

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Advent 1

Words for silent meditation: *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" (Psalm 122:1)*

Prelude Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent candle

Call to Worship, Psalm 122  
**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!**

**\*\*Celebrating in song**  
*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus  
Here I am to Worship*

Scripture John 1:1-14 Geneva Wedel

Message "Full of Grace and Truth" Pastor Brad

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

Baptism of Sam Strausz  
Congregational Response (on screen)

Gathering at the Lord's Table (words on screen)

**\*\*Sending Song** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

## Sermon Notes

Full of Grace and Truth  
John 1:1-14

### Theme

Jesus shows us how to live in grace and truth.

### Key Verse

(John 1:14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### Notes

### A Question

What areas of your life do you long to open up to the fullness of Jesus' grace and truth?

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Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org**

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## **Communion Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Message:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Leon Guhr  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Greeter(s):** Will & Ellen Kaufman  
**Meal & farewell**

### **Coming Events**

Today:      Baptism Sunday and communion  
Dec. 4:      Communion, meal after worship, farewell  
Dec. 11:      9:00 AM: SS with Austin Regier, Kurt Horst preaches  
                  6:00 PM: Homemakers @ Sharon Gehring's  
Dec. 18:      9:00 AM: SS with Austin Regier  
                  10:30 AM: Austin Regier to talk about StepMC  
Dec. 24:      5:30 PM: Prelude, 6:00 PM: Christmas Eve service  
Jan. 1:      Kurt Horst preaches  
Jan. 22:      Meal and Annual Meeting

**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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#### **Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:**

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

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## West Zion Announcements

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

1. Next Sunday, December 4, we will **celebrate communion** together and hold a potluck meal after worship to say farewell to Pastor Brad and family. We will have a time for appreciations/farewells following the meal.
2. **Christian Homemakers** are invited to Sharon Gehring's for a Christmas Tasting Bee on December 11 at 6:00 PM.
3. Our **White Christmas** project this year is STEPNC and Oxford House. STEPNC works to equip and educate people to break free from poverty in McPherson County. Oxford House (formerly the Mt. Hope Sanctuary in McPherson) is a refuge house for women and families who need a place to stay. A list of items needed for the Oxford House will be available next Sunday. The White Christmas offerings will be collected through Dec. 24. Simply write "White Christmas" in the memo line of your check.
4. **Austin Regier**, Executive Director of Steps to End Poverty in McPherson County (STEPNC) will be leading two Sunday School hours on December 11 and December 18 at 9:00 AM. What does poverty look like in Moundridge? How can we help? All are encouraged to come learn more about poverty and the important work of STEPNC.
5. **The West Zion Christmas Eve program** will help us "Discover the Light of the World!" A piano prelude will begin at 5:30 pm and the program will begin at 6:00 PM on Dec. 24. Come enjoy special music, singing of Christmas carols, telling of the Christmas story, and a candlelight service. Invite a friend or a neighbor!
6. The **Angel Tree Ministries** organized by Angela Azzarito has partnered with STEPNC this year and has placed a tree at West Zion. Other places include Grace Crossing, Goering Hardware, KSI Realty, and the Moundridge Library. There is an increased amount of needs this year and we ask you to prayerfully consider who you might help. Each angel on the tree will state the need and instructions on what to do with the gift.
7. There will be a need for **gift wrappers** to help wrap gifts for the Angel Tree Ministries on Saturday, December 10 at 6:00 PM. If

interested, Angela Azzarito invites you to come to West Zion and show off your skills!

8. It will soon be time to put together a **greeters list for 2023**. If you would like to be taken off the greeters list or would like to be added, please let Carla Stucky know, thanks!

9. If you would be willing to **read scripture in 2023**, please let Carla Stucky know. When names have been gathered, a list of names and dates will be distributed.

## General Announcements

10. Everence will hold an informative Medicare **webinar** on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 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. There will also be time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register call 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or email [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com). Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

11. **Do you know** when many of your ancestors came to America? 1874. This is 2022; that's almost 150 years later. The Schweitzers and their descendants want to celebrate. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) has scheduled August 23-25, **2024**, at Eden Mennonite Church as the place. We're calling this event "Schweitzers and Friends" to include others with similar history. Put the date on your calendar. You are invited. Coordinator Danielle Goering would like to hear your ideas ([wgdg@cox.net](mailto:wgdg@cox.net) or 602-448-7215). This celebration may include learning more about our history, telling stories, singing, eating some favorite foods, watching wheat harvested, and much more as well as being with relatives and friends. What a celebration we will have!

12. **MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be shipped until every single item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by helping to fill the following needs: New infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); shampoo (20 oz or more), thin sanitary pads (28 count minimum) and dark colored bath and hand towels. Buy online and ship it to MCC or

bring item to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720 for questions. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

13. **Mark your calendars!** The Ball Brothers will be coming to perform at Eden Mennonite on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 PM. Check out their #1 hit on iTunes Christian chart “It’s About the Cross” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYSJj-EHAAk>. Donations will go to the **Pine Village Benefit Fund** to help with the kitchen expansion, transportation van, and various other needs.

14. Take note of **Bethel College and Hesston College** events on our foyer board.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 920.00	\$ 1,558.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$129,155.26	\$132,390.93
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	( 131,325.57)	( 135,517.95)
Less: cash balance	( 2,646.76)	( 5,398.14)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 23,327.67	\$ 24,241.91
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 4,666	\$ 4,848

### **West Zion Prayers**

Richard Golden’s sister Fontelle who underwent cancer surgery on 11/22.

Sam Strausz as she commits her life to Christ through baptism today!

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

We are about to finish this year 2022, I believe that our God has led and cared for us in the process and stages of life within the kingdom of God. And we continue to face each challenge, but God has also opened doors, relationships and many more things. The work was not only of one, but all in unity and harmony of the Spirit of God. We present to God the new challenges that will come, so that He may take care of all of us, in this Church Plant Commission and the other WDC Commissions. In the name of Jesus, Amen. -WDC Church Planting Commission

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Austin Roberts, who is serving through Mennonite Mission Network, requests prayer for Northern Ireland, where Queen Elizabeth’s death has fueled tensions between Catholics and Protestants. Inflation and the rise in heating oil prices and electricity, a result of Russia’s war in Ukraine, add to the unrest. He asks us to join him in his plea for “a swift and peaceful end to this aggression,” for the benefit of the people of Ukraine, all of Europe and the world.

### **Mosaic Directory**

Individuals participating in Sent Network with trainers and community learners, pg 42



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
November 27: Jerod Kaufman,  
Fynn Burge  
December 3: Hildie Burge

Name	Memorial Name
Leon & Virginia Guhr	Albert & Sarah Goertzen Henry & Marie Guhr
Ruby Koehn	Pete Koehn
Royce & Sandy Jantz	Melvin & Sadie Jantz Arlyn & Twila Wedel
Dave & Zettie Wedel	Dan and Viola Kaufman Elmer and Lucinda Wedel
Kirk & Carla Stucky Ken Stucky	Pat Stucky Blake Stucky
Richard & Glenda Golden	Richard Golden Sr Jo Martin Joe & Dorothy Crist
Will & Ellen Kaufman	Jerry & Carolyn Yost Jerome Kaufman
Carl & Tracy Duffman	Roy Dillman May Dillman Vanessa Baldwin James Duffman Sr Norma Duffman Keith Duffman
June & Perry Krehbiel	Bertha & Dale Galle
Mike & Connie Kaufman	Amy & LeRoy Regier
Lory Fisher	Irene Huffman Deb Shaw Glenn Fisher
Sharon Gehring	Bob Gehring