

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. (Psalm 27:3)*

Prelude “A Dorian Pastorale” – Eric H. Thiman Donna 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 27*
All my trust is in God.

****Celebrating in song**

*Here in This Place
Lord, I Need You
Spirit of the Living God*

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

Scripture Luke 13:31-35 Zettie Wedel

Message “How to Pick up Chicks” Pastor Brad

Extinguishing the cross candle

Each week we will extinguish a candle on the altar cross to mark our journey with Christ toward the darkness of the crucifixion. The final candle will be extinguished at our Maundy Thursday service on April 14.

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

Song for Meditation “Change my heart, O God”
by Eddie Espinosa/Arranged by Fred Bock

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 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel

Sermon Notes

How to Pick up Chicks
Luke 13:31-35

Theme

Jesus calls us to gather.

Key Verse

(Luke 13:34) O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

Notes

A Question

How have you been intentional about spending time reflecting on your life with Jesus?

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

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Sunday, March 20, 2022

9:00-9:45 AM: "Lamenting Racism" Discussion

10:00 AM: Prayer in Conf Room **10:30 AM:** Worship Service

Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Erin Kelley

Greeter(s): Carl & Tracy Duffman

Coming Events

- Today: Congregational vote on the Foyer Remodel project
immediately following worship
- March 26: Verenike Making, Hillsboro
- March 27: Communion received
- April 2: Bohnne Berroggi making, Moundridge
- April 3: 7:00 PM Evangelism workshop
- April 8-9: MCC Relief Sale in Hutchinson, KS
- April 9: Run for Relief at 8:00 am at Rice Park in Hutchinson
- April 14: 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday – soup and bread meal,
communion, foot washing in Fellowship Hall
- April 17: 6:45 AM – Sunrise service
7:15 AM – Easter breakfast
10-12 AM – Photo booth open
- April 29: Bloodmobile at WZ

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

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Lent is a season of preparation** in which the church focuses on repentance from sin and turning toward God. This year, Pastor Brad will be teaching on spiritual disciplines as ways that God calls us to himself.
2. The **Foyer Remodel Committee** has been working on a plan for updating our church foyer. Council approved moving forward with a congregational vote. The project details and cost were shared in a congregational meeting last week and a **congregational vote will take place this morning following worship.**
3. **How can we better connect with friends and neighbors to invite them to Easter?** Join us on April 3, 7:00-8:00 PM for an evangelism workshop with Rachel Bachman! Rachel will lead us through a series of discussions and activities meant to help us hone our skills for sharing the Good News.
4. **Get a quick Easter picture!** Mission Team has hired a professional photographer to set up a photo booth to take quick, fun Easter pictures from 10:00-12:00. (WZ folks: We recommend that if you want a picture that you try to get yours before worship to leave space for guests to get theirs after worship. Picture times are short and we may not be able to fit everyone in. It's meant to just be a fun way to invite visitors and celebrate the morning. We are not making a directory from these pictures.)
5. The **informational meeting** on the MCUSA resolutions was cancelled last Sunday due to weather and will be rescheduled at a later date. We encourage you to read through the resolutions that were placed in church mailboxes a few weeks ago. You can also learn more by going to: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>
6. There is now a new projector! Thank you to the Trustees for their work on this project.
7. The **yearbooks are done**, hallelujah! There is a copy in your church mailbox and a few extras by the mailboxes. You are invited to put your old yearbooks in the secretary mailbox for recycling.

8. Join Pastor Brad for a discussion of the Herald Press video series "**Lamenting Racism**," Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 AM, February 27 – April 10. "Lamenting Racism" applies the Bible to the challenge of racism in America and opens space for self-reflection. Racism is a challenging topic for our times, but one worth wrestling with.

General Announcements

9. **Bohne berrogie bake** day for the MCC sale will be on April 2 at Moundridge High. Volunteers are needed to fill the berrogie. Shifts are at 6:45 and 9:00. Please wear a head covering. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428 or at bmj@lrmutual.com. Let's make this happen for MCC.
10. A **Moundridge Lions Club Feed** complete with omelets, pancakes, juice and coffee will be offered on Saturday, March 26 from 7 AM to 11 AM at the Senior Center. Proceeds will go to the Lions Club for eyeglasses, sending local students to the Lions Club band camp, and helping with community needs. Information is on the board.
11. **Bethel College:**
Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, Susan and David Harmon, "Painterly Aesthetics: An Expressive Duet," through April 7 (closing reception April 7).
Sun., March 20 – Bethel College's Staley Lecture Series presents Karen González, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. González is the author of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong*.
Fri.-Sun., March 25-27 – Spring musical at Bethel College, *Bright Star* by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets for sale at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (316-284-5205 for credit card orders), online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts>, or at the door, subject to availability. *Adult language and themes – not intended for young audiences.*

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 4,915.74	\$ 4,342.17
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 40,095.86	\$ 47,890.76
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(18,952.50)	(22,578.66)
Less: cash balance	(25,913.71)	(32,079.69)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$112,433.79	\$110,499.65
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,677	\$ 2,631

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they consider nominees for elected leadership positions in our conference.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Prince of Peace Mennonite Church and the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, as Zaden Issah, Sam Setiawan and leader Michael Oyer recently welcomed three new participants from Germany: Sarah Huber, Alexander Mantler and Daniel Schumacher. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Karen Spicher & Jae Young Lee in Namyangju, South Korea, pg 14

MCC RELIEF SALE AT KS STATE FAIRGROUNDS
April 8-9, 2022 kansas.mccsale.org Like on Facebook
Contacts for West Zion: Mike and Connie Kaufman

The Sale’s purpose is to **raise funds for Mennonite Central Committee**. Churches are called upon to donate toward the sale budget so that every dollar raised at the sale is donated to MCC. Checks can be made to West Zion with MCC in the memo.

Note the **quilt** hanging above the steps going down to the basement at West Zion. This beautiful quilt has been worked on by various West Zion women and will be donated to the Relief Sale.

Coins needed for the Coins Count offering! Bring your coins up to the front during offering each Sunday morning to put in the jug. Cash is also welcome!

Challenge yourself to participate in the **Run for Relief**, a 5K run/walk the Saturday of the sale. Registration forms can be found in the church foyer.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

- March 12: Jan Graber
- March 15: Margie Huxman
- March 18: Maleya White

During the season of Lent, Mission Team invites you to get to know your community. Each week, we’re proposing a neighboring experiment. Neighboring experiments are opportunities for you to connect with your neighbors and build community. Easter (April 17) is also a great time to invite new folks to join us for worship, and neighboring experiments can help lay the groundwork for that invitation!

This week’s neighboring experiment:
 Do you know all of your 8 closest neighbors?
 Can you meet at least 1 new one?