes

The Shelter of the Most High  
Psalm 91

## Theme

God protects those who trust in him.

## Key Verse

(Psalm 91:2) I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

## Notes

## A Question

How have you experienced God's protection in your life?

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

## **Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**9:30 AM: Fellowship time (no SS) 10:30 AM: Worship Service**  
**Message:** Pastor Brad      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Joanne Stucky  
**Singer(s):** Carla Stucky  
**Greeter(s):** Jan Dyck

### **Coming Events**

Aug. 7:      SPACE gathering from 9-10 AM  
Aug. 18:     Church Council 7 PM  
Aug. 22:     Results of the pastoral evaluation presented 9:30 AM  
               Back-to-School Sunday (10:30 AM worship outside on  
               the lawn, weather permitting!) - a time of blessing for  
               teachers, staff, and students  
Aug. 29:     Pastoral vote immediately following worship  
Sept. 7:      Round-table discussion of the name change 7:00 PM  
Sept. 8:      Women's Salad Supper

**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](mailto: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](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. **Pastoral reviews** have been collected and will be organized into a report. The Deacons will share the results with Pastor Brad and Council in the following weeks. The congregation is invited to hear the results on Sunday, August 22 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. The pastoral vote will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, August 29. Church members will vote on another three-year term for Pastor Brad. Please hold Pastor Brad and family as well as West Zion in prayer.

2. **Mission Team is collecting school supplies for the Moundridge Jr. High.** Our goal is to provide all the pencils, dry erase markers, and tissues that kids and teachers will use this school year, as well as a set of 30 scientific calculators that can be loaned out to kids who need one. You can play a part by purchasing these supplies and dropping them in the box in the foyer or by donating money (write "school supplies" in the memo). *The last day to donate is August 22, when we will bless the supplies in a special Back-to-School Sunday service.*

Supplies needed:

- #2 pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Boxes of tissues
- Texas Instruments scientific calculators (TI-30Xa or similar. Runs \$8-10)

3. A **community Yoga class** will be held here at West Zion on Wednesdays, August 4, 11, and 25 (No Aug. 18). Sign up and pay through the Moundridge Recreation Commission on Facebook or call 345-2608. Mats are provided. Experience with yoga would be helpful but is not required.

4. **All women are invited to SPACE** (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement) on Saturday, August 7 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.

5. **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

6. The **Kansas MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service)** is sponsoring two learning and service trips: October 16 - October 23 (CORRECTED) and February 19 – 26, 2022. Participants will leave Kansas on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio, TX, staying overnight and will visit San Antonio Mennonite Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon the group will travel to McAllen TX for the MDS project. Costs: Lodging and meals on the two traveling weekends. MDS will cover the remainder of the expenses. To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or call 316-282-0797. If you are interested in volunteering but need different times, call the volunteer coordinator at 800-241-8111.

7. **Colorado Peaches are coming to MCC in North Newton!** Get your Colorado Peaches this summer and support MCC at the same time. Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser to cover expenses related to the annual Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, which is being planned for October 15-16 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. **Peaches are available in 10-pound boxes for \$25 and 18-pound boxes for \$35. Deadline for orders/payment is Monday, August 2.** Checks or cash are accepted, checks are made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line. Please contact Patsy Dirksen at MCC Central States Office for orders/payments at [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org). Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23 at the MCC Central States in North Newton.

8. **Everence** will hold a *Gifts that Give Back* webinar on Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 PM. But did you know there is a type of gift plan that generates income for the donor and then sends a gift to charity at a later date? Come to this workshop to learn more about "Gifts that give back" and whether it is a strategy for you! This webinar will be hosted by Mitch Stutzman, Everence Stewardship Consultant. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

## Name Change Process

Per our Vision 2021 Plan which was distributed in March, the Vision Team has been discussing a name change for our church. Council has formed the Name Change Committee (NCC). Members are Leon Guhr, Jan Dyck, Rondell Burge, Jennifer Suarez, Carla Stucky and Pastor Brad. The NCC will be gathering information and suggestions from the congregation over the next few months.

**A round-table discussion will be held on September 7 at 7:00**

**PM.** Watch this space as this process develops. NCC will also communicate through email and church mailboxes. A name change can contribute to renewed engagement in the community and growth, but it must be the leading edge of a renewed missional vision for reaching the community. As we talk about changing our name, leaving Western District Conference or MCUSA is not currently part of the discussion. We welcome your questions and concerns as we journey through this process together.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,108.00	\$ 850.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 94,610.70	\$ 77,777.97
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	( 86,295.00)	( 82,704.33)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 16,659.67)</u>	<u>( 19,555.17)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 62,203.33	\$ 61,211.50
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,827	\$ 2,782

## **West Zion Prayers**

Wilda Schrag who is on hospice in Ohio

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

On this Annual Assembly Sunday, give thanks and pray for WDC in its mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God’s mission in the world.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Service Adventure unit leaders, who completed their orientation last Friday, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Pray for them as they prepare to welcome participants in three locations, starting this month through October, in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; and Jackson, Mississippi.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

David & Rebekka Stutzman in Mannheim, Germany, pg 27

## Prayer Garden

Pray for children connected to our congregation that they might be kept safe, thrive, and come to know Jesus. As we enter a new chapter at WZ, we’re renewing our emphasis on ministry to children.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

- August 1: Quinn Hill
- August 2: Holly Koehn
- August 3: Janice Dyck
- August 7: Lee Porter, Olivia Kelley

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:

- August 4: Carl & Tracy Duffman
- August 5: Dave & Zettie Wedel