

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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1st Sunday of Advent

Words for silent meditation: *The LORD is king (Psalm 93:1).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent candle

Call to Worship, Psalm 93
God, you are holy and true!

****Celebrating in song**
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HWB 178
What a Beautiful Name

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

Scripture John 1:1-18 Carolyn Schmidt

Message "The Word" (What a Beautiful Name) Pastor Brad

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the back table.*)

MCC Relief Kits video

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

Hanging of Advent ornament

****Sending Song** *In the Beginning VT 270*

****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): Kirk & Carla Stucky

Sermon Notes

The Word
John 1:1-18

Theme
Jesus came to show us God.

Key Verse
(John 1:14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Notes

A Question
What are ways you have come to know Jesus more deeply in the last year?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
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2nd Sunday of Advent, December 5, 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:** Harvey Thiessen
Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

Coming Events

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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West Zion Announcements

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

1. 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.

2. **We're assembling a children's choir for Christmas!** Practices are Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall during Advent (December 8, 15, 22). The choir will perform at our Christmas Eve service. Children's choir is aimed at kids 4-years-old to 4th grade.

3. Check out the **Angel Tree** in our foyer. Angel Tree is a local program run by Angela Azzarito that connects those in need with folks who can help. There are options to buy presents for adults and children, as well as to help cover back-tuition at the daycare.

4. You are invited to join Carl Duffman in **Advent reading** for the month of December. Beginning with December 1, read one chapter of Luke each day through December 24 (24 chapters). On Christmas Day, you will know why we celebrate the reason for the season!

5. Our **missionary partners** from the Arabian Gulf, the Larsons, have sent a Christmas letter with prayer requests. This can be found on the bulletin board.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. 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.

9. **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.

10. Christian Homemakers will meet on December 5 at 6:00 PM at Sharon Gehring's home for a **Christmas gathering with finger foods** (1901 Iris Village). All women of the church are welcome to come for fellowship.

General Announcements

11. Have yourself a **honkin' good holiday**, December 17 from 4-6 p.m.! MCC is thrilled to host this drive-thru event again this year. Order your charcuterie box(es) today to enjoy in the comfort of your home, spread Christmas joy and order extra to give as gifts! Suggested donation per box is \$25. We're also collecting items for MCC hygiene kits at this event. Place your order by 5 p.m. on December 9. Details and order form are on mcc.org. Questions? Please call 316.283.2720.

12. 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.)

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 proposed 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.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
December 3: Hildie Burge

West Zion Prayers

Erin Kelley’s grandmother, recovering after knee surgery

Gerry, now recovering at home after knee surgery

Ruby will have hip replacement surgery on December 2.

Mission Partners the Larsons ask for prayer to find time for God, transitions in a new place, and leadership.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for pastors, musicians, worship leaders and teachers who guide WDC congregations in celebrating the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Alfonsina and José Oyanguren have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches in the Argentine Chaco since 2004, serving through a partnership with Argentina Mennonite Church, MMN and churches in Ohio. Pray for them and their children as they build relationships and promote Indigenous languages and cultures.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Luisa Dutchersmith, Lexie Coburn, Eric and Julie Yoder in Service
Adventure PA, pg 53

ADVENT PRAYER FOCUS

Each week, Mission Team is highlighting a different part of our church’s mission for prayer. Children will be making an ornament that reflects the prayer focus during Children’s Church and hanging it on the tree at the end of service.

Pray for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), active in 47 countries with 968 workers worldwide. MCC works in peace, development, and relief projects around the globe in the name of Jesus. Our White Christmas Project this Advent is making relief kits for Haiti.