

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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### *LENT 4*

Words for silent meditation: *Be glad in the LORD and rejoice (Psalm 32:11).*

Prelude    Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome    Pastor Brad Roth  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all / **and also  
with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship and Confession of Sins, *from* Psalm 32  
Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is  
covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no  
iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

[pause to confess our sins silently to God]

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to God.  
**At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.**  
God preserves us from trouble.  
**God surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.**

### **\*\*Celebrating in song**

*I Know Not Why God's Wondrous HWB 338  
Christ, Be All around Me*

Scripture                      Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32                      Ellen Kaufman

Special Music "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"    Lory and Carla

Message                      "Go to the Father's Table"                      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.*)

### **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

Gathering at the Lord's Table  
*The Lord be with you... (on screen)*

**Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest**

*Prayer continues...*

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

Communion song                      *All Who Are Thirsty*

**\*\*Sending Song**    *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling HWB 491*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

## **Sunday, April 3, 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:** Brian Bretz

**Greeter(s):** Kirk & Carla Stucky

**7:00 pm:** Evangelism workshop with Rachel Bachman

## **Coming Events**

Today: 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 10: Palm Sunday evening service (details to follow)  
April 12-15: 12-12:30 PM Daily prayer through Zoom  
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 by  
Black Kettle State Fishing Lake  
7:30ish AM – Easter breakfast at West Zion  
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**

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. **Easter lilies** can be ordered to decorate the sanctuary in Honor of and/or in Memory of a loved one on Easter morning. One lily will cost \$16. Notify Carla at 620-386-0414 by Monday, April 4 if you would like to order one.

2. The **informational meeting** on two current MCUSA resolutions will be 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 delegate know how to vote at a special assembly in May. Copies of these resolutions will be available at the meeting.

3. **Join us Tuesday-Friday, April 12-15, 12:00-12:30 PM during Holy Week for daily prayer.** Follow this Zoom link to gather for a half hour of prayer focused on preparing our hearts in holiness and asking God to bring newcomers to share in the joy of Christ's resurrection. Even if you can't log on, we invite you to be united in prayer during that time. Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79746893434?pwd=nuJGW4ofq4TKuz00sQzjqEesCzlgq.1>

4. **Join us on April 3 for a time of prayer and an Evangelism Workshop w/Rachel Bachman!**

- 6:00-6:30 PM - Prayer meeting in the Conference Room
- 7:00-8:00 PM Evangelism Workshop w/ Rachel Bachman



Rachel Bachman of Hesston will lead us in an engaging time of thinking through our sphere of influence for the kingdom and developing practical skills for sharing our faith. Rachel and her family are members at Whitestone. Her son attends Bethel College and her daughter is a student at Berean. Rachel works for Big Brother, Big Sister. Says Rachel, "I just want to give away the love of the Lord because of what he's done for me."

5. Are you passionate about connecting children to the love of Christ? Our community **Vacation Bible School program** is looking

to assemble a steering committee and find a director for summer 2022. Interested? Talk to Pastor Brad.

6. **Green Heart Exchange** is looking for host families for foreign exchange students, including three students from the Ukraine. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Perrin at 620-654-3595. More info is on the back table.

7. 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.

8. **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.)

## General Announcements

9. You are invited to attend the "**Getting Ahead**" Graduation for STEPNC. This is a night of inspiration and hope as we celebrate people working to overcome poverty! The graduation will be held on Monday, April 11 at First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge at 6:00 pm. All are invited to come and see what STEPNC is about and stay for the reception following the program.

10. **Join the MCC Thrifty 50 Challenge!** 50 years ago the first MCC thrift shop opened and now there are 85 shops that provide millions of dollars each year for MCC's work. To celebrate, we're inviting you to sign up for the Thrifty 50 Challenge to get one practical challenge sent to your inbox and have a chance to win a \$25 MCC Thrift gift card. Visit [thrift.mcc.org](http://thrift.mcc.org) to find a shop near you and learn more about MCC Thrift!

