

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)*

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 19:7-14
God, I desire you more than gold.

****Celebrating in song**
When the Storms of Life Are Raging (HWB 558)
Oceans

Children's Church (4-yrs old to 4th grade) & Nursery (ages 1-3) offered at this time.

Scripture Mark 6:45-52 Donna Stucky

Message "Into the Storm" (Anchored) Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Praise You in the Storm*
(congregation joins on refrain)

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 *The Lord Lift You Up VT 832*

**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): Will & Ellen Kaufman

Sermon Notes

"Into the Storm" (Anchored)
Mark 6:45-52

Theme

Sometimes, Jesus sends us into the storm.

Key Verse

(Mark 6:48) He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them.

Notes

A Question

Have you experienced Jesus sending you into the storm? What was that like?

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Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org**

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World Communion Sunday, October 3, 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:** Carla Stucky
Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Prayer Lab 10-10:20 AM Conference Room
 Children's church and nursery (during worship)
Oct. 3: World Communion Sunday, communion received
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"
Oct. 6: 5:45 PM Meal & MYM
 6:15 PM Meal for adults, Jr FEWZ & FEWZ youth
 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study
Oct 16: Church picnic at Will & Ellen Kaufman's 5:00 PM
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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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 **celebrating communion** next week, World Communion Sunday. Let's examine our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table!
2. On World Communion Sunday (10/3/21), we will take a **special offering** in support of the Larsons, our mission partners in the Middle East.
3. The Gifts Discernment Committee will be taking **nominations for Deacon** on Sunday, October 3. Sharon Gehring is currently serving in this position and is eligible for another term.
4. The **Christian Homemakers** will meet October 14 at 7 PM in West Zion Fellowship Hall. The evening has some planning but maybe also some work projects to work with. All women of West Zion are invited to come for the fellowship.
5. Beginning 10/17 - "**Great Prayers**" 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!
6. **See what's new!**
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.
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.
7. Join us for food and fellowship at our **annual church picnic** at Will and Ellen Kaufman's, October 16, 5:00 PM! The Christian Discipleship Team will provide hotdogs and chips. Bring a side or dessert to share, as well as your table service (we'll have some extra on hand, just in case) and lawn chairs. If you have yard games, bring those along too! Address: 2635 Cheyenne Rd, Moundridge.
8. The **congregational survey** about a possible name change is due today. Thanks for taking time to fill it out!

9. **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 Max Lucado. We will introduce the study and take book orders on Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 7-8 pm. Carla Stucky will lead this study and is available to answer questions. Come check it out on Sept. 29!

General Announcements

10. The **Bethel College ensemble Open Road** (which includes Jerod Kaufman) will sing at Fall Fest on the Prairie Sky Stage on campus at 9:30 am on Saturday, Oct. 2. Jerod and Daniel Kaufman both play in the Jazz ensemble which performs at 2:00 pm outside (weather permitting) the same day. Find a full schedule of Fall Fest activities at <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival>.
11. The **Paradizo Choir**, in colorful dress and choreographed movement, will present a Benefit Concert at Hesston Mennonite Church, Sunday, October 10 at 4 PM. Freewill offerings will be designated for the Building Fund of the Amani Community Church, Wichita, Kansas. The Amani (Peace) church began in December 2019 by Pastor Masemo Wakibogo and is supported by the churches of South Central Mennonite Conference.
12. **Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for the 3rd MCC Color of Compromise webinar featuring Sandra Maria Van Opstal on September 28th at 1:00 p.m. EDT.** Writer and co-founder of Chasing Justice movement, Sandra will speak about the church's complicity in racism with the Hispanic and Latino community. Register here: https://mcc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mn84mcwBTHu_ggUajNFQKw.
13. **Take action to advocate for Haitian asylum seekers** by urging President Biden to immediately halt deportation flights to Haiti. Following the biblical call to welcome the stranger, MCC is asking that all deportation flights to Haiti be halted immediately and is seeking respect for basic human rights at the U.S./Mexico border.
14. Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5, **Everence Financial**® will host three informative webinars. Topics include *Making Medicare an easy step*, *Maximizing your year-end giving* and *Estate planning basics*. The online events are free. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/kansas or contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294, or central.kansas@everence.com.

15. A **Taco Tuesday fundraiser** for Mount Hope Sanctuary will take place on September 28 at Trinity Lutheran in McPherson. Come get a Knackies meal from 11 AM-1 PM and 5-7 PM and support Mount Hope. For information, go to <https://www.mthopesanctuary.org/taco-tuesday.html>. A poster is on the bulletin board.

Name Change SURVEY

The name change survey is due back today (to the secretary's mailbox on the bottom row). You are invited to fill out the survey whether you attended the Sept. 7 round table discussion or not. A timeline for the name change process is below:

- Survey is due back by today, 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. The proposal will then be announced 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.

West Zion Prayers

Donna's sister Jan is sick with Covid.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God's strength for chaplains, medical providers and others in WDC who serve hospitals, healthcare and hospice organizations, as they minister those impacted by the ongoing COVID pandemic.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Rejoice with Brian and Noelia Fox of MMN that COVID-19 cases in Spain are decreasing and in-person meetings for churches and schools are starting to resume. Pray for Brian and Noelia as they search for a place to hold their English classes.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Elena & Freddy Satalaya in Iquitos, Peru, pg 33

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,027.00	\$ 710.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$109,142.70	\$ 95,119.20
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(101,815.71)	(110,906.93)
Less: cash balance	(<u>15,849.52</u>)	(<u>8,695.72</u>)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 47,492.77	\$ 43,868.35
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,392	\$ 3,133

Dear Fall, we are ready for you!

