

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *I will sing praises to my God all my life long (Psalm 146:2).*

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**

*Days of Elijah
Good, Good Father*

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

Scripture 1 Kings 17:17-24 Pastor Brad

Message "Stretch Your Prayers" (Great Prayer-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 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): Kirk & Carla Stucky

Sermon Notes

Stretch Your Prayers
1 Kings 17:17-24

Theme

Push through in prayer.

Key Verse

(1 Kings 17:21) [Elijah] stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

Notes

A Question

Are there places where you give up quickly in prayer? Why do you think that is?

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

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Mission Sunday at Eden, November 14, 2021

401 18th Avenue, Moundridge

9:30 AM: Worship Service

10:30 AM: Sunday School

No meal

Coming Events

- Nov. 10: 5:45 PM Meal & MYM
6:15 PM Meal for adults, Jr FEWZ & FEWZ youth
- Nov. 13: SPACE in Fellowship Hall at 9 AM
- Nov. 14: 9:30 AM Mission Sunday worship **at Eden Mennonite**,
no meal
- Nov. 15: MCC Meat Canning
- Nov. 18: Christian Homemakers work day 1-5 PM
- Nov. 21: Noon potluck meal and budget meeting
- Dec. 5: Christian Homemakers meet at 6:00 at Sharon
Gehring's
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
- Jan. 15: Name change informational & storytelling
meeting 7 PM
- Jan. 23: 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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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. We are in our **Great Prayers sermon series** looking at 5 men and women of prayer in the Old Testament: Abraham, Hannah, Solomon, Elijah, and Jeremiah. How can their examples lead us to grow in our prayer lives?
2. **All women are invited** to join Lici for SPACE on November 13 @ 9:00 AM in the Conference Room. SPACE is a time to share what's going on in our lives and pray for and support one another.
3. Next Sunday, November 14, **West Zion is invited to join with Eden and First Mennonite AT EDEN** to celebrate Mission Sunday. Worship will begin at 9:30 AM, followed by Sunday School at 10:30 AM. **Eden's guidelines about masks say this: "We recommend all individuals 2 years and above wear a mask indoors when 6-foot distance cannot be maintained."** The speaker is Sara Wenger Shenk, preacher, seminary professor, and author of the book *Tongue Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith*. There will be no meal served this year. Eden is located at 401 18th Avenue. There will be no worship services held at West Zion next Sunday.
4. On Sunday, November 21, all are invited to a **potluck meal** following worship. Table service and drinks will be provided. Following the meal, we will hold our **Annual Budget Meeting** where the 2022 budget will be presented and members will vote on it.
5. The **Name Change Committee** has proposed the name of Eastside Fellowship for a new church name. A name change proposal and answers to frequently asked questions can be found in your church mailboxes.
6. **MCC meat canning** will be Monday November 15th. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Our church needs to raise \$1,400 to purchase meat. **The money needed to purchase meat has been raised**, thank you for your donations.
7. **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.

8. Christian Homemakers will meet November 18 from 1:00-5:00 PM for a work afternoon and 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.

9. If you or someone you know would be willing to **provide special music for upcoming worship services**, Music Committee would be delighted to know about it. Please contact:

Jan Dyck: jkaydyck@yahoo.com

Donna Stucky: donrayes@gmail.com

General Announcements

10. 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.

11. **NEW Seek discipleship program for young adults:** Seek is a new six-month intentional discipleship program from MCC which encourages young adults (18-20 years of age) to learn more deeply what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus. The Seek program begins in January 2022 and takes place in Palestine and Israel. To learn more, visit mcc.org/seek.

12. **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!

13. **SALT applications are now open!** Are you interested in learning a new language, visiting a new country, and joining a new community abroad? SALT applications are now open! Through SALT (young adults ages 18-30), practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture, community health care and more. For information, visit mcc.org/SALT or contact Abby Endashaw abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

14. Tues., Nov. 9 – **Bethel College's Organ Recital Series** returns in-person with Shirley Sprunger King, D.M.A., 7 p.m. in the Ad

Building chapel. Chapel seating will be limited, and there will be a livestream option in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

15. Sun., Nov. 14 – **KIPCOR Film Series:** A Home Called Nebraska, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Emily Haverkamp, an immigration and asylum lawyer from Wichita, will lead the discussion following the screening. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

16. **Kauffman Museum** at Bethel College seeks a visitor services coordinator: an organized, detail-oriented, social media-savvy, curious, friendly individual to work 75-100% FTE with visitors, school groups, volunteers and student staffers, and to do scheduling and internal office management. The VSC will be a part of a multitasking team of five. For the job description and to apply, visit <http://www.kauffmanmuseum.org/vsc>. For more information, contact Andi Andres at asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 564.00	\$ 2,454.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$124,174.77	\$109,340.78
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(125,831.88)	(128,870.40)
Less: cash balance	(<u>6,868.05</u>)	(<u>9,816.11</u>)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 32,458.07	\$ 24,784.49
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 4,057	\$ 3,098
MCC Meat canning collected to date	\$ 1,450.00	

West Zion Prayers

We give thanks for the birth of Isabel Rose, born to Darin and Carolyn’s son Josh and his wife Erin!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC Pastors’ Day Apart on November 13, that the Holy Spirit would guide participants and presenter Sara Wenger Shenk in exploring the theme, Tongue-Tied: Is Talking About Faith a Lost Art?

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Sue and Wally Fahrner’s ministries of music, church-planting, pastoring and counseling in the United Kingdom, which spanned nearly four decades. Pray for them as they continue to serve God in their retirement in Liverpool, England.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Michael Oyer, Kelby Youngberg, Ginny Miller, Isaiah Fellers in Service Adventure Alaska, pg 52



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
November 8: Norman Funk
November 9: Ruby Koehn

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.