

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>Worship attendance</b> (with 2 visitors; & 3x2 Twitchers):	c.82
<b>Offering:</b> Mennonite Central Committee	\$675.10
Apr. receipts for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$8,263.80

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>SS classes meet</b>	9:45 A.M., May 1
<b>Worship;</b> also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., May 1
<b>Education Board</b> meets re VBS (at Zion)	7:30 P.M., May 3

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Thurman Entz	Before next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Randy Preheim & Drew E.	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Karen A. / Bonnie B. (prelude: Bonnie)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Offering: SafeHope / Prairie View chaplaincy program	Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

<b>Deacons</b> meet (in Library, if status low)	9 A.M., May 9
<b>Governing Council</b> meets (in Overflow, if status low)	7 P.M., May 9
<b>Education Board</b> meets	7 P.M., May 16
Summer <b>congregational meeting</b>	c.11:45 A.M., June 26

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

- Hennie Janzen, who "... is doing well as she continues to isolate to her 'protective environment' room. Though there are periodic reactions to the drugs she's getting, the medical staff is quick to address them. Thank you for your continued prayers and cards. They are greatly appreciated." (Mail may be sent to her at the apartment Mark has rented: 7010 Staffordshire, Apt. 508, Houston, TX 77030).
- delegates in WDC preparing to join others at the Mennonite Church USA special assembly May 27-30 in Kansas City.
- faculty and staff of LCC Int. Un. in Lithuania, who are caring for both students and refugees from Ukraine—as requested by Marlene Wall (president of the Un.) and Mennonite Mission Network. Ukrainian refugees have traveled about 700 miles to flee the violence from the Russian invasion. Pray that God's people around the world will contribute to this ministry

# Zion Mennonite Church

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May 1, 2022

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

Gathering Song "Now the green blade rises" VT #353  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Annette Voth

Call to Worship *from Psalm 30*

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones.

**People: For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.**

L: Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.

**P: I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**All: O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Offering *Local Fund*

Children's Time Ann Schowengerdt  
Song "Lord, you have come to the lakeshore" VT #283

Scripture(s) *John 21.1-19*  
Prayer of Affirmation (*unison*) VT #1026  
Sermon "Empowered by Love" Karen Andres  
Response Song "I sought the Lord" VT #161

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Ray Reimer

Sending Song "Beauty for brokenness" VT #712  
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader(s): Lisa S. & Alyssa K. Accompanist: Carol Klingenberg  
Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

(Our worship is live-streamed and recorded at <[twitch.tv/zionmennonite](https://www.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)

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**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*

Pastor Ray and Rosie (appointed as Zion's delegates to the upcoming special assembly of Mennonite Church USA) will begin circulating to adult Sunday School classes soliciting feedback and questions regarding the **four resolutions** before that assembly (an overview was circulated with the bulletin on Mar. 13); members not part of SS classes may feel free to contact them directly.

May 21, 2-4 P.M.: Joe and Lois Friesen invite the congregation to their **60th wedding anniversary party** (come and go) at their home. Canned goods for the food pantry are welcome. Bring a lawn chair. Please RSVP via their church mailbox by May 2.

### *Other Organizations*

May 1, 3 P.M.: **Masterworks Concert** at Bethel College, featuring the Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists performing *Requiem* by Mozart, and *Gloria* and *For the Beauty of the Earth* by John Rutter, directed by Dr. William Eash; in Memorial Hall.

May 1, 7 P.M.: **Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert** at Bethany College (Lindsborg).

May 2, 6 P.M. CDT: **A Call to Prayer and Fasting.** Join Mennonite Church USA for a webinar on ways that we can support the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly and our participating church leaders through individual and communal prayer and fasting. Register at: <[mennoniteusa.org/register-prayer-fasting](https://mennoniteusa.org/register-prayer-fasting)>.

May 3, 6 P.M. CDT: Join Carlene Hill Byron, author of *Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for One Another*, for a **CommonRead webinar**—an initiative from Herald Press, Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Learn more at <[mennomedia.org/register-now/](https://mennomedia.org/register-now/)>.

