

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, today, make your word a lamp for our feet.

People: Today, Jesus, make your word a light for our path.

Leader: Guiding Spirit, as children of the light we are committed to walk in your ways.

People: Open our eyes to see more clearly,

Leader: Mold our hearts to love more dearly,

People: Guide our minds to follow more nearly -- day by day.

All: Amen

**Celebrating in song Words on screen
I am the Bread of Life HWB 472
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less HWB 343

Scripture Ecclesiastes 12:13, Matthew 7:13-14 Brian Bretz

Message Ellen Kaufman
"How are You Doing In the Game of Life?"

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

Song for Meditation

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

Prayer

**Sending Song *Spirit of the Living God HWB 349*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Next Sunday, September 24, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst
Worship Leader: Vicky Kessler
Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Scripture: Connie Graber
Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

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
Oct. 14: Fellowship & Prayer 9:00 AM

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. **Thanks to everyone who came to the congregational meeting last Sunday.** We appreciate all the great questions and those who spoke honestly of their opinions. The final recount of all the votes was: *Question #1: Do you affirm the recommendation to initiate a process of separation from WDC/MCUSA? Results: Yes 91%, no 4%, no answer 6%* *Question #2: Do you affirm Deacons' recommendation that we explore affiliating with Evana? Results: Yes 94%, no 4%, no answer 2%*
For those who are interested in learning more about Evana, go to their website at <https://evananetwork.org/>.

2. All are invited to **our annual church picnic** at Will and Ellen Kaufman's (2635 Cheyenne Rd) on Sunday, Sept. 24. 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. The Middle School of Moundridge sends a big **thank you** for the generous school supplies of erasers, sharpies and Kleenex. The congregation is thanked for the \$125 cash donation to the school.
– Mission Team

4. We would like to have 1-2 more people who are available **to lead worship** on a Sunday morning. Words and prayers can be written out for you or you can use your own. Please prayerfully consider this.

General Announcements

5. **STEPMC Taco Tuesday** - October 3rd @ Trinity Lutheran Church (119 N Elm. St.) in McPherson. Lunch 11 AM - 1 PM & Dinner 5 PM – 7 PM. This is a free will donation fundraiser for STEPMC. Come enjoy some delicious tacos!

6. The second event for the **150th celebration for Swiss Volhynian Mennonites** will take place just west of the Moundridge Museum on Saturday, Sept. 30. Come watch three teams of horses plant Turkey Red Wheat starting at 8:30 AM with an old tractor delivering the wheat to the drills. The Moundridge Museum will be open to visitors, the Farmer's Market will have plenty of produce to sell, and morning concessions will be served. Thank you to Darrel Schrag, Glen Goering, Keith Goering, Russ Stucky, and Nathan Graber for making

all the arrangements. We all don't have a team of horses in our backyard, so seeing those big work horses is astonishing; the kids especially find them awesome. **Come and see!**

7. The **Annual Report** for the Associated Ministries of Moundridge can be found in the foyer. Feel free to contact Rick Krehbiel, Executive Director, at 620-386-4147 if you have any questions.

8. **Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise** May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church in Whitewater. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Complete information & registration at www.tourwithweldon.com

9. **Healing & Hope**, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction) is open to new participants. Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin again in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

10. This fall the **Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** turns 40 years old! Join the celebration by attending a gala concert at 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 23 at Hesston Mennonite Church. The performance will include students and alumni featuring guest conductors and soloists. Celebrate the tradition of quality choral music at Hesston College. Viewing available at hesston.edu/livestream

11. **Hesston College Theatre** presents *Steel Magnolias* Thursday, September 28-Sunday, October 1, in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. This comedic-drama focuses keenly on M'Lynn and the push/pull she has with Shelby, her headstrong, loving daughter. When their family experiences a tragedy, it's the friendships that help M'Lynn embrace the hurt and move forward. More information at hesston.edu/theatre

12. **Everence®** will hold a Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, Sept. 28, starting at 6:30 PM. Topics will include Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking

benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings, plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. This will be held at the Everence office (3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton) and information will be presented by staff from the Central Kansas offices. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or www.central.kansas@everence.com.

13. **Bethel College Women’s Association (BCWA)** welcomes donations of baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and pies for Pie-by-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Bring homemade fruit pies, poppyseed roll, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, or other treats to room 140 in Luyken Fine Arts Center from 2-5 PM Friday, Oct. 13 or 7-9 AM Saturday, Oct. 14. Questions? Email bcwa@bethelks.edu. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College.

14. **Bethel College:**
- Thurs., Sept. 21 – Bethel College Orchestra, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*
- Thurs., Sept. 28 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*
- Volunteers - The BC Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help with Taste of Newton and Fall Festival. Contact Brad Schmidt at 316-285-5252 or bschmidt@bethelks.edu for information.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,787.00	\$ 1,000.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 96,164.83	\$109,358.26
 Budget	 \$163,155.00	 \$157,300.00
 Expended to date	 69,089.77	 88,134.01

West Zion Prayers

Those dealing with health concerns

Search Committee and church leadership

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Listening Process, as congregations host listening teams from WDC to reflect on congregational ministry and hopes for the future, and ways that WDC resources can support their mission.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Praise God for Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate’s sewing classes have become popular. Pray that Kate will be able to share God’s love as she helps women make clothes for their families.

Mission Mosaic

Jane, Jerrell and Jordan Ross Richer in Ecuador

September 10 attendance: 60



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
Sept. 18: Will Kaufman

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:
Sept. 21: Berna & Jennifer Suarez