

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 6 visitor):	c.68
Offering: <i>Mennonite Mission Network</i>	\$335
June receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed)	\$6,209
Gift from Elda Hiebert estate	\$25,320

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Worship meditation by Kathy Neufeld Dunn	9 A.M., July 5
Worship includes installation of Karen Andres	9 A.M., July 5
Adult SS classes meet , if they choose	10 A.M., etc., July 5
Education Board meets via Zoom	7 P.M., July 9
Mowing church & parsonage: Matt Wedel	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Keith & Randall Wiebe	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Jim and Becky Nickel	Next Sun.
Keyboardist(s): Karen Andres	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Allie Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference – Church Plant support	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Governing Council meets	7 P.M., July 13
Deacons meet (rescheduled)	7 P.M., July 14
Zion swim / picnic @ East Lake	c.4–6:30 P.M., July 26

Pray This Week for...

- Karen Andres, as she commences service as our Associate Pastor; may God (and all of us) support her well!
- Edna Stucky, not able to worship with us regularly.
- Bethel College's transition in the vice president for business affairs position: for Allen Wedel, who retired June 30 after 11 years, and for Amy Ruetten, who took the position of interim VP for business and finance on July 1.
- a spirit of unity and encouragement among WDC congregations in Texas, as they gather for a joint worship service online next Sat., July 11.
- LCC University, whose Summer Language Institute in Lithuania normally begins this month. Pray for Robin Gingerich, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and other administrators as they adapt the program to new realities created by COVID-19.

Zion Mennonite Church

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July 5, 2020

Worship (on the parsonage lawn) at 9 A.M.

Gathering Music / Prelude	Reinhild Janzen
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	Ray Reimer
Call to Worship	—from David McNeish, <i>All Generous God</i>
Leader: In the face of such generosity,	
People: we are humbled.	
L: In the face of such extravagance,	
P: we are overwhelmed.	
L: In the face of such mercy,	
P: we catch a glimpse of our worth.	
L: Where we doubt your goodness,	
P: remind us again that you came to seek us and save us,	
L: to comfort us and provoke us,	
P: and to give us your peace,	
L: even in the midst of struggle.	

Children's Time	Karen Andres
(Children ages 3-kindergarten dismissed for a brief class time)	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 11.16-30
Sermon	"There's a Jesus for that!" Kathy Neufeld Dunn
* Response Song	"O God, thou faithful God" HWB #376
Installation of Associate Pastor Karen Andres	Kathy Neufeld Dunn
Litany	Insert
Offering Dedication	Local Fund
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns	Ray Reimer
Prayer	Karen Andres

* Sending Song “We will walk with God” SJ #78
Benediction Kathy Neufeld Dunn

(We’ll be attempting to livestream our worship at <[twitch.tv/zionmennonite](https://www.twitch.tv/zionmennonite)>).

Greeter(s): Ann Schowengerdt
Vocalist(s): Margaret Brewer Keyboardist(s): Carol Klingenberg
Pastor: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

Pastors Ray and Karen’s Schedules: One of them is at the church office several weekday mornings by about 9 A.M.—Ray on Mon. & Fri., Karen on Tue. & Thur.; visits/calls some afternoons.

Contact info for Pastor Ray remains the same: (316) 212-2012 for texts or calls (please leave voice message if no answer), and either the church e-mail or <rreimer76@gmail.com>. For Pastor Karen, call (316) 799-2857—if no answer, try texting her cell at (316) 212-1029, and use <karenandres84@gmail.com> for e-mail.

Congregational Announcements

We welcome all who have joined us for worship this day—in particular, our Western District Conference Minister liaison, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, who will lead the installation service and offer the sermon.

As noted above, assuming several technical features work, we’ll be **livestreaming our worship** while meeting on the lawn on Sundays at 9 A.M. at <[twitch.tv/zionmennonite](https://www.twitch.tv/zionmennonite)>; programs are automatically saved, so they can be viewed later at the same url if that’s more convenient. Thus, a YouTube link will no longer be distributed late Sunday.

Thank you! I laughed and cried and felt my heart grow inches as I turned the pages of the scrapbook from all you beautiful people. It’s something I will treasure for a long time. Children, I loved your art work! Peace.
—Rosie Epp

July 12, 6-9 P.M.: Our choir director, Kelsey Huxman, will be having a **graduation party**, at which her senior recital will also be shown (for those who haven’t seen it yet). Address: 426 N Jaax Ct, Wichita, KS 67235. Choir members—or other interested members—are invited; they’ll be lots of food!

July 26: The Outreach Board is planning a **congregational swim / picnic** at Harvey County East Lake, at the beach near the west end of the dam. Arrive at 4 P.M. (or whenever you desire) for “socially-distanced swimming” and / or fellowship; we’ll plan on eating around 5:30 P.M. To promote safe hygiene we won’t have a potluck; bring your own sack lunch/family picnic meal. No shelter house is being reserved. If a pavilion is open, we’ll utilize that; otherwise, we’ll find shade under a tree. Bring your swim suits, towels, lawn chairs or blankets, sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.

