

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God (Psalm 146:5).*

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 146  
**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

### **\*\*Celebrating in song**

*I Know Not Why God's Wondrous (HWB 338)*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy! (HWB 120)*

Scripture                      Philippians 4:2-7                      Zettie Wedel

Message                      "The Lord Is Near"                      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**    *The Lord Your God Is with you (VT 173)*

**\*\*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): Leon & Virginia Guhr

### **Sermon Notes**

The Lord Is Near  
Philippians 4:2-7

Theme  
Jesus is with us.

Key Verse  
(Philippians 4:5) Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

### Notes

### A Question

When have you experienced the nearness of Jesus? What was it like?

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

## **Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**10:00:** Prayer Lab in Conf. Rm      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Pastor Brad              **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Ken Stucky  
**Greeter(s):** Geneva Wedel  
**Children's Church & Nursery offered during worship after the worship songs.**

### **Coming Events**

Sept. 7:            Round-table discussion of possible name change 7:00 PM  
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:           Mission Sunday  
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**

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  
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Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. 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.
2. **Beginning next Sunday Sept. 12 here is what is being offered:**
  - 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 but you are welcome to continue meeting for fellowship before prayer lab each Sunday.
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 recently met 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. **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!

6. **Thank you** to all for the prayers, food, visits, and support given to our family following Vanessa's death. It is much appreciated. - Tracy and Carl Duffman

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. **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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

9. **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.

10. The **Annual Report and financials** for the recently completed fiscal year of the Associated Ministries of Moundridge can be found on our foyer bulletin board. This information is also available on the AMM website [www.ammoundridge.org](http://www.ammoundridge.org). Call or text Rick Krehbiel at 620-386-4147 or email [rptk@mtelco.net](mailto:rptk@mtelco.net) if you have questions.

11. **Kauffman Museum and KIPCOR** events can be found on the bulletin board.

12. It's not too late to register (with a late fee) for 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.

### Name Change Process UPDATE

The Name Change Committee (NCC) Leon Guhr, Jan Dyck, Rondell Burge, Jennifer Suarez, Carla Stucky and Pastor Brad recently met 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	\$ 672.00	\$ 1,724.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$100,926.70	\$ 86,659.97
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	( 96,749.56)	( 92,554.25)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 12,698.11)</u>	<u>( 18,587.25)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 55,710.33	\$ 52,329.50
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,277	\$ 3,078

### **West Zion Prayers**

The Spurlin family from Goessel. The family of 7 is struggling with multiple, serious health concerns. The kids are students of Curtis and Crysta and friends of Kaleigh.

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

Give thanks for God’s faithfulness with WDC congregation Buhler (KS) Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their centennial today and look forward to fruitful ministry in the future!

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

This week, Amanda and Tyler Yoder, and their two toddlers, began a year-long SOOP assignment, through Mennonite Mission Network at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Pray for them as they work alongside camp staff in hosting, maintenance and wherever else they are needed.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

Jaden Hostetter in Ecuador, pg 32



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
September 6: Lexi Koehn  
September 10: Richard Golden