

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

**Worship attendance** (with no visitors; & 12x2 Twitchers): c.75  
**Offering:** Local fund \$4,275  
January receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed) \$4,275

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Jan. 9  
**Worship;** also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Jan. 9  
**Deacons meet** (via Zoom) 9 A.M., Jan. 10  
**Governing Council** meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Jan. 10  
**Spiritual Life Board** meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Jan. 11  
**Wed. evening activities** resume (including Bible study) Jan. 12  
Children's & Jr. Youth activities 6:15–7:00 P.M.  
Choir 7:00–7:30 P.M.  
Adult Bible Study 7:30–c.8:15 P.M.

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist/Vocalist: Josh & Kristy Andres Next Sun.  
Children's Time: Cassie Klingenberg Next Sun.  
Offering: Western District Conference Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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### Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Kara Klingenberg, who left this last Fri. on her annual medical mission trip.
- the generous financial contributions, prayers and volunteer service of all the congregations and individuals who support WDC ministries.
- Kate Widmer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, who has extended her assignment with *Eglise la Prairie Montbéliard* (The Prairie Church in Montbéliard) in France. Pray for her as she is currently on North American assignment, sharing updates with supporting congregations, before returning to France for a second term to continue her ministries with children and other community outreach programs.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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January 9, 2022

Worship in the sanctuary at 10:45 A.M.; also live-streamed

Gathering Song "Praise him, praise him" VT #100  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude SODZ  
Call to Worship *re Isa 43:1* Adapted from WW2, #2

Leader: We have come to worship you, O God;

**People: gather us in.**

L: Some of us come full of happiness;

**P: gather us in.**

L: Some of us come a little sore from what life brings;

**P: gather us in.**

L: Some of us come indifferent or confused;

**P: gather us in.**

L: We honor you—who forms us and calls us each by name.  
You are our God, known yet unknown, present here yet everywhere now and forever. You have made us distinctly unique and yet part of your people worldwide.

**P: Gather us in to your fierce love, your tender care, your abundant grace, as we gather to worship you.**

Song "How firm a foundation" VT #592

Children's Time Lois Friesen

Scripture(s) *Isaiah 43:1-7*

Sermon "Created, Formed, Redeemed, Called" Brett Klingenberg

Response Song "We praise thee, O God" VT #91, vss. 1, 3, 4

Offering *Wheat State Manor*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Ray Reimer

Sending Song “We, your people, sing your praises” VT #849  
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Lillian Wedel Accompanist: Karen Andres  
Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

(Our worship is live-streamed and recorded at <twitch.tv/zionmennonite>; recorded services are available for 2 wks. Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #737503-A. All rights reserved)

**Pastors Ray and Karen’s Schedules:** Ray is usually at the church office from about 9 A.M.–NOON on Mon. and Fri.; Karen on Tue. and Thur. afternoons from about 1–4 P.M.

### *Congregational Announcements*

Jan. 12, 6:15 P.M.: **Mentors/Mentees** heads up! We will be meeting this coming Wed. night. This is also Shalom Readers night and our theme will focus on learning about and experiencing different ways of praying! If you have never walked a labyrinth, please join us as we grow together in experiencing prayer.

Jan. 12, 7:30 P.M.: Wed. evening **Adult Bible Study** resumes after Christmas break; following along with sermons through winter and Lent, we will study the gospel of Luke. (It was previously announced we wouldn’t resume until Jan. 19, but it now will be necessary to skip at least a week later in the month).

### *Other Organizations*

Jan. 16, 2 P.M.: The Kansas MDS Unit invites you to attend its **annual meeting** at Tabor Menn. Ch. (891 Chisholm Trail, Newton). Agenda: We will be sharing and celebrating about the work of MDS, and voting on some Unit Bylaw revisions. For a copy of the revisions contact <cleohkoop@gmail.com>. No need to register. This will be a hybrid event, in person as well as virtual on Zoom. This remote link to join the Zoom meeting will become active 30 minutes before the meeting: <<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83355094919?pwd=anNDNWIBRkRjWmVNOFRkbHUwOU9tQT09>>.

Jan. 17-18: Bethel College hosts two activities for **the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday** that are free and open to the public, both in Memorial Hall: Jan. 17, 7 P.M., program with Jasmyn Elise Story as the featured speaker; Jan. 18, 2 P.M., screening of the Kellogg Foundation’s 2022 National Day of Racial Healing event. Sponsors are Bethel College Student Life, the Bethel College Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) Campus Center and the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Jan. 18, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold an **informative Medicare webinar**. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn’t) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at <central.kansas@everence.com>, 316-283-3800, or 877-467-7294. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

Jan. 29, NOON-4 P.M.: Kauffman Museum **annual Kansas Day event, “Famous Kansans,”** museum and grounds. For more info, see <kauffmanmuseum.org> or the Museum Facebook page.

**Life Enrichment at Bethel College** has been canceled for spring 2022, due to ongoing health and safety concerns. Organizers hope to resume Life Enrichment in fall 2022.

**Healing and Hope:** A confidential group of women supporting each other in seeking healing and hope after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner’s use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). The group is hosted by First Menn. Ch. of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div, and Gail Unruh-Revel, LSCSW, CST, CSAT. Meetings will be via zoom, and occur every other Tuesday beginning after the first of the year. Please contact the facilitator, Audrey Ratzlaff <aaratzlaff@yahoo.com>, or Pastor Laura Goerzen <laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org> for more info.