

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Kurt Horst

The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Spirit of peace, quiet our hearts.

P: Heal our anxious thoughts.

L: Free us from our fretful ways.

P: Breathe on us your holy calm.

L: In the stillness of your presence - teach us to pray.

P: As we open ourselves to be transformed - teach us to listen.

L: Open our eyes to see you are at work in our world.

P: Open our eyes to see where you call us to join your work in our world.

All: AMEN

**Celebrating in song Words on screen
I will stand in the congregation STS 113
Dear Lord and Father of mankind HWB 523

Scripture Video & reading Esther 4:1 – 5:3 Carolyn Schmidt

Message Pastor Kurt Horst
"God's Scepter: Invitation to Communication"

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

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

**Sending Song *In my life, Lord, be glorified*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Next Sunday, September 10, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman
Worship Leader: **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld
Noon meal & congregational meeting

Coming Events

Sept. 9: Prayer group 9:00 AM
Sept. 10: Fall Sunday School 9:30 AM, noon potluck meal &
 congregational meeting
Sept. 14: Christian Homemakers planning mtg 7 PM
Sept. 17: Ellen Kaufman brings the message (Pastor Kurt's
 Sunday off)
Sept. 24: Church picnic at Will & Ellen Kaufman's
Sept. 27: Meals & MYM begin
Oct. 1: World Communion Sunday, Pastor Kurt's last Sunday

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. **Search Committee update:** The committee has completed the Congregational Information Form (CIF) and are ready to receive names of potential candidates. There is a summary of the CIF posted in the foyer along with a sheet that keeps our congregation updated on the progress of the pastoral search.

2. We will begin our **Fall Sunday School class** next Sunday at 9:30. The focus will be on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Our study guide will be a book by Clarence Jordan titled, "The Sermon on the Mount." ***If you would like a copy of the book please let Ellen Kaufman know today.***

3. Next Sunday, September 10, there will be a **Pot Luck meal following worship followed by a congregational meeting.** The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and respond to recommendations from the Church Council and the Deacons regarding future Conference and Denominational affiliations.

4. **Wednesday evening meals** and Moundridge Youth Ministries (K-4th) will begin again at West Zion on September 27. If you are willing to help prepare a meal, please let Connie Kaufman know as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have helped with this in the past, it is a labor of love for our area youth!

5. **All West Zion women** are invited to come to the Christian Homemakers planning meeting September 14 at 7:00 PM. Maybe some MCC projects will be worked with. School supplies are on sale. School kits for MCC are in need of blue or black (4) ball point pens and 70 count spiral notebooks. Another project ongoing is saving all greeting cards for St. Jude's Children Center. Please put entire card into box on foyer shelf.

6. You are invited to come **fellowship and pray together** on Saturday, September 9 at West Zion. We will meet at the prayer corner in the upstairs classroom (by the bathroom) at 9:00 AM to visit, invite prayer requests, and then pray together for West Zion and for other needs. No food or drink will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own coffee. If you have questions, contact Carla Stucky.

7. **Greetings from Camp Mennoscah!** It has been an amazing year so far! With the help of program volunteers, support volunteers and the Summer Staff we welcomed 383 campers back to share faith & fun for eight weeks of youth camp programming at Camp Mennoscah. We appreciate Connie Kaufman and Carla Stucky who volunteered from West Zion. If we missed anyone, we humbly apologize. With peace, Camp Mennoscah staff

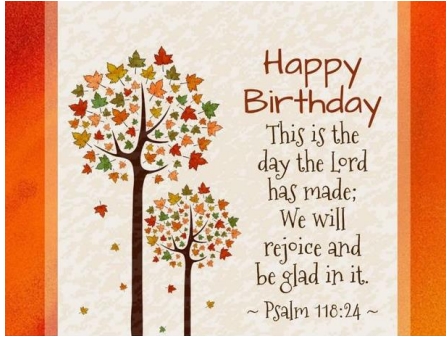
General Announcements

8. **Want to be a story catcher, story keeper, and story sharer?** Find out more by attending the Western District Women in Mission Women's & Girls Retreat Sept. 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah! Activities will be available for all ages (no specific girls programming). A brochure and registration form are available to download, print and send in at <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events>. We hope you can join us! This year's theme is Women Talking, Listening, and Creating, with our scripture theme being 2 Peter 1:12-21. **The due date for registration is September 5.** For questions, email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

9. **Sun., Sept. 10 – Eat, Protest, Lift**, a film by Caleb Stephens, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center* at Bethel College;

Mon., Sept. 11 - Dr. Stephens speaks in convocation, 11 a.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*; sponsored by Bethel College Social Work, the KIPCOR Film Series and the Bethel College Women's Association's Carolyn Schultz Lectureship.

10. Let's celebrate the 50th anniversary of **Offender Victim Ministry (OVM)** on Thursday, September 14 from 5-7 PM. Come & go for appetizers & drinks (no full meal will be served). This will be held at the Prairy Mezzanine, 104 W 6th St, Newton. Please RSVP by filling out [THIS FORM](#) or call 316-283-2038.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
 September 4: Elaine Horst

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 5,815.00	\$ 3,546.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 89,985.83	\$105,670.26
 Budget	 \$163,155.00	 \$157,300.00
 Expended to date	 68,185.20	 83,571.85

West Zion Prayers

Praise for Terry Kessler being able to eat!

Praise for Gerry Major receiving help with a flat tire!

Search Committee, Council, Deacons, and church leadership

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God’s gift of renewal and fellowship for WDC members attending the Women and Girls’ Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, sponsored by Western District Women in Mission.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network’s service programs are welcoming new participants. Mennonite Voluntary Service just completed online orientation, and Service Adventure begins orientation on Friday. Pray that God’s spirit will prepare participants hearts and minds, as they step out of their comfort zones and risk living out their faith in Anchorage, Alaska; Tucson, Arizona; San Francisco, California; Alamosa and Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Mission Mosaic

Colleen and Pablo Fast in Brazil

August 27 attendance: 53