

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:1-2)*

Prelude Elbiata Singers
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (arr. Schrader)

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 91
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

****Celebrating in song**
STJ 9 Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
STJ 49 Rain down

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

Scripture Luke 4:1-13 Laura Bretz

I'll Be On My Way (arr. Kirchner) Elbiata Singers

Message "A Call to Fasting" 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 *Like a River* (arr. Osiek) Elbiata Singers

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** *HWB 493 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

****Benediction** *Peace I Leave With You* (arr. Shue) Elbiata Singers

****Postlude**

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

Sermon Notes

A Call to Fasting
Luke 4:1-13

Theme
God calls us to fast.

Key Verse
(Luke 4:1-2) Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

Notes

A Question
What has your experience been with fasting? If you've never tried it, could you consider doing a 24-hr (supper to supper) fast?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
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Sunday, March 13, 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:** Zettie Wedel

Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel

Congregational vote on foyer remodel immediately following worship

Coming Events

Today: Meeting after worship regarding Foyer Remodel
7:00 PM: Informational meeting on MCUSA resolutions

March 9: LAST meal & MYM

March 13: Congregational vote on the Foyer Remodel project
immediately following worship

March 26: Verenike Making, Hillsboro

April 2: Bohne Berroggi making, Moundridge

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: Maundy Thursday

April 17: Easter Sunday

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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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **We welcome** Goessel High School's Elbiata Singers, directed by Braden Unruh and including our very own Kaleigh Guhr!
2. Today is the **first Sunday in Lent**. 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.
3. 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 will be shared in a **congregational meeting following worship this morning. A congregational vote will take place on Sunday, March 13 following worship.**
4. Tonight we invite you to join us at **7:00 PM for an informational meeting** on two current MCUSA resolutions that will be brought for a vote in a special delegate session in May. The resolutions calling for retiring the Membership Guidelines and 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 as we prepare to send a delegate in May. Copies of these resolutions were placed in your church mailbox. You can also learn more by going to: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>
5. **Thank You** for your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and food that was brought to me after my heart procedure. A special Thank You to Pastor Brad for his visit. It's so special to be a part of such a caring congregation. God Bless You All! - Sandy Jantz
6. Our **church projector** has quit running. The Trustees are working on fixing the problem, thanks for your patience!
7. During the season of Lent (first Sunday March 6), Mission Team will print a **"neighboring challenge"** in the bulletin. The idea is to help us discover ways to connect with and care for our community. **Easter is a great time to invite someone new to worship!**

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. 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.
10. **Everence®** will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, March 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. To register call 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or email central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.
11. **Bethel College:**
Sun., March 6 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, Reinhild K. Janzen, "Ritual Markers of Life and Death in Uganda and Taiwan," 3 p.m., *Kauffman Museum auditorium*. This program is associated with the current special exhibit marking 125 years of Kauffman Museum. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require face coverings to be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status.*
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* (Herald Press, 2019). She will also speak in Bethel College's convocation on Mon., March 21, 11 a.m., Memorial Hall.
March 25-27, spring musical at Bethel College, *Bright Star* by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell (for mature audiences).

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,659.00	\$ 197.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 35,180.12	\$ 43,548.59
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(18,649.93)	(22,458.67)
Less: cash balance	<u>(21,300.54)</u>	<u>(27,857.51)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$117,349.53	\$114,841.82
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,729	\$ 2,671

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.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregational delegates planning to attend the special session of MC USA assembly in May, and for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in this week’s zoom forum hosted by WDC in preparation for the assembly.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the safety of its personnel and partners in Burkina Faso during January’s coup d’état. Pray for peace, both on the national level and in the increasing number of communities impacted by Islamist militant violence. May Mennonite churches witness to God’s peace.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Mark & Stephanie Bartsch in Ashiya, Japan, pg 13



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

- March 8: Kaleigh Guhr
- March 9: Glenda Golden
- March 12: Jan Graber

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:

Pray for your neighbors.