

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *I will praise the LORD as long as I live.*
(Psalm 146:2)

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring
 The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 146
 Praise the Lord, my soul!

****Celebrating in song**

10,000 Reasons
 Tis so Sweet HWB 340

(There is no children's church today.)

Scripture Mark 10:17-27 Sharon Gehring

Message "Lacking What We Cling to" Tim Schrag

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 Sharon ahead of time, text them to her: 620-386-0379 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): Ken Stucky

We welcome Tim Schrag this morning! *Tim grew up near Moundridge. He retired from 34 years of pastoral ministry at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, Nebraska (11 years) and Mennonite Church of Normal, Illinois (23 years). He and wife Sue live part-time in Goessel and hope to spend part of their time traveling, accepting service assignments and hiking and biking. Tim spends time fishing, and Sue devotes a lot of time to making comforters for distribution to refugees through MCC. Tim was a summer pastoral intern at West Zion/First Mennonite Church of Christian in the summer of 1984!*

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Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022

9:00-10:00 AM: Sunday School discussion of *The Hunger Inside*

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

Message: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Greeter(s):** Dave & Zettie Wedel

Taking nominations for Deacon

Coming Events

Today: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*
Sept. 28: Wednesday meals and MYM begins (Tacos)
Oct. 2: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*
Oct. 5: Wednesday meals & MYM (Tator tot casserole)
Oct. 7: 6-12 pm: Craft night at West Zion!
Oct. 9: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*
Oct. 13: 7:00 pm: Christian Homemakers meet
Oct. 16: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*
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.

Pastor Brad Roth

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Pastor Brad** announced on September 11 that after many months of intense discernment and prayer, he has decided to resign as pastor of West Zion. This morning he and his family are at Whitestone Mennonite in Hesston where he is candidating for the position of Lead Pastor. We are thankful for his past 10 years of leadership, spiritual guidance, teaching, and countless prayers on our behalf. 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. **Next week, we'll celebrate World Communion Sunday.** Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord!

3. The **family of Randlyn Kessler** would like to honor her with a card shower for her 90th birthday on October 3. Please send cards to her address 421 E Krehbiel, Moundridge, KS.

4. **MCC meat canning** will be held on Monday October 24th. Our church is responsible for \$1100 to buy meat. Please make your check to West Zion and put MCC meat canning in the memo line. There are sign-up sheets to work in the foyer.

5. 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.

6. Mark your calendars for **Mission Sunday at Eden Mennonite Church**, November 20 @ 9:30 AM! Tim Amor of Summit Street Church (formerly Beatrice Mennonite Church) will speak on neighboring in small town and rural settings. For Sunday School, we're working on putting together a panel with reps from area churches who are trying innovative neighboring experiments. Stick around after church for a fundraiser meal hosted by the FEWZ youth group!

7. **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!

8. **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.

9. 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)!

10. **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.

General Announcements

11. **Nov 6-11: Puerto Rico Peace Camp:** Young adults are invited to join MCC on November 6-11 on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico as we discover new ways to live and proclaim the gospel of peace. This week-long experience will be filled with practical learning about deconstructing oppressive systems and participating in spaces of healing and commitment to hospitality. A minimum of conversational Spanish is expected from all participants. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at mcc.org/campamento-de-paz.

12. **Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF)** invites healthcare providers in all disciplines and all interested in the intersection of health and faith to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14th-16th, 2022. The theme is: Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from More-With-Less and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Registration information is at mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/

13. **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.

14. Other Bethel College events can be found on the foyer board.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 1,027.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$110,368.26	\$109,142.70
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(104,173.48)	(101,815.71)
Less: cash balance	<u>(11,008.19)</u>	<u>(15,849.52)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 42,118.33	\$ 47,492.77
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,008	\$ 3,392

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

Please pray for Summit Street Church, our church replant in Beatrice, NE, as we come up to our 1-year anniversary of replanting. May we continue to prayerfully re-imagine what it means for us to follow Jesus' call to become something new. We are especially thankful for the 10 people who participated in our new members class this summer. - Pastor Tim Amor

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Praise God for the new partnership program created by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), *Meserete Kristos* Seminary and Mennonite Mission Network, which offers a master's level curriculum in theology to Ethiopian students. Pray for the students, as well as for Henok Mekonin and Joe Sawatzky, who are jointly supported by AMBS and Mission Network, as they provide leadership.

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We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
September 25: Sandy Jantz, Lici Roth