

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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### ***BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY***

*Meet outside on the lawn*

Words for silent meditation: *The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18)*

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

Announcements

Call to Worship *from* Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
**and his ears are open to their cry.**

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
**and saves the crushed in spirit.**

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**\*\*Celebrating in song**

*Give me joy in my heart  
Do Lord  
God is so good*

Scripture                      Mark 10:17-27                      Mike Kaufman

Message                      "Jesus, Our Good Teacher"                      Pastor Brad

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the pedestal near the awning.*)

**Song for Meditation**                      *Alleluia*

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                      *This little light of mine*

\*\*Benediction

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

### **Sermon Notes**

Jesus, Our Good Teacher  
Mark 10:17-27

#### Theme

Jesus teaches us to live truly.

#### Key Verse

(Mark 10:17) As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

#### Notes

#### A Question

What are barriers in your life that keep you from wholeheartedly following Jesus?

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

## **Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**9:30 AM:** Fellowship Time      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Tim Schrag      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Ellen Kaufman      **Scripture:** Crysta Guhr  
**Greeter(s):** Sharon Gehring  
**Pastoral vote by members immediately following worship**

### **Coming Events**

Today:      CDT serve breakfast, results of the pastoral evaluation presented 9:30 AM, Back-to-School Sunday 10:30 AM worship outside

Aug. 27:      Bloodmobile at WZ

Aug. 29:      Pastoral vote immediately following worship

Sept. 7:      Round-table discussion of possible name change 7:00

Sept. 8:      Women's Salad Supper 6:30 PM

Sept. 12:      Prayer Lab 10-10:20 AM Conference Room  
Children's church and nursery (during worship)

Sept. 19:      Hymn Sing 7 PM

Sept. 29:      5:45 PM Meal & MYM  
6:15 PM Meal for adults, Jr FEWZ & FEWZ youth  
7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

Nov. 14:      Noon meal and 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**

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. **On Sunday, August 29, the pastoral vote will take place immediately following worship.** Church members will vote on another three-year term for Pastor Brad.
2. In the fall we're looking forward to **launching two sermon series:**
  - Beginning 9/19 - "Anchored" a 3-part series looking at times Jesus was with people in the storm. How can we anchor our lives more firmly in His life?
  - Beginning 10/17 - "Great Pray-ers" a 5-part series rounding out our Year of Prayer by looking at men and women of prayer in the Old Testament.
3. All women and high school girls are invited to come to the **West Zion Salad Supper** on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM. Bring a salad and plan to enjoy Tammy Duvanel Unruh speak. Masks not required.
4. The Name Change Committee met this week and has planned a fun and interactive **round-table discussion to be held Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM.** All are invited to attend!
5. **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH MYM MEALS:** Moundridge Youth Ministries (MYM) will be running from Sept. 29 - Nov. 17 (8 wks.) at West Zion for youth K-4th. We would like to have four meal teams who would each serve two meals during that eight weeks. Please see Connie Kaufman if you are willing to help with this ministry.
6. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for August 27 from noon until 6:00 PM at West Zion. Please enter through the west doors only. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email [bczerger@mtelco.net](mailto:bczerger@mtelco.net).

## General Announcements

7. USD423 is inviting community members to join them for a **poverty simulation event on August 24, 8:30-11:00 AM** in the new high school gym. Using a role playing format, this poverty simulation event

is meant to help people understand the barriers families in poverty face as well as the way the chaos of poverty shapes brain development. The event is free and registration is not required. Questions? Contact Rebecca Khosravipour at [khosravipourr@usd423.org](mailto:khosravipourr@usd423.org).

8. Come out and have a great night of fun and entertainment at the **Community Fun Night** September 4, starting at 5:30pm at Hoffnungsau Mennonite, 43 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Inman. There will be cornhole tournament (\$20 entry fee, cash prizes, registration 5:30-600); kids' activities (inflatables, face painting, water games); car show; food vendors and a drive-in movie. Everyone's welcome! Find Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church on Facebook for more details.

9. **Join MCC in prayer** and support for those suffering in our world. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your monetary donations; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of relief kits and hygiene kits. Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

10. MCC Treats & Beats, August 26 from 4-6 PM at MCC in North Newton! **Join us** for this relaxed come-and-go event featuring ice cream treats from Salted Creamery and beats from the talented Kevin Gaedert! Enjoy as our thank you for your support!

11. The **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting** will be Thursday, August 26, 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com) or 620-543-6863 by August 22. The funds will go to the McPherson Housing Coalition for the construction of Oak Harbor Cottages for low income/homeless families.

12. All women 13 years and older are invited to the **annual Women's Retreat** being held Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on *Re/Connecting with God and Each Other*. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. Registration forms can be found in the church foyer. Covid

rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully.

### Name Change Process UPDATE

The Name Change Committee (NCC) Leon Guhr, Jan Dyck, Rondell Burge, Jennifer Suarez, Carla Stucky and Pastor Brad met this week and has planned a fun and interactive **round-table discussion to be held Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM.** We will present our reasoning and ideas, a possible timeline, church name conventions, and spend time brainstorming different name possibilities in groups. Also, a congregational survey will be distributed in September to gather feedback. Please pray for the NCC and for our church as we continue to discern God’s calling. 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	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 1,730.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 99,109.70	\$ 82,670.97
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	( 91,432.83)	( 86,207.64)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 16,047.84)</u>	<u>( 20,944.86)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 57,677.33	\$ 56,318.50
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,036	\$ 2,964

### **West Zion Prayers**

Tracy and Carl and family at the passing of their daughter Vanessa.

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

Pray for WDC Commissions as they support ministerial leaders, resource congregations, nurture church planting, and steward resources for God’s work in our conference.

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

Participants in Mennonite Mission Network’s Mennonite Voluntary Service program are in a time of transition. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to schooling or work and pray for those who are beginning their first or second term of learning and service.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

Pablo & Colleen Fast in Labrea, Brazil, pg 32

### Prayer Garden

Pray for teachers and staff who are starting school, especially with the ongoing challenges of the pandemic.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
August 28: Marlene Wiens