

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude    Carla Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome    Ellen Kaufman  
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

## Call to Worship

L: We see light, hope, and joy;

**P: We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;**

L: We share blessings and fears;

**P: We bring faith and doubt.**

**All: With all that we bring and all that we have, let us worship  
God.**

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

*HWB 102 To God be the glory  
HWB 150 Wonderful grace of Jesus*

Scripture                      Romans 5:6-8                      Donna Stucky

Message                      "The Goodness of the Gospel"                      Pastor Josh Engle

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

**\*\*Sending Song**                      S&R 129 *Unity*  
We will sing refrain, verse 1, verse 2 and then refrain again.

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky

*Welcome and thank you to Pastor Josh Engle for bringing our morning message! Josh Engle is a lover of Jesus, a family man, and a missionary. He is a course creator for Kingswood University, an adjunct professor at Tabor College, a social media influencer, and an evangelist. He has been sharing the Gospel for over 20 years in the states and in over 15 different nations. He and His wife have started Encounter Jesus Evangelism to equip the body of Christ to share the Gospel effectively.*

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

## **Sunday, July 30, 2023**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School  
**Message:** Kurt Horst  
**Worship Leader:** Kurt Horst  
**Greeter(s):** Sharon Gehring

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Scripture:** Leon Guhr

## **Coming Events**

July 30: 9:30 AM: Last Sunday School for the summer  
6:30 PM: Bunco night at West Zion  
August 6: Christian Discipleship Team breakfast  
August 26: Gathering for women of West Zion

**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 Horst** is on vacation from July 17-24. For pastoral needs, please contact Deacons Sharon Gehring, Will Kaufman, or Jim Stucky.
2. **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!
3. 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!
4. **Ladies of West Zion:** Mark your calendars to attend a morning event on August 26...you will not want to miss it! Friendships are such a special gift from the Lord. Friends help us grow and show Christ's love to others.
5. For those interested, a copy of the **Schweitzer Salt newsletter** from the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) is available to read on the foyer board.

## General Announcements

6. The rains came Saturday evening July 15, and the field was turned to mud, so no plowing. But the Ag Committee decided to have **Plowing with Horses and Vintage Tractors on Saturday, July 29** just west of Moundridge Museum, 8:30-2:00. Again concessions by Gospel Mennonite. We tasted their homemade ice cream and that really makes a trip to Moundridge double worthwhile! - Kathy Goering for 150th steering committee
7. **Save the Date!** The Womens & Girls Retreat will be September 9 & 10 at Camp Mennoscah 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

8. 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](mailto: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.

9. **Colorado Peaches are coming!** The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are supposed to be a good crop this year thanks to the moisture during the winter and spring. Email [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) to place your peach order from **July 24-August 5**. Two sizes are available: **10 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41**. Checks should be made payable to **Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line** and payment (cash/check only) is due by **August 5** to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St.). Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Material Resources Center on **Monday, August 21**. This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Rocky Ford, Colorado October 20-21. Feel free to contact Lori Wheat ([620-755-2360/wheatsks@cox.net](mailto:620-755-2360/wheatsks@cox.net)) with any questions.

10. 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. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton. For questions, contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

12. **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 27: Mike Kaufman

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:  
July 25: Mark & Donna Stucky

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 2,060.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 76,601.67	\$ 88,696.96
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	( 55,621.51)	( 68,347.28)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 26,867.05)</u>	<u>( 25,158.42)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 80,666.44	\$ 63,794.30
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,507	\$ 2,774

**West Zion Prayers**

Continued healing for Jan Dyck, Frances Neufeld, Terry Kessler, Hope Biles, Trianna Cowden  
Carl Duffman had a stroke and is at Wesley  
Wynona Becker healing from a fall  
Lory Fisher’s sister, Marie Sensintaffar, who is having a biopsy  
Search Committee and church leadership

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray that children and their care-givers may grow in faith and joy as they attend summer Story Day activities at the WDC Resource Library on August 3.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso for the peacebuilding ministries of Calixte Bananzaro and Siaka Traoré, who helped negotiate an agreement through which Mennonites will provide care for internally displaced people and provide trauma healing, instead of paying war taxes. Pray for an end to violence.

**Mission Mosaic**

David & Rebekka Stutzman, Immanuel, Liana, and Nathanael in Germany

July 16 attendance: 40



This week we pray for our West Zion Mission Team