

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications (Psalm 116:1).*

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 116:1-9
Blessed be God most merciful!

****Celebrating in song**
10,000 Reasons (VT 111)
We Are One in the Spirit (VT 387)

Children's Church & Nursery offered at this time

Scripture Titus 2:1-8 (NRSV) Ken Stucky

Message "Doctrine Lived out Loud" 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

Sharing from Austin Regier & Rebekah Darrah of STEPNC

****Sending Song** *The Lord Your God Is with you*

****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): Geneva Wedel

Sermon Notes

Doctrine Lived out Loud
Titus 2:1-8 (NRSV)

Theme

Live what you believe in community.

Key Verse

(Titus 2:7) Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured.

Notes

A Question

What is a way you can encourage someone this week?

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

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:00 AM: Prayer Lab in Conf. Rm **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Sandy Jantz
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman
7:00 PM: Hymn Sing in Fellowship Hall

Coming Events

Today: 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 "Anxious for Nothing"
Nov. 14: Mission Sunday at Eden Mennonite
Nov. 21: 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

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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. We're looking forward to **launching two sermon series soon:**
 - 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. **Invite a friend or neighbor!**
2. **Beginning this morning!**

Children's church: (taught by Lici Roth), 4 years old to 4th grade. Children go downstairs after singing through the end of the service for a time of study, singing, and craft designed just for them!

Nursery: (led by Kaleigh Guhr), Ages 1-3. Children meet Kaleigh at back of the sanctuary after the singing through the end of worship.

Prayer Lab in Conference Rm: 10:00-10:20 AM (led by Jim and Joanne Stucky). A time to meet and pray for the life and mission of the church.

There will be no formal 9:30 am Sunday School or fellowship this fall.
3. A **survey for the congregation** on a possible name change can be found in the church mailboxes. You are invited to fill out and return to the secretary's mailbox by September 26. More information on this can be found in the bulletin.
4. **The Flatlanders Biking Tour** sponsored by MCC is planning a rest stop at the West Zion church yard September 18 from 9:00-3:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Volunteers to greet them and donations to Flatlanders are acceptable. Prayers for a safe tour are requested by the Mission Team of West Zion. If questions, contact Geneva Wedel.
5. Next Sunday evening September 19 join Jan Dyck for a **hymn sing** in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Be thinking of your favorites!
6. **God has a plan** for our anxiety and worry. While anxiety is a part of life, it doesn't have to dominate life! You are invited to a Bible study exploring Phil. 4:4-8 called "Anxious for Nothing" by bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado. We will introduce the study and take book orders on Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 7-8 pm and will meet on

Wednesdays for five sessions. Carla Stucky will lead this study and is available to answer questions. Come check it out on Sept. 29!

7. 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.

General Announcements

8. Thank you for your generous support of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! Just recently, the relief sale board gave MCC a check for \$500,000 from the sale that took place in July! Thank you for donating your time and energy, making and buying food, donating and bidding on cars, furniture, quilts and art to support the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. In the past 14 months the Kansas sale has donated just under \$1 million (all during a pandemic!) to support the worldwide work of MCC. Your support becomes food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, and locally owned projects that address barriers to human flourishing, thank you.

9 MCC job opportunities for the U.S. and abroad are listed on the bulletin board.

10. Everence will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Tuesday, Sept. 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.

11. Bakers and Crafters Needed! Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for BCWA's Pie-By-The-Slice booth or any baked/craft item for the Market in the Round at Fall Fest 2021. Peppernuts, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cakes are popular items! Bring your **pies** (no refrigerated or custard pies please) to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center 4:00-6:30pm Friday, October 1 or 8:00-11:00am on Saturday, October 2. **Baked goods and craft** items can be dropped off at the Luyken Fine Arts Center Rm 140 on Friday 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday 7:00-8:00am. All proceeds go to support Bethel College.

Name Change SURVEY

Thank you to all who participated in the round table discussion on a name change this past Tuesday. This was an opportunity to ask questions, express feelings, and brainstorm possible name choices. A survey asking similar questions is in your mailbox and is due back on Sept. 26 (to the secretary's mailbox on the bottom row). You are invited to fill out the survey whether you attended the meeting or not. A timeline for the name change process is below:

- Survey is due back by September 26.
- October 7 - The NCC will meet to sort suggestions and brainstorm
- October - NCC will test name options with groups in the church and community.
- Late October - NCC will present a final proposal to Council for approval. Then NCC will get this proposal out to the congregation through a bulletin announcement, a note in boxes, and an informational meeting.
- November 21 - Congregational Budget Meeting. NCC hopes to bring a final name proposal to the congregation for a vote. This vote will be announced ahead of time.
- This timeline is flexible and may be extended if needed.

Please pray for the NCC and for our church as we continue to discern God's calling. We welcome your questions and concerns.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 5,844.00	\$ 6,737.23
Regular collections – year to date	\$106,765.70	\$ 93,397.20
 Budget	 \$165,158.00	 \$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(97,616.35)	(104,198.47)
Less: cash balance	<u>(17,671.88)</u>	<u>(13,682.18)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 49,869.77	\$ 45,590.35
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,117	\$ 2,849

West Zion Prayers

Tracy Duffman and family at the passing of her sister, Shirley

Lorene and Marlene's parents, recovering from pneumonia. Their father is home but their mother is still in the hospital.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for Western District Women in Mission, as they host their annual women's retreat at Camp Mennoscah this weekend.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer's family is together on the North American part of their two-way mission — between Ecuador and the United States — through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for God's leading, as health issues and logistical problems, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have caused many changes to their plans.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Magrit & Freddy Kipfer Barron in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, pg 32



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

September 13: Michelle Porter

September 14: Angela Azzarito

September 16: Brett Koehn

September 18: Will Kaufman