

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

**Worship attendance** (with no visitors; & 17x2 Twitchers): c.108

**Offering: Local Fund** \$...

Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$58,736 budgeted thru Apr.) \$...

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., May 14

**Worship** 10:45 A.M., May 14

**Outreach Bd's bird walk** (at Osage trailhead) 8:30 A.M., May 20

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Russell and Reynold Entz Before next Sun.

Worship Leader: Jim Nickel Next Sun.

Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy A. (prelude: same) Next Sun.

Children's Time: Cassie Klingenberg Next Sun.

Offering: Camp Mennoscah Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

**Spiritual Life Board** meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., May 24

**Pentecost communion** May 28

**Summer cong. meeting**, with light snacks 6 P.M., June 4

**SS picnic** (worship at 10; **farewell to Pastor Karen**) June 11

**Deacons meet** 9 A.M., June 12

**Governing Council** meets 7 P.M., June 12

**Farewell to Pastor Ray** June 18

**Ice cream social honoring Naomi** 3:30 P.M., June 25

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

- Wyatt Klingenberg, recovering at home from a serious broken arm, necessitating two surgeries this last week; the children's caring quilt has been shared with him.
- WDC congregations seeking creative ways to meet and serve their neighbors.
- Colleen and Pablo Fast plan to travel tomorrow from Brazil to the US for 3 ½ months of sharing with their supporting congregations and individuals about how God is working in Brazil. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for their rest and renewal, as they also reconnect with family and friends.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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May 14, 2023

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

Gathering Song "For the beauty of the earth" VT #120

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

**People: Illumine our homes with the light of your love.**

L: We thank you for the gifts of love we have received.

**P: From our mothers and those who have served as mothers in many ways, nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we are.**

L: As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God. Join with us in this day of celebration as we rejoice in being loved.

**P: As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus our Lord, so we come to worship in this holy name.**

Offering *Prairie View chaplaincy program*

Children's Time Sharon Wedel

Song "Like a mother who has borne us" VT #518

Scripture(s) *Titus 2.1-8*

Sermon "Passing on the faith" Ray Reimer

Response Song "God of our life" HWB #486

Sharing Celebrations and Concern: Prayer Karen Andres

Sending Song "Teach me thy truth" VT #776

Benediction

Worship Leader: Brett Klingenberg                      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](https://www.twitch.tv/zionmennonite)>; recorded services are available for 7 days. 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*

May 20, 8:30 A.M.: The Outreach Board invites you to a **bird walk** led by Jim Nickel, beginning at the Osage trailhead (at the top of East Lake Trail).

May 30–June 2: The Education Board (in consultation with parents) has accepted an invitation from the Newton Mennonite churches to join a **joint Vacation Bible School** this year. On the days noted there will be suppers at Bethel College Menn. Ch. at 5:30 P.M. and activities from 6-7:30 P.M. Zion will join a **joint worship service** celebrating VBS at 10 A.M. on June 4 at BCMC (outside, if weather permitting), with potluck following; there will be no Sunday School or worship at Zion that day.

June 11: Zion's annual **Sunday School picnic** will be at the church this year. No regular Sunday School, but worship will start at 10 A.M., and include our **farewell to Pastor Karen**. Games will follow; families are encouraged to bring sack lunches and lawn chairs for a lunch together outside (weather permitting).

June 18: We'll bid **farewell to Pastor Ray** during our worship this Sunday; a short reception in the lobby will follow worship.

June 25, 3:30 P.M.: **Ice Cream Social honoring Naomi:** Naomi has been a blessing to our community and we want to wish her bon voyage as she embarks on her next journey. Come join us for a homemade ice cream and pie social in the Zion Menn. Ch. basement on the date / time noted. Help would be appreciated providing homemade ice cream, toppings, and pies; please see Bonnie Brewer or Steph Entz for sign-up information.

Aug. 11-13: Our annual area conference assembly will be held at Tabor Menn. Ch., rural Newton. If you're willing to be **one of Zion's 5 delegates** to Western District Conference this year, please contact Josh Andres *before June 4*, in order that the congregation can affirm delegates at the summer business meeting on that date. (Additionally, if you're interested in joining Kathy Preheim as a 2<sup>nd</sup> delegate to the Mennonite Church USA assembly in Kansas City on July 3-8, let Josh know in the same time).

