

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

August 24, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Ellen Kaufman

Announcements

You may give an offering in the lock box at the back of the sanctuary

Call to Worship

Sam Shilts

****Song** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us HWB 355*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Pastor Mike Hiebert

Special Music

Sam Shilts

Message

Ephesians 6:10-18

Pastor Mike

“Stand Your Ground – The Breastplate of Righteousness”

****Sending Song**

Sam Shilts

****Benediction**

Pastor Mike

****Postlude**

****Please stand if you are able**

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

Our Mission: God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Summer Prayer Concerns

Pray for West Zion leadership

West Zion Prayers

Rodney Gehring and health

Tracy Duffman and family mourning death of friend Jimmy Michelle & Sean Claassen welcomed Anna Louise on Aug. 2!

Praise for God's healing in lives!

Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic

Physical and mental health journeys

Next Sunday, August 31

Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

Coming Events and Church Use

August 25: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.

August 26: Partners in Family Care uses Fellowship Hall 11-2

September 1: No STEPMC meeting

September 4: Christian Homemakers planning meeting 2 p.m.

September 8: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.

September 12: Craft Night 6:00 p.m.

October 28: MCC Meat Canning

August 17 attendance: 43

Secretary Carla Stucky

Office Hours: Thursdays 9-11:30 AM, 1-4 PM

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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion YouTube page
Go to www.youtube.com and search West Zion Mennonite*

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,263.00	\$ 1,094.01
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 97,589.73	\$ 105,421.25
 Budget	 \$178,431.00	 \$173,035.00
Less: expended to date	(82,910.11)	(72,806.90)
Less: cash balance	<u>(64,527.89)</u>	<u>(55,730.11)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 30,993.00	\$ 44,497.99
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 1,631	\$ 2,342

West Zion Announcements

Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon



1. **Welcome and thank you to Sam Shilts** for bringing special music!

2. **Moundridge Youth Ministries (MYM)** will be starting up Sept. 24 and run through Nov. 12. Connie Kaufman is needing volunteers to help with the meal preparations for MYM. If you are willing to help 2 times during the fall and 2 times during the spring, PLEASE let Connie know. It's a great way to minister to the little ones in our community!!

3. **Sunday School** will begin again on **September 7 at 9:15** and will go for 13 weeks. Melvin Graber will lead a study on the book of Hebrews with the Life Application Study Bible series. All are invited to attend! The books are free and will be distributed before September 7.

4. **Mark the date:** Meat Canning will be Tuesday, October 28. Mark your calendars now so you can plan to help with this mission. More details to follow at a later date.

5. Mission Team is collecting **MCC school kit supplies**. Each kit contains the following school supplies packed in colorful cloths that a child can use as a backpack:

- 4 spiral or perforated-page 70 sheet notebooks, (8.5 in x 11 in)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

You can donate one or more items by leaving them in the foyer for the month of August.

6. **All women of the church** are invited to join the Christian Homemakers for a short planning meeting on September 4 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is in the Fellowship Hall at West Zion.

7. **Kansas Kairos Outside**, a ministry to support women who have been affected by incarceration, will take place September 19-21. A brochure with more information is in the foyer. There are many ways to get involved! Talk to Tracy Duffman for more information.

8. An upcoming **ON-LINE estate auction** will be held by Rodney Dyck. It will be listed on the Elite On-line Auction LLC website run by Amy Jantzen or on the Elite On-line Auction Facebook. If interested, check back at those sites for information.

9. **TRACTOR DRIVERS NEEDED:** Tractor drivers from Moundridge are needed for the State Fair. Drivers are needed on Friday, September 12 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm, 2:00-5:00 pm, and 5:00-8:00 pm. If you are willing to drive, please call or text Kristin (620-381-3341) or Rene Kaufman (620-386-0110) to sign up.

10. The **August 2025 Czech-In newsletter** from our missionary partner, Karen Hess, has been emailed to the church. A few copies of the newsletter can be found by the bulletins for those who don't. Please take time to read Karen's newsletter and continue to keep her and Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer.

General Announcements

11. **Faith & Life Bookstore** celebrates their annual church librarian and book lover's day on Saturday, September 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch is included. Please RSVP soon to attend, seating is limited. <https://faithandlifebookstore.net/>

12. **Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church** is inviting surrounding neighbors for a FREE Community Fun Night on Saturday, August 30, starting at 5:00 (43 13th Ave, Inman). There will be a food truck, live music, car show, corn hole boards, inflatables, Gaga Ball, along with other yard games. Come play and visit. At around 8:30 we will be showing a family movie under the stars! Bring the family and enjoy the evening with your surrounding community neighbors.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
August 26: Carol Hanna
August 28: Marlene Wiens

DEACON'S CORNER

We all need protection. Sunscreen, sunglasses, rain coats, shoes. We are grateful that Mike Hiebert is leading us through a series about the Armor of God; putting on our spiritual protection.

The Deacons and Church Council have formed a Search Committee to begin our pastoral search. Committee members are Lory Fisher, Mel Graber, Connie Kaufman, Will Kaufman, Sharon Schrag, and Kirk Stucky. Please be in prayer for God to reveal a shepherd.

Feel free to call or text us.

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