

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!

We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.

Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.

Let your light shine through us, now and forever.

**Celebrating in song

I will stand in the congregation STS 113

Longing for light STJ 54

Scripture John 1:1-18 Wynona Becker

Message "An Invisible Light is Near" Pastor Brett Klingenberg

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.*)

Prayer Geneva Wedel

**Sending Song *The Lord your God is with you*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

Welcome and thanks to Brett as he brings us our morning message! Brett works as a farmer and rancher in Marion County, Kansas and comes with 12 years of pastoral experience. He and his wife Cassie have four children and attend Zion Mennonite Church.

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Communion Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Scripture:** Laura Bretz
Worship Leader:
Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel

Coming Events

Jan 18: Wednesday meals & MYM begin
Jan. 22: Meal and Annual Meeting
Jan. 25: Meal & MYM
Feb. 1: Meal & MYM
Feb. 3: 6:00 PM Craft Night
Feb. 11: Galentine's Party for women/girls of the church
Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday

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 Wed. noon.

1. **Mark your calendars!** Our annual meeting will be held next Sunday, January 22 following a **potluck meal**. Table service and drinks will be provided. We will vote on a ballot for committee positions in the church and you will be invited to respond to two questions at the annual meeting. A letter explaining this will be distributed this week through email if you have one, or in your church mailbox.
2. **Communion** will be received next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts and mend relationships as we come together to celebrate Christ.
3. A short Eastern Christmas letter can be found on the foyer board from our **missionary partners**, Wayne and Jeannie Larson, with praises and prayer requests.
4. Just a reminder that Carla Stucky will begin working at the office on Wednesdays and will be **printing the bulletin Wednesday afternoon**. Announcements need to be sent by Wednesday noon.
5. A **"Galentine's" Party** will be held Saturday, Feb. 11! Watch the bulletin for more details.
6. In the Gospels (Mark 8:29; Matthew 16:15; Luke 9:20) Jesus asks the disciples: "Who do you say I am?" This question, and Peter's answer, initiate a turning point in Jesus' ministry. On Sunday, January 29, Pastor Kurt will begin a **three sermon series titled "ReJesus,"** encouraging us to take a fresh look at Jesus. The series will ask: What are the lenses through which we see Jesus? How do they shape our discipleship? Calling us to renew our commitment to know and follow Jesus in our work, rest, and play. Invite a friend or neighbor!
7. **Brad, Lici, Mateo and Elijah Roth** have requested transfer of their membership to Whitestone Mennonite in Hesston. Blessings to their family as they continue their journey in a new spiritual home.
8. Church Council would like to remind the congregation that there is an **AED machine (Automated External Defibrillator)** on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. This is to use if a person has gone into

cardiac arrest. Curtis Guhr is certified to give a refresher course on how and when to use this machine and this will be scheduled in the next few months.

General Announcements

9. **Garden Community Church** will be holding Grief Share support group meetings and Divorce Care recovery seminars on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm January 26 through April 20. These meetings will be held at the Garden Community church office in Hesston. More information can be found on the bulletin board.
10. **Mennonite Disaster Service** is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. We are searching for a Regional Operations Coordinator who will oversee all MDS project operations in Region 3 (Plains states, west of Mississippi), and facilitate volunteer engagement in the investigation and development of projects. Find more information, on our webpage www.mds.org/employment/.
11. **Trinity Mennonite Church** in Hillsboro is planning to end its time as a congregation. The congregation has given their building to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, a needed ministry in the community. A church "close out sale" (garage sale) will be Saturday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall with craft items, toys, Christmas decorations, artificial 6 foot trees, artificial flower bouquets, candles, vases, different hymn books, ping pong table, fus ball game, electric treadmill, costumes (and other items found in Sunday School closets and worship supply closets). Come explore from 9:00 am-2:00 pm! All purchases are by donation to the Childcare Center. For bigger items like pulpits, upright pianos, communion tables, communion sets, organ, pews, banners, large hedge-wood crosses, etc. please call the church at 620-947-3824 to express your interest. Our last service will be April 9, Easter Sunday morning at 10:30 am following a sunrise service (at the actual time of sunrise) and a 9:30 brunch. Guests and former members of Trinity are welcome to attend.
12. **Hesston College and Bethel College** events can be found on the foyer board.

West Zion Prayers

Rosanne Hayes for health concerns

Jr. Loganbill fractured his kneecap

Alyssa Ward is dealing with a stress fracture in her foot

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins work to prepare nominations of conference leaders for election at WDC annual assembly in 2023.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer, and their son, Jordan, who are spending the next several months renewing relationships in Ecuador. Due to complications from the pandemic, deaths of loved ones and illness, the Ross Richers had not been able to return to Ecuador for more than two years. Pray that God's Spirit will guide and bless their ministry.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

January 17: Jim Stucky

January 21: Curtis Guhr