May 3, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Steel Drum Band concert**, directed by Brad Shores, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

May 4, 1-2 P.M. CDT: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is hosting a free **webinar, "Political Idolatry: Countering Christian Nationalism,"** led by Drew Strait, Asst. Prof. of NT. Register at: <[ambs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/](https://ambs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/)>.

May 4, 8 P.M.: **Jazz on the Green** at Bethel College, directed by Joel Boettger (Memorial Hall in case of rain).

May 7, 7 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **first-Saturday bird walk**, start in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours.

May 8, 7 P.M.: Woven and Open Road **joint Mother's Day concert**, at Bethel College's Memorial Hall.

May 10, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® will hold its **Medicare workshop** addressing when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The in-person workshops will be held at the Everence office (3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS). Those interested in attending should contact 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <[central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com)>.

May 11, 11 A.M.: Join the WDC Church Planting Commission for a zoom conversation to **consider how we can share our faith stories with our neighbors**, exploring questions such as: 1) How can we begin to have meaningful conversations with our neighbors? 2) How do we talk about our experiences with Jesus? 3) What unique perspectives might our faith community have to share? 4) After sharing the story, how can we invite others into the story? Join the conversation via the link: <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84792614360?pwd=V050eTluY2dzcFpmbUQyRjhEWjEWHN4QT09>>.

The spring edition of AMBS's *Vision*, focusing on "**Music and the arts**" is at:

<<https://ambs.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e0e5e997256c6c06bbb4f4944&id=56647adf3a&e=4d67030768>>.

May 14, 4 P.M.: **Spring choral concert**, including pre-Europe tour program by the Bethel College Concert Choir, Memorial Hall. (Please note that this is a change in date and time from some previously printed sources.)

May 19, 6-7 P.M.: Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to **become a volunteer!** Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please call us at 316.283.9461 or attend our upcoming volunteer orientation to tell us what interests you on the date / time noted above. We hope to hear from you soon!

May 21, 8:30 A.M.-?: **Work & Play Day** at Camp Mennoscah! Projects will start at the maintenance shed. Both indoor and outdoor work available. Bring your water bottle and lunch. Bring friends and make a day of it! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> to register.

June 7, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® will hold its **retirement income workshop** addressing Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. The in-person workshops will be held at the Everence office (3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS). Those interested in attending should contact 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

July 5-10: Planning for the upcoming **Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia** hasn't been easy, as it was deferred a year, and COVID measures in Asia continue to be strict. Organizers settled on a hybrid plan, with limited in-person attendance as well as virtual participation—but that makes it possible to be involved without a major trip. Explore ways you might participate at <www.indonesia2022.mwc-cmm.org>.

Sept. 16-17: All interested are invited to plan on attending the **MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting**, which in occur in hybrid fashion: in-person at Mountain View Menn. Ch., Kalispell, MT; or virtual at <https://tinyurl.com/2022Region3>. Pre-register at <https://tinyurl.com/2022preregistration>. Further details posted.

Soon you will notice **changes at the MCC building** in North Newton. Construction will address necessary repairs and updates to make the space more welcoming and safer for everyone as we strive to be good stewards of the MCC building and land. We ask for your patience and your prayers as we navigate continuing to do the work of MCC even during this construction process. Questions? Email <centralstates@mcc.org> or call 316.283.2720.

**Openings:** Join the MCC Central States team! Questions? contact <krystalklaassen@mcc.org>. 1) Young Adult Program Coordinator: Plan, facilitate and recruit for young adult programming in the MCC Central States region. This includes the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW) program, the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program, Seed, and other expanding opportunities for young adults to join with the work of MCC. Details and application at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/young-adult-coordinator-central-states>. 2) Material Resources Center (MRC) Volunteer Coordinator: The MRC in North Newton hosts volunteers of all ages working together to support the mission of MCC. Primarily, the part time Volunteer Coordinator will welcome, host, educate, assist and supervise the daily volunteers as well as receive donations in the MRC. Please visit <mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings> or more information and to apply.

