

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

Vol. LVI                      December 12, 2021                      No. 50

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Words for silent meditation: *Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid (Isaiah 12:2).*

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: Joy

Call to Worship, *from* Isaiah 12:2-6  
Surely God is my salvation / **I will trust, and will not be afraid.**  
The LORD GOD is my strength and my might / **he has become my salvation.**  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion / **for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**\*\*Celebrating in song**  
*O Come, O Come, Immanuel HWB 172*  
*What a Beautiful Name*  
*Immanuel, Immanuel*

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

Scripture                      Matthew 1:18-24                      Carl Duffman

Message                      "Immanuel" (What a Beautiful Name)                      Pastor Brad

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

**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** *What Child is This / Helpless and Hungry* (STS 26)

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

Greeter(s): Norman Funk

### Sermon Notes

Immanuel (What a Beautiful Name)  
Matthew 1:18-24

### Theme

God is with us both now and for the future.

### Key Verse

(Matthew 1:23) "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."

### Notes

### A Question

When was a time that you felt God's nearness? What was it like?

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

Streaming license # 20084674

OneLicense #A-738752

## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2021**

**10:00 AM:** Prayer Lab in Conf. Rm    **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Pastor Brad                    **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad        **Scripture:** Carla Stucky  
**Greeter(s):** Sharon Gehring

### **Coming Events**

Dec. 15:        Children's Choir practice 6:30-7 PM  
                  Adult Discussion Series 7-8 PM  
                  Church Council 8 PM  
Dec. 17:        Bloodmobile at West Zion  
Dec. 22:        Children's Choir practice 6:30-7 PM  
                  Adult Discussion Series 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**

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  
Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)  
Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

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

1. **All are invited** to a Christmas Eve program on Friday, December 24! Prelude 5:00-5:30 PM, program 5:30-6:30 PM.
2. For our annual **White Christmas Project** we are collecting relief bucket items 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. It is time to make **changes in our yearbook** for the 2022 printing in February. Current yearbook addresses are on a table in the foyer. Please make any changes with the red pen provided. Check family member information as well, thanks!
4. **We're assembling a children's choir for Christmas!** Practices are Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall during Advent (December 15 & 22). The choir will perform at our Christmas Eve service. Children's choir is aimed at kids 4-years-old to 4th grade.
5. **Who is this child born of Mary?** Each week during Advent, Pastor Brad is leading 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! (12/15 and 12/22). It's a chance to explore further what was taught in the sermon. Led by Ellen Kaufman.
6. Carla Stucky will be working on the **2022 Greeters 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.
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. **Yearbook change:** Jan Dyck has a new cell phone number 620-245-7094. Please change in your yearbook.

## General Announcements

9. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for December 17, 2021 starting at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at The West Zion Mennonite Church. Please enter through the west doors. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Denise at 620-386-0112 or email [hdstucky@mtelco.net](mailto:hdstucky@mtelco.net).
10. **The MCC Comforter Blitz Committee is looking for additional committee members!** Would you be interested in assisting the making of comforters for Mennonite Central Committee, and helping to plan the annual three-day comforter making event in Yoder, Kansas? If so, we would love your skills and your voice! If interested, please reach out to Committee Chair, Kara Klingenberg at [k.klingenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:k.klingenberg@hotmail.com) or call her at 620-983-9003 for more information. We are currently looking for a treasurer, advertising help, and anyone else who is interested in helping.
11. The **McPherson Community Brass Choir** under the direction of Jerry Toews will give their Christmas Brass Concert Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 PM in the Goessel HS gym. This event is sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Note the location change accommodating for social distancing. Come and enjoy a festive brass Christmas concert!
12. **Bethel College events:** *Bethel's COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing to the extent possible and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.* **Sun., Dec. 12 – Lighting of the Green** returns in-person this year; 8 p.m. on the Bethel College campus.

## 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.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,986.00	\$ 3,900.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$140,826.93	\$120,754.80
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	( 147,331.08)	(141,129.53)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 2,381.01)</u>	<u>( 8,981.99)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 15,445.91	\$ 13,359.48
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 5,149	\$ 4,453

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

Pray for generous financial support for WDC and its congregations, to help meet ministry and budget goals for this year.

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

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Orodara region, where many of Burkina Faso’s Mennonites live. Foreign-sponsored guerilla fighters are making it difficult for people to go to work and for children to attend school. Pray for the Mennonites’ peace witness, for the families of the more than 1,500 people who have died and for the more than 1.3 million displaced people in Burkina Faso.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

Youth Venture service in Benin, Colombia and other communities.

### **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 the Larsons, our mission partners in north Africa. The Larsons work to create culturally sensitive media in local dialects that point people to the good news of Jesus.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
December 13: Mac Bretz, Mateo Roth  
December 17: Brad Roth

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:  
December 17: Brian & Laura Bretz