

*Pray This Week for...*

- those in our number slowly healing.
- the protection and safety of children and youth in their homes, churches, and communities, especially during this “Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

*Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (including 1 visitor) 92  
**Offering** (Christian Peacemaker Teams/Peace Connections) \$513

*Highlighted Announcements*

**From Death to Life:** an Easter walk from the Zion Menn. Ch. cemetery to the church. Meet at the cemetery on Easter morn, Apr. 16 at 9 A.M. to walk the app. 2 miles to Elbing to symbolize Jesus rising from the grave: “He is not here; for he has been raised.” (Meet at church earlier to carpool; SS will still meet).

**Graduates! Parents and Grandparents!** We try to recognize those commencing from school programs each season. Please inform Pastor Ray via note or e-mail *by Thur., Apr. 27* of any such transitions, noting name of student, school, degree, program/major, commencement ceremony date, date/time/place of reception (if desired), and future plans if they are known.

Apr. 19, at NOON: **Women in Mission** will meet Wed., at the Breadbasket for lunch. Offering is for MCC–seeds. Following lunch we’ll be visiting in the nursing homes. All ladies are invited!

Apr. 19, at 5:30 P.M.: **Pizza party** for the children of Zion. This will be our Kid’s Club final celebration for this year. Bring your Shalom reading lists.

Apr. 23, at 6:30 P.M.: This Sun. evening Pastors Ray and Rosie will host a **ZEST** in which they’ll share some of the perspectives they learned from various groups regarding the social / political scene in Israel / Palestine, as well as share some. This hopefully will be a prelude to further discussion we will have as a congregation about the Mennonite Church USA resolution to be considered at the assembly in Orlando this summer.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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RESTORE US, O GOD!



WE LIVE

April 16, 2017: Easter Sunday  
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M.      Worship at 10:45 A.M.

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Gathering and Praise

\*Gathering Hymn “Christ the Lord is risen today”      HWB #280  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements  
Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Leader: When all hope seems lost, Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

L: When fear hovers close at hand, Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

L: When disillusionment and despair threaten us, Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

L: Come! Celebrate the risen Lord! Alleluia!

\*Hymn of Praise      “Christ has arisen”      HWB #267

Sharing the Word

Children’s Time      Ann Schowengerdt  
Scripture      Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20  
Message      “Living the resurrection”      Rosie Epp

Responding and Confessing

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: O living God, who raised Jesus from the dead, we shout your great victory; we sing hymns of praise!

**People: Even when our hearts are heavy and our eyes are dimmed by sorrow, you are faithful. You wipe away all tears and bring joy in the morning.**

L: Teach us, O God, to trust your gracious love, to rest in your unfailing goodness, to hope in your true promise, that we may rejoice all our days and share the good news:

**All: Alleluia! Amen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**

\*Response Song      “Thine is the glory”      HWB #269  
Offering      Western District Conference  
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer      Ray Reimer

Sending

\*Sending Hymn “Praise God from whom all blessings” HWB #118

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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Greeters: Ralph and Jeanne Schmidt      Worship Leader: Deanna Entz  
Musician and Graphic Artist: Kristyn Wedel  
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp      (316) 799-1200

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**Pastors Ray and Rosie’s Schedules:** One of them is at the church office most weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon., Thur., & Fri., Rosie on Tue. & Wed. This week Ray has pastor cluster Tue. afternoon; they will host Jonathan Kuttab for supper Tue. and attend the following discussion re Israel/Palestine; Ray has a WDC Exec. Comm. mtg. Fri. afternoon; and they’ll attend the Peabody-Burns Voices dinner theater Sat. evening.

*This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Easter morning walk** from cemetery to church      9 A.M., Today  
**Women in Mission** meet @ Breadbasket      NOON., Wed.  
**Zion children’s pizza party**      5:30 P.M., Wed.

Mowing church: David and Josh Andres      Before next Sun.  
Greeters: David and Karen Andres      Next Sun.  
Musicians: Carol / Carol / Carol      Next Sun.  
Offering: Mennonite Central Committee      Next Sun.

*Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**ZEST: report** on Israel / Palestine learnings      6:30 P.M., Apr. 23  
**Cong. meal / baby shower** for Tim / Sarah Wedel      NOON, Apr. 30  
**Deacons** meet      7 P.M., May 2  
**Governing Council** meets      7 P.M., May 8  
**Parent/Child Dedication** of Asher Andres      May 14  
**Teacher Appreciation** luncheon      NOON, June 4