

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 - Psalm 34:1-10

Video

L: I will extol the Lord at all times;

P: his praise will always be on my lips.

L: I will glory in the Lord;

P: let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

L: Glorify the Lord with me;

P: let us exalt his name together.

L: I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

P: he delivered me from all my fears.

L: Those who look to him are radiant;

P: their faces are never covered with shame.

L: This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;

P: he saved him out of all his troubles.

L: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,

P: and he delivers them.

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

P: blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

L: Fear the Lord, you his holy people,

P: for those who fear him lack nothing.

L: The lions may grow weak and hungry,

P: but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

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

HWB 226 You are salt for the earth

HWB 395 Here I am, Lord

Scripture Mark 8:1-10, 14-26 Bonnie Kaufman

Message "Seeing Clearly" Wayne & Jeannie Larson

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the back table.*)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Camp Mennoscah sharing

Pastoral Prayer

****Sending Song** *HWB 478 Sent forth by God's blessing*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel

CCLI # 9106321
Stream CCLI #20084674
OneLicense #A-738752
No Livestream this morning

Sunday, July 23, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School
Message: Josh Engle
Worship Leader: Ellen Kaufman
Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Accompanist: Carla Stucky
Scripture: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

July 16: Sunday School 9:30 with the Larsons
July 23: Josh Engle for morning worship
July 30: Bunco 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. Welcome to Wayne & Jeannie Larson**, our missionary partners since 2010 through Mennonite Mission Network. This morning they will share with us their joys and concerns as their mission work continues overseas. Our church sends support to the Larsons, but if you would like to give a personal donation this morning, make your check out to West Zion and put "Larsons" in the memo line.
- 2. Today is the deadline** for returning your form entitled "West Zion Priorities for a Pastor" distributed by the Search Committee. You can place them in the Search Committee mailbox which is in the bottom left corner.
- 3. Mark your calendars for Bunco night** at West Zion on Sunday, July 30 at 6:30 pm! This easy to learn dice game is lots of fun and a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor. All ages can join in this game. Snacks will be served!
- The Christian Discipleship Team will **host a breakfast** on Sunday, August 6 beginning at 9:30 am. All are invited to come enjoy a meal before church and learn about a new project the Team is working on!
- We are truly blessed and grateful to have such a caring and supportive church family. We want to thank you all for the cards, prayers, food and phone calls of support during Virginia's knee surgery and Leon's cancer surgery and stroke recovery. It all meant so much to us. - **Leon and Virginia Guhr**
- 6. Search Committee Report:** We have been very busy through the month of June, first meeting with Kathy Neufeld Dunn, our Western District Conference Pastor for an orientation meeting to help us get started and outline the steps to follow in our pastoral search. Since then, we have been working on filling out our Congregational Information Form. This is a very detailed 8-page document that will go to prospective candidates for them to get to know us as well as we are wanting to learn to know them. This document now goes to the Church Council for approval and then on to Western District Conference. We are then ready to start receiving candidate resumes for our review in the near future.

General Announcements

- 7. Save the Date!** The Womens & Girls Retreat will be September 9 & 10 at Camp Mennoedah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. The theme this year is "Women Talking, Listening and Creating." Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and story-telling in a variety of forms with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Watch for registration information on the WDC website, the bulletin, and more details in emails in the coming weeks! Follow us on Facebook: Western District Women in Mission
- Prairie View is hosting **free Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid training**. The Adult training will be on July 26 from 8:30am-5:00pm and youth training will be on July 17 from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Learn how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. To register, email bradlevel@pvi.org or call 316-284-6365. Lunch is on your own. This training is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- The St. Joseph Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM) group is selling **Colorado peaches** during the month of July. All orders must be received by August 1st. Pick-up will be middle to late August; 20lb box is \$40. Please order at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1J9Vt-PHYtPgYCap6RulMnEzzYOxqIK5d9ae7CtSCQY/viewform?ts=64a5fd45>. Payment accepted through Venmo (@StJoseph-Parish-McPherson), Cash, Check, Credit Card (May be paid for at pick-up.) Feel free to contact Lori Wheat (620-755-2360/wheatsks@cox.net) with any questions. The CYM group thanks you.
- The **Pine Village Bierock Fundraiser** is here! We are now taking Bierock pre-orders which are due by August 2. A half dozen are \$20 and a dozen is \$35. Forms can be found in the foyer. Return forms to Pine Village or order online. Join us for dinner on August 11 from 5:30-7pm. Dinner is \$7, add an extra bierock for only \$3 more! Pre-order pick up will be August 11 from 3-6pm at the Wellness Center.
- 11. 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 and supplies are low! 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 at 121 E. 30th St, North Newton. For questions, contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

12. **Thank You! Camp Mennoscah** is happy to announce that money continues to come to Camp with the **M&M Project**. Through donations and “Fire Keepers” (\$1000 givers), we have almost half of what we need to reach our goal of \$100,000 in pledges. Remember that your gift can be spread over several months or weeks. For more information, go to the Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy at tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org or 316-207-3472. Checks can be made to Camp with “M&M” in the memo, or you can give online.

13. **WDC Assembly 2023 Registration** is now open for anybody to attend. 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. **If you are interested in being a delegate**, please contact Connie Kaufman.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
 July 17: Dave Wedel
 July 18: Connie Graber
 July 22: Jean Regier, Sharon Schrag

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
 July 16: Mike & Connie Kaufman

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 264.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 75,471.67	\$ 86,636.96
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(55,084.96)	(67,517.64)
Less: cash balance	(26,273.60)	(23,928.06)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 81,796.44	\$ 65,854.30
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,408	\$ 2,744

West Zion Prayers

Continued healing for Jan Dyck, Frances Neufeld, Terry Kessler, Hope Biles
 Trianna Cowden dealing with cancer and upcoming surgery
 Search Committee and church leadership
 Lexi Bretz traveling with Journey youth on a mission trip to South Texas
 Vicky’s friend, Steve, dealing with brain cancer

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations that are supporting refugees and asylum seekers, as they join God’s work of justice and care for all people.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Youth Venture teams that are spending two weeks in Benin and Indonesia. Pray for the seven participants at each location, their group leaders and their hosts. Pray that this experience will help build the global body of Christ.

Mission Mosaic

Austin Roberts in Northern Ireland

July 9 attendance: 57



This week we pray for Mennonite Mission Network and the Larsons