11. MCC in North Newton will be hosting a two-part **Beginner's Quilt Piecing Class** on Friday, May 6th and May 13th, from 1-4 pm taught by Ann Yoder Smith and Charlotte Wenger. This class is for anyone 18+ years old who has an interest in learning and/or improving basic cutting and piecing skills. Must have a sewing machine to bring and know how to thread and wind bobbins. The class will cover rotary

cutting, ironing techniques, squaring up fabric, seam matching, layout choices, and more! Pre-registration is required with a limit of 8 students. Cost is \$20 per person. If interested, please contact Ann Yoder Smith at [rws.ays@gmail.com](mailto:rws.ays@gmail.com), or call 919-604-3282.

12. The **Hesston College Chorale** under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian and Ken Rodgers will present a music program entitled "Shine the Light" at churches in the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and France May 17 to June 7, 2022. The choir will perform a send-off concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 13 at Hesston Mennonite Church. A free-will offering will be taken to help offset tour expenses.

13. **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.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 7,370.00	\$ 2,027.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 50,895.86	\$ 51,109.76
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	( 27,589.30)	( 27,325.26)
Less: cash balance	( 28,076.91)	( 30,552.09)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$101,633.79	\$107,280.65
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,541	\$ 2,682

#### West Zion Prayers

Royce, recovering after knee surgery.

Connie G., recovering after back surgery.

Carl, dealing with breathing difficulties.

Jerod, recovering after appendicitis

Congrats to Richard and Glenda at the birth of their latest grandson!

Safe travels for Lory's son, Drew, as he travels to France for work

#### Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Please pray for Summit Street Church, our church replant in Beatrice, NE, as we continue to navigate what it means to follow Jesus' call to become something new. Please pray for the new members/baptism class that will be starting soon. -Pastor Tim Amor

#### Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

MMN requests prayer for Monika Neufeld, a nurse serving as an intern with CASAS (a program of *Seminario Ana Bautista Latinoamericano*, SEMILLA) in Guatemala. Pray as she works at a rural clinic to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Mosaic Directory in pews

Angela & Tomoki Yamanaka in Asahikawa, Japan, pg 15

*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:

*Make brownies/cookies and take them to a neighbor.*

**MCC RELIEF SALE AT KS STATE FAIRGROUNDS**

**April 8-9, 2022**

[kansas.mccsale.org](http://kansas.mccsale.org)

**Contact: 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.

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

**Needed:** All pie bakers. Our church has been asked to make 20 pies for the MCC Sale. Rhubarb combinations, berry combinations, mulberry, apricot, peach, raisin, pecan, sugar free, apple, and cherry! We have also been assigned 10 dozen zwieback. Sign up at the back of the church and pick up your pie tins/bags. Pies and zwieback need to be at the church on Saturday morning, April 9, by 7:30 a.m.

**Wanting to help?** Check out the Kansas MCC Sale website and click on the volunteer tab to check out all the opportunities. If you need assistance with getting signed up, see Connie Kaufman after church and she will help you navigate the website.

**MCC Quilt Book is online.** To find our West Zion quilt, go to the Kansas MCC Sale website. Click on auctions. Click on Quilt auction, 2022 Quilt gallery. West Zion Quilt is Letter J. You should be able to view all the quilts at this location. The West Zion quilt will sell at 12:00 on Saturday April 9. Enjoy and happy shopping.

**Bohne berrogie bake** day for the MCC sale will be on April 2 at Moundridge High. 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).

**Sermon Notes**

Go to the Father's Table  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Theme

God calls us to be refreshed and transformed at his table.

Key Verse

(Luke 15:17) When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'

Notes

A Question

Where do you need to receive nourishment from the Father?

**Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page**

**Sermons are online @ [westzionmc.org](http://westzionmc.org)**

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