

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Psalm 103:8)*

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, Psalm 103:1-8
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

****Celebrating in song**

*Jesus, Be the Center STS 31
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say HWB 493*

Children's Church (4-yrs old to 4th grade) offered at this time.

Scripture Matthew 7:7-11 Laura Bretz

Message "Find and Seek"

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

Song for Meditation *Did you think to pray?*

Hey, you left your room this morning. Did you think to pray? In the name of Christ our Savior, did you seek His loving favor as a shield today? Oh, how praying rests the weary. Prayer will change the night to day. So when life seems dark and dreary, don't forget to pray.

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 *Christ, Be All around Me*

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel

Sermon Notes

Find and Seek
Matthew 7:7-11

Theme

To follow Jesus is to seek God in all things.

Key Verse

(Matthew 7:7) Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Notes

A Question

Are there places where you need to be patient with the loose ends of your heart?

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

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Sunday, August 28, 2022

9:30 AM: Breakfast provided by Christian Discipleship Team

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Accompanist:

Message: Pastor Brad

Scripture:

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky

Coming Events

- Today: Noon meal and listening meeting
August 28: 9:30 am: Breakfast provided by CDT
Back to School Sunday (time of blessing for teachers, staff, students and school supplies!)
Sept. 2: 6 pm-midnight: Craft night at WZ
Sept. 8: 7:00 pm: Christian Homemaker planning meeting
Sept. 11: 9-11 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*
Sept. 28: Wednesday meals and MYM begins!

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. All are invited to stay for a **noon taco salad meal**, there will be plenty of food! Following the meal, there will be time to hear your **thoughts, questions, and concerns** regarding the recent passage of the Repentance and Transformation resolution by the MCUSA delegate assembly. The Deacons and Council would like to hear from you and encourage you to attend.

2. This fall, Pastor Brad will **lead a discussion** of his new book on communion, *The Hunger Inside: How the Meal Jesus Gave Transforms Lives*. CDT will have books available at the end of August, and several copies have been donated to the church library. **Join us starting September 11, 9:00-10:00 AM!**

3. Join us on August 28 @ 9:30 AM for **CDT breakfast**. We'll have coffeecake and egg casserole and get revved up for fall Christian ed!

4. Can you help feed hungry kids and youth as they come to learn about God this fall? MYM kicks off September 28 and runs Wednesday nights through November 16. FEWZ and Jr. FEWZ will also be meeting. **Talk to Connie Kaufman if you can help cook for the kids!**

5. **During the month of August we're gathering classroom supplies for Moundridge Middle School!** There will be a box in the foyer for the supplies. We'll wrap up the drive on 8/28 when we celebrate Back to School Sunday! Here's what the school is looking for:

- Expo Dry Erase Markers (black-thick point)
- 12" rulers with Metric measurements (wood preferred no flex rulers)
- 4/pack of Expo Dry Erase Marker (thick tip multi color pack)
- boxes of Kleenex
- classroom set of headphones —over the head type (the school is looking for 8 sets of 25)-- similar to this picture.



6. Western District Women in **Mission (WDWM) Retreat Committee** has been busy planning the annual Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 10 & 11, and ALL women are invited to attend! The theme is "Women's Voices." Girls in Grade 5 and up

are also invited to come, although there will not be any separate programming for them. The retreat brochure and registration forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Deadline for registration is August 31. Contact Darlene Powers, dpowers11@cox.net for questions or more information. Come have a fun and relaxing weekend!

General Announcements

7. The **public is invited to a special event** on Saturday, September 10 from 10 am to noon entitled "Do Justice, Love Mercy: What's Required to Abolish the Death Penalty." A flyer with information can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

8. **Offender Victim Ministries** invites all who are supportive of Restorative Justice in our communities to join us for a celebration of these efforts at Just Desserts 2022! Block off your calendar on August 21, 6:00-8:00 pm and come on out to Prairy Mezzanine in Newton for an evening of sweets, treats, and entertainment. Share this with your friends! Find out more and use the secure registration form at <https://www.offendervictimministries.org/just-desserts>.

9. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for August 26 from noon until 6:00 p.m. and it will be back at Pine Village Wellness Center. We are thankful they have welcomed us back to their facility. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit 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.

10. **Life Enrichment** programs begin again on THURSDAY, August 25. This series is especially designed for adults age 60 and over. A few brochures are in the back of the sanctuary or program information is at www.bethelks.edu/life-enrichment. Cost is \$30 per semester or \$3 per week; free for first-time attenders. Programs are held at Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,318.00	\$ 1,060.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 95,886.26	\$ 99,109.70
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(77,613.66)	(91,432.83)
Less: cash balance	<u>(23,083.50)</u>	<u>(16,047.84)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 56,602.84	\$ 57,677.33
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,979	\$ 3,036

West Zion Prayers

Donna, recovering after a fall and having a pacemaker installed

Michelle (Kaufman) and Sean had a baby girl, Ella Marie, on August 14!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God's strength and joy to be with all those who are serving in WDC leadership roles, as they begin a new year of service following the recent WDC Annual Assembly.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network began a new *Enviados* (Sent) cohort on Friday. Pray for participants in this Spanish-language, 12-module course for church planters. Pray, also, for the facilitator, Mauricio Chenlo, Mission Network's training and resourcing specialist for church planting.

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Peter & Delicia Bravo Aguilar in Quito, Ecuador, pg 27

PRAYER GARDEN

Each week through August 28, we're uniting in prayer around a common theme. We're calling it the "Prayer Garden," and you can find the week's focus in the planter in the foyer and here in the bulletin. Let's join together to ask that God's power be unleashed in our congregation and community through prayer!

**Pray for Pastor Felix and our Peru sister church in
San Juan de Cotabambas, Peru**