

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

L: The work of the Creator is visible.

P: Let us respond with praise

L: The example of Jesus is apparent.

P: Let us respond with obedience.

L: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

P: Let us respond with joy.

L: The word of God is calling.

All: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

**Celebrating in song Words on screen

God is here among us HWB 16

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Scripture Hebrews 4:12-16 Ellen Kaufman

Special Music Women's Ensemble

"Down to the River to Pray (with Lord, Listen to Your Children)"

Message Pastor Kurt Horst

"Praying without words, beyond words, and into words"

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 the Garden

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Next Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Ellen Kaufman **Scripture:** Brian Bretz
Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

Coming Events

Sept. 14: Christian Homemakers planning mtg 7 PM
Sept. 17: Ellen Kaufman brings the message
Sept. 24: Church picnic at Will & Ellen Kaufman's
Hayride 5:00 pm, supper at 6:00 pm
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. Come enjoy a **potluck meal** after worship today! There will be plenty of food so please join even if you did not bring anything. Following the meal, a **congregational meeting** will be held to hear and respond to recommendations from the Church Council and Deacons regarding future conference and denominational affiliations.

2. All are invited to **our annual church picnic** at Will and Ellen Kaufman's (2635 Cheyenne Rd). Bring a salad OR dessert and lawn chair. Table service, drinks, hot dogs and a fire will be provided! A hayrack ride will begin at 5:00 PM and supper will be served at 6:00 PM. If the weather does not cooperate, the back-up plan is to hold the picnic on October 1.

3. We have five persons who are **leading worship** currently and would like to have 2-3 more people available to rotate this ministry. Words and prayers can be written out for you or you can use your own. Please prayerfully consider this.

4. The **Fall Sunday School class** began this morning! We are studying the book by Clarence Jordan titled, "The Sermon on the Mount" from Matthew 5-7. If you would like a copy of the book please let Ellen Kaufman know as soon as possible.

5. **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!

6. 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.

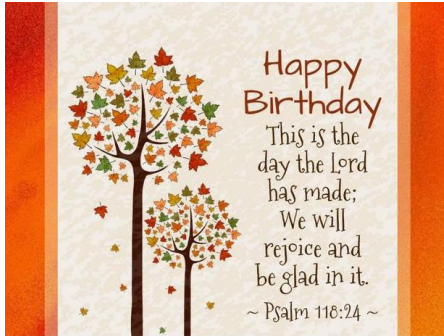
7. **Search Committee update:** The committee has completed the Congregational Information Form (CIF) and are ready to receive names of potential candidates. There is a summary of the CIF posted

in the foyer along with a sheet that keeps our congregation updated on the progress of the pastoral search.

General Announcements

8. The **Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off** event will be held on September 24 at Camp! The day will be filled with fun family activities, Camp Corporation Annual Meeting, Spike Ball Tournament, and for the first time ever, The Camp Mennoscah Talent/No Talent Show! An evening of live entertainment on the banks of the Ninnoscah! Be sure to let us know if you plan to attend and if you have an act to enter. All ages and talent levels welcome! Check Camp Mennoscah's website at www.campmennoscah.org or Camp's Facebook page for more information.

9. **Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts** (BCAPA) is excited to offer an Adult Group Piano class beginning Tues., Sept. 5, running 8 weeks through Oct. 10, 11 a.m.-noon in the piano lab in Luyken Fine Arts Center on the Bethel campus. This beginning piano class is the perfect starter course to develop basic piano skills. Every student plays on their own keyboard in the piano lab, and no prior piano experience is needed to join. Seats are limited, so please e-mail www.bcapa@bethelks.edu or text/call us at 316-804-8864 if you are interested and/or have questions.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
September 10: Richard Golden
September 11: Samantha Strausz

West Zion Prayers

Gerry’s brother, Dick, who is struggling with shingles and difficulty walking

Pastor Kurt for an upcoming routine medical procedure

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God’s guidance for elected leaders of WDC (Executive Board, Gifts Discernment Committee, Church Planting Commission, Ministerial Leadership Commission, Resource Commission, Stewardship Commission) and other WDC committees and task forces, as they begin a new program year following Annual Assembly.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the members of the Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America (MTAL), as they compile their devotional book for 2024–2025. Pray that God’s spirit will guide the team of volunteer editors and designers as they work with submissions from more than 300 women.

Mission Mosaic

Alfonsina and Jose Ohanguren, Juan and Tomas in Argentina

September 3 attendance: 49