

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord God, You have planted us as a fruitful garden.

People: You are our source of nourishment and beauty.

Leader: You provide what we need.

People: You protect us from evil.

Leader: You put a protective wall around us,

People: And a border of flowers.

Leader: May your work in us produce the desired results;

***All: Righteousness and Humility, Justice and Peace, Mercy
and Love***

****Celebrating in song** words on screen

HWB 651 I owe the Lord a morning song

HWB 43 Christ is our cornerstone

Scripture Isaiah 5:1-7 Crysta Guhr

Message Pastor Kurt Horst
"THE GARDEN: YOURS, MINE, OR GOD'S?"

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**

Cornerstone

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

CCLI # 9106321

Stream CCLI #20084674

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Livestreaming can now be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Sunday, July 9, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Accompanist:** Crysta Guhr
Worship Leader: Vicky Kessler **Scripture:** Jennifer Suarez
Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel
Special Music: Kaleigh Guhr

Coming Events

July 9: Sunday School 9:30, 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: Sunday School 9:30, 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.

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Summer Sunday School** has begun 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 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.

General Announcements

4. **Tell the young adults in your life!** MCC is organizing two Peace Camps this year for those ages 18-30 who are hungry to connect, root themselves in intentional, theological reflection and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. The registration cost is \$200 and all other expenses are covered, including travel, lodging and food! **July 23-28:** Peacebuilders Training in Colorado Springs, CO. **Oct. 15-20:** Descolonizando la construcción de paz | Decolonizing Peace training in Puerto Rico in Spanish. Information and registration can be found at <https://mcc.org/peace-camps>.
5. **Mobility Worldwide KS/PET** has scheduled a distribution of mobility carts for the disabled in Guatemala for August. Help with expenses would be appreciated. Please make the check to the order of M.W.KS with “Trip” in the memo line. Mail the check to M.W.KS, 320 W Ruth St, Moundridge, KS 67107. Thank you from Kirby and Chris Goering.
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 Gospel Mennonite Church 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:
July 7: Vicky Kessler

June 25 attendance: 40

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 770.00	\$ 3,340.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 71,831.67	\$ 85,047.96
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(49,262.85)	(63,206.95)
Less: cash balance	<u>(28,451.31)</u>	<u>(26,647.45)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 85,440.84	\$ 67,445.60
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,286	\$ 2,594

West Zion Prayers

Health Concerns for Carl Duffman, Hope Biles, Terry Kessler,
Frances Neufeld
Carolyn Schmidt’s granddaughter, Isabel
Kaleigh Guhr as she prepares to go to Sterling College this fall
Alyssa Ward, her dad, and her family
Praise for continued healing for Leon Guhr and Richard Golden
Carol Hanna’s son, Sheldon
Carl & Tracy’s Duffman’s daughter, Trianna, diagnosed with cancer
Search Committee and church leadership

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for delegates and other adults, youth and children from WDC attending MennoCon23 in Kansas City this week, as they join in fellowship, learning and discernment together with others from Mennonite Church USA.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for all those traveling to MennoCon, the four-day MC USA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, that begins tomorrow. Pray for Mission Network staff and partners as they present youth service opportunities and talk about the church’s response to immigrants and displaced people, violence in South Africa, and global climate change.

Mission Mosaic

Joseph & Rachel Givens, Elijah and Micaiah in France



This week we pray for our West Zion
Music Ministry