

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Crysta Guhr  
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Vicky Kessler  
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

## Call to Worship

L: When we think of God's presence in the world, we are grateful:

**P: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

L: When we think of God's presence in our lives, we are humbled:

**P: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

L: And when we think of God's presence in this community, we are glad:

**P: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.**

***All: With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God!***

**\*\*Celebrating in song** words on screen  
*HWB 535 Who now would follow Christ*  
*HWB 336 When peace, like a river*

Scripture Luke 14:7-14 Jennifer Suarez

Special Music "Take it to the Cross" – Katy Nichole Kaleigh Guhr

Message Pastor Kurt Horst  
"Oh Lord, It's Hard to be Humble"

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

Song for Meditation Kaleigh Guhr  
"Turn to Jesus" – Katy Nichole

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*Raise your hand, and we'll bring the mic to you.*)

Pastoral Prayer

**\*\*Sending Song** *HWB 486 God of our life*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

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

## **Sunday, July 16, 2023**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School - Larsons   **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Wayne & Jeannie Larson   **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Sharon Gehring   **Scripture:** Bonnie Kaufman  
**Greeter(s):** Geneva Wedel

### **Coming Events**

July 9:           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 with the Larsons  
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. **Next Sunday**, July 16, we will welcome our missionary partners, the Larsons, to morning Sunday School and worship. The Sunday School hour at 9:30 AM will be held in the conference room as usual.

2. **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.

3. Moundridge Community **Vacation Bible School** will be hosted by West Zion from July 11 to July 14 this next week. The fun starts at 6 PM and ends at 8:30 PM. Thank you to those who signed up to help in some way; it is appreciated! Note that you are invited to pray for VBS in our prayer garden.

4. To all of you at West Zion: as friends, your prayers helped me with the problems of health to regain my strength. We have a God who cares. Thank you. – **Geneva Wedel**

5. Thank you to everyone for the cards, phone calls, prayers and visits during my recent hospital stay. They were all appreciated! – **Frances Neufeld**

6. 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

7. The **Pine Village Benefit Day Bierock Fundraiser** is coming up! We are now taking Bierock Pre-orders, which are due by Wednesday,

August 2. A half dozen are \$20 and a dozen is \$35. Pre-order forms can be found in the foyer. Return forms to Pine Village or order online at <https://www.pinevillageks.org/benefitdaypreorders>. Join us for dinner on August 11th from 5:30-7pm. Dinner is just \$7, add an extra bierock for only \$3 more! We would love for you to join us. Pre-order pick up will be on August 11th from 3-6pm at the Wellness Center.

8. **Thank You! Camp Mennoscah** is happy to announce that money continues to come to Camp through the engagement of good people like yourselves with the **M&M Project**. Churches, small groups, families, and individuals are signing up to the “Fire Keepers” - \$1000 givers - and as of last week, we have almost half of what we need to reach our goal of \$100,000 in pledges. If you haven’t signed up, or if you don’t have the money right now - remember that the gift can be spread over several months or weeks - your choice. Churches are invited to put together a **fundraising event** this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. If you would like camp representation at such an event at your church, we are more than happy to see what we can do! And we’ll advertise for you on our website and Facebook page. For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy at the addresses below. Checks can be made to Camp with “M&M” in the memo, or you can give online. Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah, [tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org](mailto:tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org), 316-207-3472 or Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111, 620-297-3290.

9. 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.

10. **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 14: Laura Bretz

July 2 attendance: 46

| <b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>                             | <b>This Year</b> | <b>Last Year</b> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Regular collections – this week                   | \$ 2,080.00      | \$ 1,325.00      |
| Regular collections – year to date                | \$ 73,911.67     | \$ 86,372.96     |
| <br>  |                  |                  |
| Budget  | \$163,155.00     | \$157,300.00     |
| Less: expended to date                            | ( 51,223.72)     | ( 63,737.27)     |
| Less: cash balance                                | ( 28,574.84)     | ( 27,444.43)     |
| Receipts needed to meet budget                    | \$ 83,356.44     | \$ 66,118.30     |
| Avg. offering per Sunday needed<br>to meet budget | \$ 3,334         | \$ 2,645         |

### **West Zion Prayers**

Family of J.B. Huxman who died on June 30

Jan Dyck is scheduled for a knee replacement on July 7

Terry Kessler has been moved to Newton Rehab

Frances Neufeld is back at home

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek nominees for elected roles in WDC, and give thanks for those who are called to leadership in our conference.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill's ministry at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray for them as they work with others to launch a master's degree program in conflict transformation that will be housed at Abidjan University of the Christian Missionary Alliance in Ivory Coast.

### **Mission Mosaic**

Matthew & Toni Krabill in Paris

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This week we pray for Vacation Bible School