

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 adapted from Matthew 6:25-33

Leader: Jesus says, "Therefore, I tell you

People: Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or wear.

Leader: Is not life more than food or clothes?

People: Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or store up in barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Leader: Are you not more valuable than they?

People: Can one of you, by worrying, add a single hour to your life?

Leader: But seek first, God's kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

People: Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."

All: We surrender our worries for tomorrow, as we worship you today.

****Celebrating in song** (words on screen)

HWB 557 O God, in restless living

HWB 156 All things bright and beautiful

Scripture Matthew 6:25-34 Ellen Kaufman

Message Kevin Wilder
"What can we learn from Zorro and Jesus about worry..."

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.*)

Pastoral Prayer

****Sending Song** *HWB 154 This is my Father's world*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

****please stand if you are able**

Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Welcome and thanks to Kevin Wilder for bringing our morning message! Kevin is the father of three young adult children. He is married to Marilyn Wilder. Marilyn and Kevin met when Kevin was a youth intern at her rural church in Indiana. Kevin has been a Youth Pastor, Campus Pastor, Interim Pastor and Psychology Instructor. Kevin now works for Bluestem communities at Schowalter Villa in the Fund Advancement department. Kevin likes to bicycle, read, work on small projects and likes breakfast at any meal.

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Livestreaming can now be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Communion Sunday, May 28, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Carla Stucky **Scripture:** Carla Stucky
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

Coming Events

May 22: 8th Grade Promotion 7 PM
May 28: Pentecost Sunday, communion received
June 1: An evening of sacred music with Caroline Beckman
 and Abigail Olson, 7 PM
June 3: Chalupa meal served at West Zion
 Farmer's Market in our parking lot
June 4-14: Pastor Kurt on vacation
June 11: Eric Schrag speaks during morning worship
July 10-14: VBS at West Zion in the evenings
July 16: Missionary partners, the Larsons, for morning worship

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 at the office by Wed. noon.

1. Pastor Kurt began a **sermon series on “Stories to Remember”** looking at a different parable each week. The series will continue through July 9 with a focus on parables found in the Gospel According to Luke.
2. **Pastor Kurt** will be gone on vacation from June 4 (leaving after church) to June 14. During that time, you may contact a Deacon for any pastoral concern.
3. **Sharon Gehring, Deacon Chair**, announced that Deacons continue to work on conference direction and different options. They recently met with Western District Conference staff to understand their position. The Church Council continues to work on putting together a Search Committee for our next pastor. All this work takes time and prayers are asked for wisdom and patience.
4. On May 28 we will celebrate **Pentecost Sunday** to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are invited to wear red or orange and communion will be received that morning.
5. West Zion will again provide a **chalupa meal** for the Black Kettle festival on Saturday, June 3. Sign-up sheets for items to bring can be found in the foyer. Check it out!
6. West Zion has received the **2023 Mission Mosaic** directories. *We will be putting one in your church mailbox this time instead of the pews.* Feel free to take home and pray for people and places in the directory. We will also continue to pray for and put mission workers on the screen during morning worship.
7. **Yearbook change:** Leon Guhr is now the West Zion representative for the Pine Village Board. Please add this to your yearbook on page 5. If you need a yearbook, let Carla know.
8. We recognize **Abbi Bretz** who will graduate from 8th grade this year. Congratulations, Abbi! The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held in the Moundridge High School gym on Monday, May 22 at 7 PM. If there are other graduates that we missed, please let Carla know.

9. Come enjoy an **evening of sacred music** offered by Caroline Beckman on violin and Abigail Olson on piano in the West Zion sanctuary on Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 PM. Caroline is granddaughter of Jim and Joanne Stucky and has performed at Christmas Eve services. It will be an evening of inspiring, beautiful music!

10. Our Sunday morning service will now be **live streaming** through our YouTube page. Go to the West Zion YouTube channel to subscribe. You can also find the sermons on our West Zion website at www.westzionmc.org.

General Announcements

11. **Everence** will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, May 30, 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 contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

12. **Come see a play for the whole family**, Friday, June 2 at Bethel College Mennonite Church in Newton from 6-7:30 PM. ALL are invited to a performance of *Selah's Song*, a play about a young girl in Ukraine who inspires her community with a song of Peace. This play is suitable for all ages and is presented by *Theatre of the Beat*, a touring company based in Toronto. You can see more and a video at: <https://theatreofthebeat.ca/selahs-song>.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,381.00	\$ 3,450.05
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 59,414.62	\$ 75,371.96
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(35,086.66)	(48,071.63)
Less: cash balance	<u>(30,186.26)</u>	<u>(32,104.14)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 97,882.08	\$ 77,124.23
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,059	\$ 2,410

West Zion Prayers

Sharon Gehring's co-worker, Carol Peters who has cancer

Terry and Shery Kessler had a grandson who graduated from high school

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for members of boards, councils, deacons and other leadership teams in WDC congregations, as they offer vision and care for the church.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Marisa Smucker assumed the responsibilities of interim executive director of Mennonite Mission Network in March. Pray for God's wisdom and strength, as she leads the agency.

Mission Mosaic

Akiko Aratani & Raymond Epp, Ken, Kaz, Yohei, Toshiharu, Mia, and Ayame in Japan, pg 15

May 14 attendance: 40



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
May 27: Rosanne Hayes

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:
May 21: Terry & Shery Kessler
May 22: Royce & Sandy Jantz