Sunday School: as communicated previously, children’s classes are cancelled until further notice (there will be brief activities for preschoolers during the sermon, beginning July 5). See the next resources. Adult classes may determine their own preference (to meet in person after worship, via Zoom, etc.).

Is there a volunteer to make a **video snapshot of Zion** for WDC Assembly 2020? It could be as simple as a few digital photos—or more elaborate. Instructions available; chat with Pastor Ray. The wider WDC fellowship is looking forward to learning more about each other’s congregations through these brief videos.

A “**Thank You Letter**” from the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale board is *attached*.

Nurture / Faith Formation resources (most Menno Media digital resources are no longer “free”). However, the following items are still available:

- Supplement to the *Adult Bible Study* for week: *attached*.
- “Faith Talk” note accompanying the *Shine* curriculum: Luke 10:38–42: “Mary and Martha” Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story.* (1) Read Luke 10:38–42. Tell about a time you felt worried or distracted. (2) Talk about household jobs. Is the work divided fairly? How could you help each other? (3) What question would you ask Jesus if you could sit with him? Did you know? A medieval French legend claims that Martha saved the French village of Tarascon from a dragon by taming it with holy water and a cross. Prayer for the week: *God, show us when to work on behalf of others and when to rest in you. Amen.**Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Daniel and the lions.”

Other Organizations

July 6-10: Everence is calling this “**Youth Savings Week**,” and will deposit an additional \$5 if a youth makes a deposit of \$15 or more into a new or existing savings account at Everence Federal Credit Union this week; the interest rate on such accounts is currently 4.00% APY. Contact Everence for more details.

July 11, 7-8:30 P.M.: SafeHope is holding a “**Cruise for Food**” at the Dollar General parking lot (320 N Main, Newton); drive by and support the SafeHope food pantry!

July 14, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host its popular workshop, **Make Medicare an easy step**, as a webinar. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting 877-467-7294, 316-333-1808 or <darlene.buller@everence.com>.

July 18-19: Camp Mennoscah is inviting you to join in a modified **Family Weekend!** Many of the same activities like crafts and s’mores will be offered but adjusted to fit life during a pandemic. The pool is closed for the summer, but the river is still as splashable as ever. Each family group will be assigned their own bathroom. Register online at <campmennoscah.org> or call 620-297-3290.

Kids’ Art Responses to Assembly Scriptures: We invite kids from any WDC congregation to draw a picture or write a poem in response to our Assembly scriptures—Jeremiah 29.4 and following and 1 Peter 2.11-12. Why would God ask people who’d been forced to move to a strange land to become friends and even family with their enemies? Send your art to: <kathynd@mennowdc.org>.

The **Camp in a Boxes and Tees** from Camp Mennoscah are being delivered to pick up locations. If you have not told us how to get your box or tee to you, please contact us at 620-297-3290 or <office@campmennoscah.org>. Due to the large number of boxes and tees ordered, we have not yet shipped boxes and tees—but we’re working as quickly as we can to get them to you!

Installation of Karen Andres as Associate Pastor of Zion Mennonite Church

Conference Minister: *[Introductory words]*

Congregational representative: We are the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We worship, nurture faith, care for one another, welcome and serve others, and proclaim God's good news in the world. We call pastors to guide us in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus who become the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We are grateful that Karen has heard the call to serve in pastoral roles during this transitional time.

Conference Minister: Karen, seeing that the grace of God has called you into pastoral leadership in this church, I now ask you:

Do you promise, to the best of your ability, to carry out your role and responsibilities as Associate Pastor on the Zion pastoral team?

Karen: I do.

Conference Minister: Will you seek to be faithful in prayer, in setting forth the scriptures and in seeking the good of this congregation? And will you seek to live honestly, openly and justly with your brothers and sisters in this congregation?

Karen: I will.

Conference Minister: Will you exercise the authority that has been entrusted to you in the loving spirit of Christ; and will you build up and equip members and seekers for a deeper walk with Jesus, a stronger relationship with God, a greater reliance on the Holy Spirit and a deeper love for all people?

Karen: I will.

Conference Minister (to Ray): Ray, do you welcome Karen as a co-worker in Christ? Will you support her with your prayers and encouragement as you seek to lead this congregation together?

Ray: I do and I will.

Conference Minister (to congregation): Christian friends, you have heard the commitments that Karen has made in accepting the call to serve as Associate Pastor here with Zion Mennonite Church. Do you receive her as sent by God to provide pastoral leadership in this congregation, and do you offer your support and prayers for her ministry among you? If so, please respond, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

Karen: *[Brief words of response]*

Conference Minister: Now let us join in a spirit of prayer as we ask God's blessing on Karen:

Lord of creation and of the church, we bless you for the gifts you give and call forth through your Spirit for the sake of the kingdom. Bless the covenant made this day between these pastors and this congregation. Grant Karen a discerning heart, confidence in your call, strength and joy in the tasks of ministry now set before her. Make us each partners in ministry with Karen and Ray—constant in support, gentle in criticism, prayerful in all things. And now, O God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good, so that we may do your will, working among us that which is pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.