

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? (Psalm 113:5-6)*

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 113
Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

****Celebrating in song**

*Waymaker
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

Scripture Luke 1:26-38 Erin Kelley

Message "Crazy Impossible" Pastor Brad

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

Song for Meditation Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Heb. 12:2
Are you going through a tough time? Imagine it as a road or path. Is it steep, rocky, overgrown? Picture yourself walking that road. Is it the first step that is hard? Or is it the endurance of the journey? Now paint a finish line on your road and picture Jesus himself, glorified, standing at the finish line. As you stumble forward, He says, "I've suffered. I've carried your burden. It is my joy to give you victory. Press on, dear one, and come towards me."

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 *My Soul Cries Out*

**Benediction
**Postlude

Greeter(s): Jim & Joanna Stucky

Sermon Notes

Crazy Impossible
Luke 1:26-38

Theme

We encounter God in the impossible circumstances of our lives.

Key Verse

(Luke 1:34) "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

Notes

A Question

Are there "how will this be?" moments in your life where God is stretching your faith?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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Sunday, September 25, 2022

9-10 AM: Sunday School discussion of *The Hunger Inside*

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

Message: Tim Schrag **Scripture:** Sharon Gehring

Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Greeter(s):** Ken Stucky

Coming Events

Sept. 18: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*

Sept. 21: Jr FEWZ kick-off at Josh and Emily Regiers'!

Sept. 25: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*

Sept. 28: Wednesday meals and MYM begins

Nov. 20: 9:30 am: Mission Sunday @ Eden with Tim Amor of
Summit Street Church, Beatrice, NE

Our Mission: God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Pastor Brad** announced last Sunday that after many months of intense discernment and prayer, he has decided to resign as pastor of West Zion. Church Council was given the resignation letter on September 6. The Deacons and Brad will be in conversation to determine his final day (his Covenant of Understanding calls for a notice of at least 90 days). On September 25 he and his family will be at Whitestone Mennonite in Hesston where he will candidate for the position of Lead Pastor. We ask that you keep West Zion, leadership and Pastor Brad and his family in prayer as we process, worship together, and continue to focus on our shepherding Lord.

2. The **Gifts Discernment Committee** will be taking nominations for Deacon on Sunday October 2nd. Carla Stucky will not be seeking another term. Please keep this in your prayers and concerns. The vote will be at the November annual Budget meeting.

3. **Pine Village** is hosting a “Together in Unity” worship service for all sponsoring churches. It will be held outdoors at Pine Village (in the Wellness Center in case of rain) on Sunday, October 16 at 6:00 pm. Donations are welcome in lieu of this year’s Anchor Banquet. Come worship, pray and spend time in the Word!

4. **Christian Homemakers** are still saving all used cards for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Please put the entire card into the box (for cards) in the library. Our next meeting will be October 13 at 7:00 pm.

5. Could God be calling you to **connect with kids for Christ**? Mission Team has been in contact with the Moundridge Elementary School to find ways that our congregation could connect. The Elementary School is looking for folks to be “grandreaders.” You would go to school for about 45 minutes once a week to sit with the kids and listen to them as they practice their reading skills. You could also have lunch with the children. The school is also looking for volunteers to help tear pages out of workbooks for the kindergartners. Interested? Talk to Lory or Crysta from Mission Team or contact the Elementary School directly (620-345-5500)!

6. We are in a **new sermon series** called “Encounter: Meeting God in Unlikely Places.” Come and learn more as we look at places in the

Scriptures where God turned up where he was least expected—and seek to be open to God’s surprising presence!

7. 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!**

8. The **Moundridge Senior Center** is having a homemade pie/ice cream social on Tuesday, September 20. This will be our third annual pie social. It will be our main fund-raising event for the year. Join us from 6-7 pm for homemade pie and ice cream at the Senior Center located at 100 N. Schmidt. There will be dining in or carry out. Everyone is welcome. Monetary donations will be appreciated. This money will be used for a new transportation van/bus. This general transportation service is needed in this community and is no longer supported by the City of Moundridge. The Senior Center is taking this over. Come join us and support our Center and its many projects.

9. **Taco Tuesday with STEP MC!** Come eat well and support a good cause. Tacos will be served on Tuesday, October 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson from 11AM-1PM and from 5-7PM. Free-will donations will be accepted.

10. There will be a **Car and Tractor show** and Cornhole Tournament at Pine Village on September 24! More information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

General Announcements

11. **Excuse our mess!** The work of making necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces at the MCC building in North Newton continues to move forward, but if you’ve seen the building lately you can see the mess is getting bigger! Parking space is limited, but we are thankful for the donors and volunteers who continue to graciously adapt to the current challenges. Soon the new sewing room will be added, and we cannot wait to host more volunteers at MCC!

12. **Hesston College Performing Arts:**

Hesston College Fall play: Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike - Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, Black Box Theater, Keim Center
Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia share a home in Bucks County, Pa., where they bicker and complain about the circumstances

of their lives in this hilarious weekend reunion. Intended for high school age and older. \$10 per adults/seniors and \$5 for students. More info at hesston.edu/theatre

13. Bethel College events:

Mon., Sept. 19 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, directed by Joel Boettger, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. **Daniel Kaufman plays in this ensemble!**

Now in the Regier Gallery is “One and a Half Acres: Images from America’s Decommissioned Missile Silos,” photographs by Nate Hofer, through Thurs., Sept. 22 (closing reception Sept. 22). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

Bethel College’s Fall Festival is Oct. 6-9, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 8, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the play *Quiet in the Land*, and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Psychology Paul Lewis. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

West Zion Prayers

Pray for our West Zion family as we process Pastor Brad’s resignation and discern our next step.

Pray for Pastor Brad and his family

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for elected leaders and staff of WDC as they meet for Reference Council next Saturday and reflect on what it means to “Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ,” one of the themes in the WDC mission statement.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network recently appointed Andi Santoso as regional administrator for Asia and the Middle East. Pray for Andi as he immerses himself in building relationships in this region.

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Rebekah York in Bogota, Colombia, pg 30



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
September 18: Will Kaufman

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
Sept. 21: Bernabe & Jennifer Suarez