

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Kurt Horst
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the presence of our generous God who has led us through another week.

People: We bring our time and talents, our hopes and our energy into worship this morning.

Leader: We have all we need for today.

People: We are ready to be awakened to the needs around us.

Leader: We anticipate God's guidance.

People: Expecting to be changed.

Leader: Show us, Holy Spirit, where one word, one meal, one gift, given in your name, can make a difference.

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****Celebrating in song** words on screen
HWB 37 Praise to the Lord
HWB 89 For the beauty of the earth

Scripture Luke 16:1-13 Lory Fisher

Message "The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly" Pastor Kurt

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** *Give Thanks*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Dan Pohl

CCLI # 9106321
Stream CCLI #20084674
OneLicense #A-738752
Livestreaming can now be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Sunday, July 2, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Carla Stucky **Scripture:** Crysta Guhr
Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

Coming Events

Today: Sunday School begins
July 2: Sunday School 9:30 AM
July 9: Sunday School 9:30 AM,
 VBS decorating party 3:00 PM
July 11-14: VBS at West Zion in the evenings 6-8:30 PM
July 15: VBS pool party 7-9 PM
July 16: Missionary partners, the Larsons, for morning worship
July 23: Josh Engle for morning worship
July 30: Bunko night at West Zion
August 6: Christian Discipleship Team breakfast

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. This Sunday, June 25, **Sunday School** begins again and will meet through July at 9:30 AM. Pastor Kurt will teach on "What is a Christian Worldview?" All are invited. You are welcome to come for coffee and fellowship at 9:15 AM. This is held upstairs in the conference room.
2. Moundridge Community **Vacation Bible School** will be hosted by West Zion from Tuesday, July 11 to Friday, July 14. The fun starts at 6 PM and ends at 8:30 PM. If you know of any children who might be interested, email Ashley Stucky at ashleystucky1985@gmail.com to register. You may also register online.
3. Would you be interested in being **Worship Leader** on Sunday mornings? This involves leading welcome and responsive reading, announcing songs and offering, and leading prayer when the pastor is not available. Words can be written out for you or you can write up your own. Please pray about this and let Carla Stucky know if you have questions.
4. **STEPMC** is currently walking alongside many families who are experiencing unreliable transportation making it harder for them to get to work, take care of their kids, and pay all of their bills. Would you or someone you know have a vehicle to donate to STEPMC? You could give someone a giant boost on their journey out of poverty with the gift of a reliable vehicle. Contact Jay Goering, board president, for more information or call STEPMC at 620-241-9011.

General Announcements

5. **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. 30th St). Please contact 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.

6. Swiss Mennonite Cultural & Historical Association (SMCHA) invites you to remember the old days by attending a **Plowing with Horses event concluding with Vintage Tractor** plowing demonstration on July 15. This is one of several events planned that will lead up to the August 22-25, **2024** main celebration at Eden Mennonite Church. Glen Goering and his Ag Committee have invited horse and plow owners to show us how plowing was done on Saturday, July 15 at a 22-acre field west of the Moundridge Museum, 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Concessions will be available from Lone Tree Mennonite and a tent for shade. You might bring a lawn chair. The Museum will also be open.

7. **WDC Assembly 2023 Registration** is now open for anybody to attend (not just church leaders)! It will be held Aug. 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. Isaiah 51:1-8 and Numbers 27:1-11 will guide us as we explore "Holy (Wholly) Listening." We will stretch ourselves to listen carefully to one another as siblings in Christ who understand scripture differently and can widen our cultural, racial, and identity perspectives as we focus on faith in Christ together. As we hear the concerns and joys of all of us in Western District Conference, we will explore what it means to respond to one another with God's mercy. **If you are interested in being a West Zion delegate**, please contact Connie Kaufman.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 June 28: Frances Neufeld
 June 29: Harvey Thiessen

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:
 June 27: Jay & Vicky Kessler

June 18 attendance: 50

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 4,040.00	\$ 940.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 71,061.67	\$ 81,707.96
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(43,020.32)	(58,638.01)
Less: cash balance	<u>(33,923.84)</u>	<u>(27,876.39)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 86,210.84	\$ 70,785.60
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,193	\$ 2,622

West Zion Prayers

Perryton Texas tornado recovery
 Camps - staff and campers
 Health Concerns for Carl Duffman, Leon Guhr, Hope Biles, Richard Golden
 Geneva Wedel as she recovers at home
 Search Committee and church leadership

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Please pray for churches grappling with changes in these post-pandemic times. May we find ways forward that are creative, that meet people and families where they are, and which leave behind anything holding us back. May we remember that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever – even as our world changes.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

MMN requests prayer for Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher, and their four children, as they minister in South Korea. Pray for Jae, as he serves as the executive director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) & Korea Peacebuilding Institute, and pray for Karen as she works as NARPI’s communications coordinator.

Mission Mosaic

Robin Gingerich in Lithuania



This week we pray for STEP MC (Steps to End Poverty in McPherson County)