

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. In his goodness he supplies our every need.

**P: The Lord is our Shepherd, and he takes perfect care of us.**

L: Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. He leads us into safety and gives us strength for the journey.

**P: The Lord is our Shepherd, who grants us rest and restores our souls.**

L: Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. He sought us out when we were lost, calling us by our names.

**P: The Lord is our Shepherd, and he has carried us home.**

**\*\*Celebrating in song** words on screen  
*HWB 100 Praise Him! Praise Him!*  
*HWB 352 Gentle Shepherd*

Scripture John 10:1-11 Sharon Gehring

Message "Abundant Life" Eric 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.*)

Prayer

**\*\*Sending Song** *HWB 589 My shepherd will supply my need*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

*Welcome and thank you to Eric Schrag for bringing our morning message! Eric serves as Assistant Administrator, Director of Development, and the Director of the Wellness Center at Pine Village. He is the son of Dale and Margo Schrag, grandson of Richard and Lizzie Schrag from the Eden Congregation. He has been married to Gretchen (Gering) from Ritzville, WA for 25 years this August. Gretchen is the daughter of Butch and Diane (Stucky) Gering, and granddaughter of Carl T. and Lorene Stucky also of the Eden congregation. Eric and Gretchen have 3 children: Julianna graduated this May from Bethel College with a degree in Communications, and twin sons Timothy and Jacob just completed their freshmen year at Bethel College. The Schrag's live in the country between Goessel and Hillsboro and are members of Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.*

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*Livestreaming can now be found on our West Zion Youtube page*

## **Sunday, June 18, 2023**

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service      **Message:** Pastor Kurt Horst  
**Worship Leader:**                      **Scripture:** Connie Graber  
**Accompanists:** Gerry Major & Jan Larson  
**Greeter(s):** Frances Neufeld

### **Coming Events**

June 4-14:      Pastor Kurt on vacation  
June 23:        Craft night at West Zion 6:00 PM  
July 9:         VBS decorating party 3:00 PM  
July 11-14:    VBS at West Zion in the evenings  
July 15:        VBS pool party 7-9 PM  
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.

#### **Interim Pastor Kurt Horst**

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## West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements at the office by Wed. noon.

1. **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.
2. The final session of **Sunday School** was held last Sunday. There are no plans for summer Sunday School at this time.
3. Council has been working on putting a **Search Committee** together and are happy to announce the committee members: Leon Guhr (chair), Vicky Kessler, Ken Stucky, Jennifer Suarez, and Lexi Bretz. Connie Kaufman will serve as an ex officio member when needed and will serve in an advisory capacity as church chairman and report to Council. Their first task will be to compile our church profile which tells about our congregational make up, mission, and beliefs. We ask that the congregation keep the leadership of our church and Search Committee in your prayers as we look to the future.
4. West Zion Mission Team is once again offering **prayer opportunities** for the summer. The summer prayer garden will have a different group to focus on each week. Each group will be listed in the bulletin under West Zion prayers. Please consider adding the group prayer focus into your prayers that week. Plant the seeds of prayer with us!
5. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for June 23 from noon until 6:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and put in "Moundridge" for the sponsor code or call 1-800-733-2767. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112 or email [hdstucky@mtelco.net](mailto:hdstucky@mtelco.net).
6. **Did you know?** There is a prayer corner set aside for anyone who would like to spend some quiet time in prayer. It can be found in the room across from the water fountain upstairs. The summer prayer requests will be available on the table...or pray as the Spirit moves.

## General Announcements

7. **MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the

kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets); and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits. For those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St). Please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720 if you have questions. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

8. **Kauffman Museum** is offering an intergenerational Uncle Carl's Camp called "Pottery Possibilities," July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on the Bethel campus. Campers will start with hand-building before throwing on potter's wheels, and wrap up the week with glazing and an outdoor firing (weather permitting). Completed artwork may be picked up at a later date. No previous experience is required. To sign up or to explore other Uncle Carl's Camp offerings, stop by Kauffman Museum (27th & North Main, North Newton) to pick up a brochure or visit <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/>

9. The **Moundridge Senior Center** is having a bake sale on Thursday, June 15 starting at 9:00 AM at the Senior Center (100 N Schmidt). This is a benefit fund raising event for the Center. It will start at 9:00 am and run until 1:00 PM. We will accept any baked items by anyone who is willing to share with the Center. Bring in your items by 7:30 AM on June 15 or bring them into the Center the day before by 2:00 PM. Come in and buy some of the delicious items and at the same time support the Center. The proceeds from the bake sale will be used for expenses to upgrade our visual equipment or upgrade the lighting for the Center. Thank you for your support.

10. **Staff position opening:** Western District Conference seeks a half-time Business Manager beginning July 10 at the North Newton office (some remote work possible). Responsibilities include financial management, bookkeeping, reporting and payroll. Qualifications include organizational, computer and communication skills, bookkeeping or accounting experience, and willingness to support WDC's mission and priorities. For position description and application form visit: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-staff-position-opening/>.



*May you have a week filled  
with love and blessings!*

June 4 attendance: 63

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 2,122.00	\$ 3,105.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 63,258.62	\$ 80,392.96
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	( 40,347.51)	( 52,588.71)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 28,793.60)</u>	<u>( 32,610.69)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 94,013.89	\$ 72,100.60
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,242	\$ 2,486

**West Zion Prayers**

Geneva Wedel for medication to work effectively to manage a heart condition. She is now at Mercy Hospital.

Glenda Golden for healing from dental work

Virginia Guhr for continued healing after successful knee surgery

Ellen Kaufman & Jen Suarez for safe travel and wisdom in leading 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at a Bible camp

Thankful for a new grandson, Leyton Donovan, born to Tiffany & Justin Regehr. Grandparents are Mike & Connie Kaufman.

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for WDC staff and planning team members as they prepare for WDC annual assembly, August 11-13.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the ministries of Elena, Freddy and Mathías Satalaya in Bolivia and Peru. They are jointly supported by Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for the Satalayas as they begin several years of study in the United States.

**Mission Mosaic**

Laura Schlabach in Mongolia



This week we pray for farmers, firefighters,  
and EMS workers.