

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (with 0 visitors: YouTube 9x2)	c.82
Offering:	
WDC Church Plant	\$400
Local Fund	\$250
KMRS	\$250

Local Fund needed per month \$11,600; received to date \$5,300

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SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., March, 24
Worship	10:45 A.M., March, 24

Wednesday Evening Activities

**NO MORE WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES
SEE YOU IN THE FALL!**

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Carol/Margaret	Next Sun.
Speaker: Reinhild Janzen	Next Sun.
Children’s Time: ???	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite World Conference	Next Sun.
AV: Matt Regier	Next Sun.
Greeters: Reynold and Deanna Entz	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

KMRS:	April 12 & 13
VBS:	June 3-6
Sunday School Picnic: King Park Hesston	10:00 A.M., June 9

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Prayer for Holy Week – “Lord, look at me, accept my prayer as you accepted Peter’s prayer, and let me not run away from you in the night as Judas did. Bless me, Lord, in this Holy Week, and give me the grace to know your loving presence more intimately. Amen.”

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 24, 2024

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

Gathering	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	VT#411
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		Lois Friesen
Prelude		Bonnie Brewer
Call to Worship		

All: *Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!*

L: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

P: **Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: Christ among us, God’s light shining on us!

P: **Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

Children’s Time		Lillian Wedel
Parade of Palms	“Ride on, Ride On in Majesty”	VT#316

Offering Mennonite Church USA
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)

Choir	“Sing Hosanna!”	By: Kirby Shaw
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Scripture Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 and Mark 11:1-11

Artist’s visions of Christus Triumphans and Christus Patiens
Reinhild Janzen

Response Song	“All Glory Laud and Honor”	VT#315
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**Sharing of Our Life Together
Prayer**

Lisa Scott

Sending Song “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” VT#500

Benediction Reinhild Janzen

Sung Benediction “We are Trav’lers on a Journey” Choir
with Emma Entz on Oboe
arr. by Craig Courtney

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen
Sermon: Reinhild Janzen
Greeters: Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family

Music: Christina/Bonnie
AV: Wes Brewer

Our worship is live-streamed and recorded. To access go to:
<https://www.zionmenno.org/watch-live.html> OR
<https://www.youtube.com/@zionmennonitechurch-elbing5666/streams>
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Office Administrators: All bulletin items, notes/information to be sent
out to the congregation through email needs to be sent to:

office.zionelbing@gmail.com

by Thursdays at 3 P.M.

Please use this email for any A/V questions, presentations, etc.

av.zionelbing@gmail.com

Congregational Announcements

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS: Until we have a pastor in place,
you can notify the deacons of pastoral care needs by emailing
zionelbing@gmail.com or by contacting **June Entz, John Janzen**
or **Lisa Scott** directly. **Pastor Weldon Martens** from Grace Hill is
available for emergency-related pastoral care (i.e. hospitalizations,
deaths, and funerals). You can call/text Pastor Weldon at 402-202-
9276 or reach him via email at Weldon.Martens@gmail.com.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Zion and Grace Hill will gather
together for Holy Week services.

The Palm Sunday evening service, "The Parables of Jesus,"
is March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Zion. Renee Reimer is organizing this
service around readings from the Gospel of Luke.

The Maundy Thursday service, including communion, is at
Grace Hill at 7:00 p.m. on March 28.

ZION GOVERNING COUNCIL asked June (Miller) Entz, and
she accepted, to serve as deacon for the remainder of the current
2024 term. She fills the position vacated by Steph (Miller) Entz’s
resignation on January 9, 2024.

SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS: DISCOVER JESUS VBS--Seeking
volunteers to have a successful VBS. We are looking for adults to
assist with **Pre K3/K4 classroom teacher and Nursery.** Please
let Jana Wedel (janarwedel@gmail.com) know if you are available
to assist.

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Easter Sunday for
PreK3 to 8th graders immediately following the church service.
All young people (and any parent assistants), *please meet in the
library to learn where you will hunt for eggs.* Please let Allie
Klingenberg know if you are aware of children this age that will be
present that morning that are guests so there are enough eggs to
hunt.

IT’S MOWING TIME: The Facilities Commission is working on
the mowing schedule for the church, parsonage, and cemetery for
the coming months. If you were on the previous schedule, we will
assume you are willing to do it again this year unless we hear from
you. We are always looking for more volunteers willing to mow.
Contact David in person or ph. 316-227-0914.

MEN AND BOYS RETREAT at Camp Mennoscah is April 6-7.

COME SEE A MUSICAL DRAMA: A Goodly Heritage, a musical drama sharing a history of the Swiss Volynian Mennonites on Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 or Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge, Kansas. One of many groups of Mennonites moving to the U.S. in the 1870's, the Schweitzers settled near (what is now) Moundridge, Kansas, and Freeman, South Dakota. Mennonites were part of the larger Anabaptist movement that began in Europe in the early 1500's. The drama seeks to explain the religious beliefs underlying the Anabaptist movement, and the journey over centuries that brought these groups to America.

The cast is made up of Schweitzer's and friends, adults and children, from McPherson County and surrounding areas (**Our very own Karen Andres and Kathy Preheim**). Jenny Schrag, who wrote the drama and composed some of the music, is directing, along with Dawn Abrahams. Bonita Howard is the choir director. Lyrics and music are by Jenny Schrag, with hymns from Voices Together and The Mennonite Hymnal (used with permission). The drama is one of the events of the 150th celebration of forebears coming to the U.S. in 1874. Admission is free.

MCC SALE CHILDREN'S AUCTION - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to Sale.

SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS: DISCOVER JESUS... will take place at Zion Mennonite on June 3-6 for all PreK 3 yr olds to 6th graders from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Hosted in conjunction with Grace Hill, we are seeking volunteers to have a successful VBS. We are looking for adults to assist with **Music, Station Seaside Exploration (art/science activity), Station Mountain Movements (motion activity), and Pre K3/K4 classroom teacher.** All 7th-12th grade youth will have a place to assist if they are able to attend. Please let Jana Wedel (janarwedel@gmail.com) know if you are available to assist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC will be held at Hesston King Park shelter. On June 9th 10:00 am. A potluck meal will follow the service. Please bring food to share and your table service. Drinks will be provided.

MY COINS COUNT.... The big water jug at the back of the sanctuary is available for collecting spare change. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be using it to help those that don't have access to safe drinking water. Thanks for your support.

Other Organizations

MMN Prayer... Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

The Newton Chorale presents: "From Darkness to Light". Director, Riley King will conduct the concert consisting of the Haydn Missa brevis Sti. Joannis de Deo featuring Soprano soloist Megan Taylor-Gilstrap and organist Will Wiebe-Friesen; along with several pieces composed within the past 20 years, accompanied by Meghann Rogers. Sunday, March 24 at 3:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. A freewill donation offering will be taken.

Please join KMMC (Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus) at one or both of our concerts this year:
The first is April 7th at Bethel College Mem Hall 4pm
The second is April 21st Tabor College Richert Auditorium 4pm.
This year we are including the Newton Children's Community Choir, the Flannelbacks and the Menno Brass.

In the spirit of Mennonite Action efforts nationwide for the upcoming March Week of Action (March 25-29), the WDC Israel Palestine Task Force and several member churches invite you, your congregation, family, friends, and allies to join in another public peace witness at Senator Jerry Moran's office in downtown Wichita on Wednesday, March 27, approximately 10 am - 12 pm.

This peace witness will be centered around the theme "Send Aid, Not Bombs!" and asking Senator Moran to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza where 31,000+ people have been killed and 500,000+ more are suffering from imminent famine, starvation, and/or injuries. It will include praying and singing hymns together; presenting symbols of aid (bread, water, medicine, quilts, etc.) and the U.S. Mennonites petition for a permanent ceasefire; and finally making a direct ask for increased humanitarian aid, call for a ceasefire, a release of all the hostages and political prisoners, and an end to funding for weapons of war to Israel.

We will meet at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S Lorraine St, at 10:00 am to review an event agenda before driving to a designated rendezvous location near Senator Moran's office. There may be a \$2-3 parking fee. This is a somber event, and we encourage participants to wear black. Organizers will provide a print agenda for the peace witness and we plan to finish by 12 pm.

Contact Eva Lapp (574-312-0078), Bob Atchison (785-313-2292), or Kathy Neufeld Dunn (620-755-4331) for questions or to find out more.

Get your walking shoes ready – it's time for Walk Kansas (March 31 – May 25th)! While primarily a team-based program, you can also go solo! Walk Kansas will help you: (1) be more active with support from friends and family (2) make healthier nutrition and beverage choices (3) learn helpful techniques to reduce stress, sleep well, and improve overall well-being. Gather your team, or go it solo and register today at: <https://www.walkkansasonline.org/> Registration is open through March 31st. See **Bonnie Brewer** if you have other questions.

The Emmaus Church "**Foster Family Support Committee**" is hosting an informational workshop on Saturday, April 13, from 4-6pm, at Emmaus, on how child welfare works in Kansas, and practical ways for Christians to be involved at every level. If you are curious about the process of how Kansas kids are determined to be children in need of care, if you'd like to know more about the history of child welfare, or if you desire to walk in faithful obedience to "care for orphans in their distress" in very real, practical ways, you won't want to miss this event. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Lori Goebel, Glenda Harder, Jessica Keller, or Bitty Wiebe for more information. Hope to see you there!

All interested singers are invited to participate in Bethel College's annual Masterworks concert on April 28, featuring Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Britten's work is for choir and organ, which features Bethel alumnus, Chris Shaw. Scores are available now and rehearsals begin Tuesday, April 2. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/Auu4FaYBcaLwKDuF6> so that your contact information is available for digital rehearsal materials, etc., or come to the first rehearsal April 2, 6 p.m., Choir Room in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Women & Girls Save the Date! **Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space**, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, April 19. The schedule is: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

A banquet is once again being held Saturday, April 6, to raise money for Wheat State Manor, specifically again to fund the chaplain position. Kansas City's Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre will present a ballet following the meal, an original fantasy story about a lamplighter who learns the importance of faithfulness. There will also be Worship through Dance workshops on Sunday afternoon.

COMING! Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptism in Zurich + Swiss Alps 9-Day Tour in May 2025. Tour sites: Lake Geneva, Murren – the Swiss mountain village accessed by cable car, and Mennonite heritage in Bern and the Emmental Valley. On May 29 we will join Anabaptists from around the world in Zurich in worship and celebration of the 500 Year beginning of Anabaptism. Details and registration coming soon. Preview the tour at www.tourwithweldon.com To join the “Interested List” contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276.

Want to visit someone in prison? OVM (Offender/Victim Ministries) has been visiting inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility for 50 years, and we are looking for new volunteers. M-2 is a visitation program for inmates with few outside visits; volunteers are paired with an inmate and visit one evening a month for conversation and encouragement. Apply for M-2 at www.ovmks.org/m2 and mark your calendar for one of the upcoming volunteer trainings: March 18, May 20, or July 15, 12:30-4pm. Contact Kenzie Brister to learn more (prison@ovmks.org or 316-281-4721).