

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love (Psalm 25:6).*

Prelude Carla 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 25*
The Lord leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

****Celebrating in song**

I Know Not Why HWB 338
Good Good Father
Trinity Song VT 60

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

Scripture Jeremiah 14:1-10 Pastor Brad

Message "Honest to God" (Great Pray-ers)

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 STJ 73*

**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

"Honest to God" (Great Pray-ers)
Jeremiah 14:1-10

Theme

In prayer, we acknowledge our sinfulness and trust in God's mercy.

Key Verse

(Jeremiah 14:9b) You are among us, O LORD, and we bear your name; do not forsake us!

Notes

A Question

Where do you make excuses for yourself before God? Where do you find it hard to cling to God's mercy?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 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:** Carolyn Schmidt
Greeter(s): Carl & Tracy Duffman **Singers:** Jennifer & Carla

Coming Events

Today: Noon potluck meal and budget meeting
Dec. 1: Adult Bible Study 7-8 PM
Dec. 5: Christian Homemakers meet at 6:00 at Sharon
 Gehring's
Dec. 8: Children's Choir practice 6:30-7 PM
 Adult Bible Study 7-8 PM
Dec. 15: Children's Choir practice 6:30-7 PM
 Adult Bible Study 7-8 PM
 Church Council 8 PM
Dec. 22: Children's Choir practice 6:30-7 PM
 Adult Bible Study 7-8 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service
Jan. 15: Name change informational & storytelling
 meeting 7 PM
Jan. 23: Noon meal, Annual meeting, and vote on name change

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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Pastor Brad's email: bradroth@westzionmc.org

Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Church: 620-345-8143
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West Zion Announcements

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

1. After worship this morning, all are invited to a **potluck meal**. Don't worry if you didn't bring any food, there will be plenty! Following the meal, we will hold our **Annual Budget Meeting** where the 2022 budget will be presented and members will vote on it.
2. We're launching our annual **White Christmas Project!** This year, we're creating relief buckets for Haiti through MCC (Mennonite Central Committee). Check the foyer display for a list of items that go in the buckets. You can also donate (just write check to West Zion and mark "relief kits" in memo). The White Christmas Project will run throughout Advent and wrap up on Christmas Eve.
3. **Who is this child born of Mary?** Each week during Advent, Pastor Brad will lead us in a teaching series called "What a Beautiful Name." We'll deepen our understanding of four names of Jesus: Word, My Lord, Immanuel, and Jesus. Also, join us for a "What a Beautiful Name" adult discussion series on Wednesday nights @ 7:00 PM! (12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22). It's a chance to explore further what was taught in the sermon. Led by Ellen Kaufman.
4. The **bulletin will be completed early** this week due to Thanksgiving. Please have announcements to Carla by Wednesday noon, Nov. 24, thanks.
5. A **hymn sing** will take place tonight at 7:00 PM in West Zion Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested is invited to come and sing!
6. **Attention singers!** The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be again singing this year after not being able to the last two years. If you would like to join us, please contact Ken Stucky and sign up today for the 2022 concert season! We are doing a two concert series this year. Our first concert is April 24 at Bethel College in North Newton and our second concert will be May 1 at Bethany College in Lindsborg.
7. Carla Stucky will be working on the **2022 Greeter's List** in the next few weeks. Greeters generally meet at the church at 10:15 to greet familiar faces and those who might be new to the church. You are assigned to greet 3-4 times a year. If you aren't on the list but would like to be OR if you would like to be taken off the list, let Carla know.

8. **Christian Homemakers** will again collect **used greeting cards** for the St. Jude Children's Project. Put the entire card into the box on the foyer shelf.

9. Christian Homemakers will meet on December 5 at 6:00 PM at Sharon Gehring's home for a **Christmas gathering with finger foods**. All women of the church are welcome to come for fellowship.

General Announcements

10. **Bethel College Wind Ensemble Winter Concert** will be held on Monday, November 22 at 7 PM in the Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.
11. **Sat., Dec. 4 – Five Places of Christmas, the annual holiday open house, includes Kauffman Museum and Goerz House on the Bethel College campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** No charge for admission. The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is the host at Goerz House, where there will be baked goods and other items for sale. Please plan to wear a face covering indoors and follow all COVID-19 protocols requested by the venue. (Other locations: Warkentin House, Harvey County Historical Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery, all in Newton.)
12. The 26th Annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** will be served at the McPherson Community Building on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30-1:30 pm. All are welcome. Volunteers are needed for setting up on Nov. 24 and on Nov. 25. Information is on the bulletin board.
13. **All bakers and craft makers** are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday December 4 at Goerz House on Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, craft items, and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 3, from 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday, December 4 from 7:00-9:00am. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

Name Change Process

The Name Change Committee (NCC) presented a proposal to Council on 10/27/21 to change the name of our church to “Eastside Fellowship.” Council approved moving forward with this name. NCC has put the name change proposal along with answers to frequently asked questions in your church mailboxes. An informational and storytelling meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The vote to change our name will take place on Sunday, January 23 at the Annual Meeting. Continue to pray for this process, the NCC Committee and our congregation.

| BUDGET SUMMARY | This Year | Last Year |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Regular collections – this week | \$ 470.00 | \$ 1,012.50 |
| Regular collections – year to date | \$130,832.93 | \$112,063.28 |
| | | |
| Budget | \$165,158.00 | \$162,552.00 |
| Less: expended to date | (130,832.93) | (134,149.14) |
| Less: cash balance | <u>(7,724.62)</u> | <u>(7,259.87)</u> |
| Receipts needed to meet budget | \$ 25,799.91 | \$ 22,061.99 |
| Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget | \$ 4,300 | \$ 3,677 |
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| MCC Meat canning – final total | \$ 1,800.00 | |

West Zion Prayers

Gerry, recovering from knee surgery at Schowalter Villa

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for God’s faithfulness, goodness and generosity, and the many ways that WDC congregations share these gifts so that God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Liz Breckbill and Erin McWilliams are participants in MMN’s Alamosa, Colorado, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the ministry of the Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, through educating local youth on environmental issues in their community and contributing to environmental restoration.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Debbie & Rick Lee, Jocelyn Baker, Malachi Lind in Service Adventure, Jackson, MI, pg 53



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
November 27: Jerod Kaufman
Fynn Burge

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:
November 27: Larry & Karen Loganbill