

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. (Psalm 34:3).*

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 34*
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

****Celebrating in song**

Build Your Kingdom Here (VT 393)
Your Grace Is Enough (VT 167)

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Joanne Stucky

Message "How to Get Angry" 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 *Praise to the Lord (HWB 37)*

**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): Jan Dyck

Sermon Notes

How to Get Angry
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Theme

When you get angry, ask yourself:
Where does your anger come from?
Where is your anger going?
Where is your anger taking you?

Key Verse

(Ephesians 4:26-27) "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Notes

A Question

Where in your life are you most vulnerable to anger?

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

Sunday, August 15, 2021

9:30 AM: Fellowship time (no SS) 10:30 AM: Worship Service
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Scripture:** Bonnie Kaufman
Greeter(s): Norman Funk

Coming Events

Aug. 13-16: Pastor Brad and family on vacation
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
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

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Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:

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. **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. **Wilda Schrag's funeral** will be held August 11. Visitation will be at 9:00 AM in the WZ church sanctuary. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM with a burial and meal following.
3. **Pastor Brad will be on vacation** with his family August 13-16. Pastor Kurt Horst will preach August 15.
4. **Back-to-School Sunday** will be August 22 and 10:30 AM worship will be held outside on the lawn (weather permitting!). This is a time of blessing for teachers, staff, and students. Please bring a lawn chair.
5. **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)
6. **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

7. 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*. Whether we need time to reconnect with God, with our sisters in Christ or both, Women's Retreat is a chance to do that. 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 with more information 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. We hope to see you there!

8. 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.

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 on the table. We welcome your questions and concerns as we journey through this process together.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,864.00	\$ 1,387.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 96,474.70	\$ 79,164.97
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(87,747.76)	(82,951.82)
Less: cash balance	<u>(17,072.91)</u>	<u>(20,694.68)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 60,337.33	\$ 59,824.50
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,873	\$ 2,849

West Zion Prayers

The Goering family after Clyde's passing

The Schrag family after Wilda's passing

Roger and Sharon Thomas, Donna's brother and sister-in-law, who are struggling with Covid.

Family of Glenda Triplett, a neighbor to several folks in our congregation, on the death of her daughter.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for WDC members who have been affirmed for conference leadership roles this coming year and pray for God's guidance as they serve in this way.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

The Bokgoni Sporting Club in Botswana is showcasing opportunities for at-risk teen girls to participate in life-skills training and sports. MMN requests prayer for increased community participation in this program.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Kate Widmer in Motbeliard, France, pg 27

Prayer Garden

Pray for the FEWZ and Jr. FEWZ youth groups. "FEWZ" comes from "First, Eden, West Zion"--the churches that founded the youth groups. Pastor Derek of Eden gives leadership to FEWZ (Sr. High) and Pastor Brad along with Josh and Emily Regier of Eden give leadership to the Jr. FEWZ (Jr. High) group. Pray that as they prepare to begin regular meetings again in the fall that kids would be engaged and grow in their knowledge of the Bible and love for Jesus.



We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:
 August 8: Geneva Wedel, Rachel Burge
 August 11: Daniel Kaufman

We wish a "**Happy Anniversary**" to:
 August 12: Will & Ellen Kaufman, Lici & Brad Roth
 August 13: Melvin & Jan Graber