

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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### *LENT 3*

Words for silent meditation: *O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (Psalm 63:8)*

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 63  
O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;  
**my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**  
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will  
praise you.  
**So I will bless you as long as I live.**  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises  
you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and  
meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
**You have been my help, and in the shadow of your  
wings I sing for joy.**

**\*\*Celebrating in song**

*Come, Thou Fount (HWB 521)  
Lord, I Need You*

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

Scripture                      Luke 13:1-9                      Erin Kelley

Message, "Of Roots and Fruits"

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

## Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*Raise your hand, and we'll bring the mic to you. You can also communicate joys and concerns to Pastor Brad ahead of time, text them to him: 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**

Greeter(s): Carl & Tracy Duffman

### Sermon Notes

Of Roots and Fruits  
Luke 13:1-9

#### Theme

Jesus calls us to repentance and hope.

#### Key Verse

(Luke 13:8b-9) Leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.

#### Notes

#### A Question

Take some time to sit quietly with God this week. What comes up in you that you need to be honest with God about and repent? Where do you need to hang on to God's hope for you?

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

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## **Sunday, March 27, 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:** Donna Stucky

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman

**Greeter(s):** Jan Dyck

## **Coming Events**

- March 26: Verenike Making, Hillsboro  
March 27: Communion received  
March 30: 7:00 pm Informational meeting on MCUSA resolutions  
April 2: Bohne Berroggi making, Moundridge  
April 3: 7:00 PM Evangelism workshop  
April 7: 1:00 PM Baking for MCC Sale at West Zion  
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 @ Russ Stucky's pasture  
7:15 AM – Easter breakfast  
10-12 PM – 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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Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

### **Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:**

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

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Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

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Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## 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. Next week, March 27, **we'll be celebrating communion**. Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table.
3. The **informational meeting** on two current MCUSA resolutions has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 PM. The two resolutions calling for retiring the Membership Guidelines and for repentance and transformation challenge the traditional biblical teachings of the church around sexuality. Council would like to make the congregation aware of these resolutions and hear feedback to help our West Zion delegate know how to vote at a special assembly in May. Copies of these resolutions were placed in mailboxes and will be available at the meeting. You can also learn more by going to: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>
4. The **foyer remodel project proposal** was passed last Sunday and work has begun! Bulletin board announcements can be found in the back of the church on a table, check them out!
5. Christian Homemakers will be **baking for the MCC Relief Sale** on Thursday, April 7 beginning at 1:00 PM. A sign-up sheet for ingredients is on a table in the back of the church.
6. **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.
7. **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.)

8. 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.
9. Join Pastor Brad for a discussion of the Herald Press video series "**Lamenting Racism**," Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 AM through 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

10. **Cottonwood Complex Fire:** The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is currently responding to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County Kansas. Each day we need 1-2 skid steer loaders, a track machine is helpful or a tractor with loader and a grapple fork is very helpful. We can use 4-6 volunteers each day to help with a cutting torch, sifting through and picking up debris. Please contact Cleo Koop at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com) or 316-282-0797 if you can help.
11. **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 [bmg@lrmutual.com](mailto:bmg@lrmutual.com). Let's make this happen for MCC.
12. 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.
13. **Bethel College** summer camp schedule can be found at the back of the church on a table. **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 in Schultz Student Center, online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts>, or at the door, subject to availability. *Adult language and themes – not intended for young audiences.* **April 5** – guest artist Aaron Linscheid, trumpet with BC jazz ensemble.

| <b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>                             | <b>This Year</b> | <b>Last Year</b> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Regular collections – this week                   | \$ 3,430.00      | \$ 1,192.00      |
| Regular collections – year to date                | \$ 43,525.86     | \$ 49,082.76     |
| <br>  |                  |                  |
| Budget  | \$157,300.00     | \$165,158.00     |
| Less: expended to date                            | ( 22,747.50)     | ( 25,592.56)     |
| Less: cash balance                                | ( 25,548.71)     | ( 30,257.79)     |
| Receipts needed to meet budget                    | \$109,003.79     | \$109,307.65     |
| Avg. offering per Sunday needed<br>to meet budget | \$ 2,659         | \$ 2,631         |

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

**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.

Mateo Roth is raising funds for Run for Relief! Talk to him if you would like to sponsor his run.

### West Zion Prayers

Family of Bill Kempf at Bill's passing.  
 Family of Jane Wedel at her passing.  
 Lory's father-in-law Gary, recently diagnosed with cancer and her mother-in-law Rosemary dealing with some health issues.  
 Royce & Sandy as Royce has knee replacement surgery on March 22 in Wichita.  
 Connie G. going in for back surgery on Tuesday March 22

### Prayer Request from Western District Conference

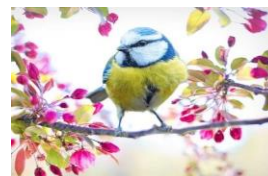
Give thanks for the work of the WDC Immigration Task Force, as they connect and equip congregations that are offering hospitality and advocating for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

### Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

MMN requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who has worked with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland since 2016. Pray for him as he juggles teaching locally and internationally with pursuing a mostly online doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

### Mosaic Directory in pews

Laura Schlabach in Mongolia, pg 15



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
 March 20: Lory Fisher  
 March 24: Abbi Bretz

*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:**  
 Pick a leader in the church (not the pastor!) and send them an encouraging text, note, or phone call.