**Opening:** Zion Menn. Ch. (Elbing, KS) is seeking someone to fill an Administrative Assistant position, beginning June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter. This would include tasks such as bulletin preparation, general correspondence involved in worship / bulletin preparation, checking mail at the Post Office, and other weekly tasks that pertain to the business of the church. This will be a paid position. Folks within our congregation are encouraged to step up for this role, but we will also shortly advertise this position more widely. Please contact Josh Andres, Becky Nickel, or Annette Voth if you or someone you know is interested in this position.

### *Other Organizations*

May 14: Bethel College **baccalaureate**, 10 A.M.; **commencement**, 4 P.M., both in Memorial Hall.

May 18-20: **Pop-up exhibit**, "Mennonites in East Germany," at Kauffman Museum; hours are 9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. weekdays, 1:30-4:30 P.M. weekends.

May 20, 8:30 A.M.: **Work and Play Day** at Camp Mennoscah, hoping to stain part of the playground structure, and remove HVAC pipes in the Retreat Center. Bring a water bottle and meet at the maintenance shed. Camp will provide lunch. If you let us know you are coming, we can be better prepared for lunch. Contact <[olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)> or 620-297-3290 (landline) for details.

May 20, 4 P.M.: Pastor Bernhard Thiessen from the Un. of Hamburg will speak on "**Mennonite Peace Efforts Under Communist Observation**," in the Kauffman Museum auditorium.

May 21, 3 P.M.: Dr. Mary Dusenbury, affiliate research curator at the Spencer Museum of Art at the Un. of Kansas, will give a **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program** at Kauffman Museum. She will relate her experience with textile production in Central Asia to the works on display in “Reeds & Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia,” the current exhibit, *closing May 28*.

May 25, 6 P.M.: The **KS Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Dinner and Meeting** will be held at First Menn. Ch. (McPherson). The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at <bj.reeves@live.com> or call/text 620-543-6863 *by May 21*. Come celebrate the success of this year’s MCC Sale!

June 11-17: **Hesston College Theatre Camp**, for students ages 11 to 18, with registration options for a commuter or full residential experience. The week-long immersive theatre program will culminate in a performance of “Freaky Friday” at 2 P.M., June 17. Registration is open *through June 4* at <hesston.edu/theatrecamp>.

June 1, 9 A.M.-4 P.M.: **Preserve It Fresh, Preserve It Safe!** Join us for a hands-on workshop to learn about pressure canning, water bath canning, dehydration and freezing your food harvest. K-State Food Science and Safety Specialist Karen Blakeslee will lead the class, assisted by Butler County FCS Agent Bonnie Brewer and Chef Scott Peggie of the Redler Institute of Culinary Arts. Register at:<[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3DyOb7B5L6dmsdg](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3DyOb7B5L6dmsdg)>

July 9-12: **Nurse needed** for a partial week of Junior High II Camp at Mennoscah. Must be a registered nurse (RN); they receive either a stipend or a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact 620-297-3290 or <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> for details.

In 1987 Loren and Donna Entz (both nonresident Zion members) moved to Saraba, Burkina Faso to work among the Samogho people; they and others assisted with a lengthy process of Bible translation. AIMM is now seeking \$6,200 USD to complete the **New Testament typesetting and dictionary printing**. Contributions toward goal can be sent to Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (P.O. Box 744, Goshen, IN 46527-0744) and designated for the Dzùùn project, or <<https://www.aimmint.org/donate.html>>.

## Spring 2023 Graduates related to Zion Mennonite Church

### *High School*

Hesston High School (Hesston, KS): commencement on May 14 at 2 P.M.

*Katherine Friesen* (daughter of Kurt Friesen and Gwen Neufeld; granddaughter of Joe and Lois Friesen); she plans to attend Bethel College.

Free State High School (Lawrence, KS): commencement on May 24 at 7 P.M.

*Felix Janzen Chappel* (son of Marike Janzen and Ben Chappel; grandson of John and Reinhild Janzen).

### *Undergraduate Programs*

University of Nebraska (Lincoln, NE): commencement on May 20 at 9 A.M.

*Aaron Friesen* (son of Karl and Rachel Friesen; grandson of Joe and Lois Friesen); degree in software engineering; will be working in the aviation department of Garmin Industries (Olathe, KS).

### *Graduate and Professional Programs*

Webster University (St. Louis, MO): commencement on May 13.

*Sarah Hofkamp* (daughter of Becky and Jim Nickel); Master’s in Teaching (MAT) in Special Education, summa cum laude.

*We celebrate with all these graduates and pray that they are open to God’s guidance in their future endeavors.*

