

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude    Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Listen – all creation is rejoicing -- can you hear it?

**People: There is so much noise and chatter, we aren't sure there is music?**

Leader: Tune your ears to hear the melodies of praise that fill the world around us.

**People: We want to hear the songs.**

Leader: Oh, God, show us the wonders of your melodies.

**People: We want to sing along.**

Leader: We join our voices in hope.

**People: We worship our God who brings new music into our world.**

***All: Praise the Lord!***

\*\*Celebrating in song

*When the storms of life are raging  
Blessed Assurance HWB 332*

Scripture                      Proverbs 16:17; Isaiah 35:3-10                      Connie Graber

Message                      "Take the High Road"                      Pastor Kurt

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*)

Pastoral Prayer

\*\*Sending Song                      *The Lord lift you up STJ 73*

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

\*\*please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

CCLI # 9106321

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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page*

## **Next Sunday, October 1, 2023**

### ***Communion Sunday***

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School                      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Pastor Kurt Horst                **Scripture:** Sharon Gehring  
**Worship Leader:** Sharon Gehring      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Greeter(s):** Geneva Wedel

### **Coming Events**

Sept. 27:      Taco meal 6 PM, MYM, Jr. & Sr. FEWZ meet  
Oct. 1:        World Communion Sunday, Pastor Kurt's last Sunday  
Oct. 4:        Tator tot casserole meal 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ meet  
Oct. 5:        Christian Homemakers 1:00 PM  
Oct. 8:        Sam Shilts leads musical worship  
Oct. 11:      Pancake meal 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ meet  
Oct. 14:      Fellowship & Prayer 9:00 AM  
Oct. 15:      Diane Mason brings the message  
Oct. 18:      Chicken casserole meal 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ meet

**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. **Communion** will be received next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts and mend relationships as we come together to celebrate Christ.
2. **Thanks to everyone who came to the congregational meeting on September 10.** 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://evanetwork.org/>.
3. All are invited to **our annual church picnic** at Will and Ellen Kaufman's (2635 Cheyenne Rd) this evening. Bring a salad OR dessert and lawn chair. Table service, drinks, and hot dogs 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.
4. **Wednesday evening meals** begin on September 27 with a taco meal! All are welcome to come eat between 6:00 and 6:15 PM for the next 8 Wednesdays at West Zion.
5. **Christian Homemakers** will meet October 5 at 1:00 PM for work projects from MCC Center. The work afternoon will end before 5:00 PM. Please join us.
6. There are **several dishes** and baskets for dishes in the kitchen which were left behind from our meal together. Please check to see if these are yours, thanks.

## General Announcements

7. **Pine Village Benefit Days!** Our largest fundraiser of the year will be held on Thursday, October 19. The meal will start at 5:00 PM with the auction following at 6:00. You can help in several ways: 1) donate an item or service to the auction (please have it to Pine Village by Sept. 29 or arrange for pick-up by calling Crystal Schwartz at 620-

345-2901); 2) give a financial gift by mailing a check or donating online at [www.pinivillageks.org/benefit-day](http://www.pinivillageks.org/benefit-day); or 3) Show up and bid! Thank you for your continued support of Pine Village.

8. The Bethel College **Wind Ensemble**, directed by Chris Miertschin, will perform on September 28 at 7 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. ***Daniel Kaufman is a member of this ensemble!***
9. The **Moundridge Senior Center** is having an ice cream and homemade pie fundraising event on Monday, October 9 at the Senior Center, 100 N. Schmidt. Dining in or pick up will be available. Everyone is welcome. Monetary donations are appreciated and will go into our carpet cleaning fund. Come support your local Senior Center and help us maintain a well-kept Center.
10. **Relief Sale quilter's corner fall sale** – Friday, October 13 from 9-5 and Saturday, October 14 from 9-3 at the MCC Office in North Newton. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of MCC. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282.
11. **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!
12. The second event for the **150<sup>th</sup> 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. Seeing these big work horses at work is astonishing and especially fun for the kids. **Come and see!**
13. **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](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com) or 316-619-4580 for more information.

14. **Hesston College Theatre** presents *Steel Magnolias* Thursday, September 28-Sunday, October 1, in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. More information is at [hesston.edu/theatre](http://hesston.edu/theatre)

15. **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](http://www.central.kansas@everence.com).

16. **Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA)** welcomes donations of baked goods for 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](mailto:bcwa@bethelks.edu). All proceeds will benefit Bethel College.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,010.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 97,199.83	\$110,368.26
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Expended to date	71,358.13	104,173.48

### **West Zion Prayers**

Dave & Zettie Wedel as Dave's sister Shirley Warner died on Sept. 19

Donna Stucky's friend Kristen Kliever who was diagnosed with cancer

Those in our church family dealing with health concerns

Search Committee and church leadership

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

We are called as Jesus's followers to share our experience as God's people and the transformative work of the gospel of Jesus in our lives. We pray for church plants and congregations exploring partnerships to do missions together in Western District Conference. -WDC Church Planting Commission

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

MMN requests prayer for a couple who has spent decades ministering in the Middle East, where they are part of a media team that works at "transforming lives with unstoppable hope." Pray for them and the 16 full-time animators; multiple trainers, who help people share the good news with their neighbors; and a social media team of three Arabic women, who address issues like human trafficking and child brides.

### **Mission Mosaic**

Elena, Freddy, and Matias Satalaya in Bolivia

September 17 attendance: 53



We wish a "Happy Birthday" to:  
September 25: Sandy Jantz