

*Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (with 12 visitors):

c. 77

**Offering:**

Local Fund received to date for year ;  
budgeted to end of September \$117,472

*This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Sept. 17  
**Worship** 10:45 A.M., Sept. 17  
**Education Commission Meeting** after church, Sept. 17

*Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Mowing Church / Parsonage:** Wes Brewer Before next Sun.  
**Mowing Cemetery:** Josh & David Andres (as needed) Aug. 28 – Sept. 30  
**Worship Leader(s):** Kathy Preheim Next Sun.  
**Accompanist / Vocalist/Prelude:** Carol/Margaret Next Sun.  
**Children’s Time:** Steph Entz Next Sun.  
**Offering:** MCC Meat Canning Next Sun.

*Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**Wednesday Evening Kick-off** TBA, September 27  
**Governing Council meets** 7 P.M., October 9  
**Deacons meet** 9 A.M., October 10

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

- peace and unity. Let us open our eyes to the needy people around us, and listen for God’s call to us to help provide for their needs. Let us pray for healing for those who are sick and in hospital, and listen to God’s call to visit them with love and encouragement. Let us pray for economies of the world: may leaders make wise decisions for the common good.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*September 17, 2023*

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

Gathering “Here in this Place” VT#10  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Kathy Preheim  
Prelude Annette Voth  
Call to Worship (VT 859) Kathy Preheim

**L:** God of every place, some of us see you today from the mountains of joy and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise.

**P:** **Some of us seek you today from the valleys of grief or doubt, valleys of loss or exhaustion.**

**L:** And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onwards.

**P:** **when we descend from the heights, show us your presence on the ground.**

**L:** When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.

**All:** **Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.**

Offering *Western District Conference*  
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)

Children’s Time Ann Schowengerdt

Song “How Great is Our God” VT#116

Scripture *Mark 9:33-37* Kathy Preheim

Sermon “What Does it Mean to Welcome” Pastor Micah

Response Song “I Come With Joy” VT#478

Sharing of Our Life Together  
Prayer Pastor Micah

Sending Song “Holy God We Praise Thy Name” VT#126

Benediction Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Kathy Preheim Accompanist / Vocalist: Brett Klingenberg  
Sermon: Pastor Micah Hurst

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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**Pastor’s Schedule:** Pastor Micah’s office hours and contact information:

Office Hours

*Tuesday:* 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*Wednesday:* 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

*Thursday:* 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact Information

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*Congregational Announcements*

Thanks to everyone who donated school kit supplies, money, and time/energy at the packing event last Wednesday. As a congregation, we donated 100 school kits to MCC and helped 100 kids somewhere in the world!  
~ Lisa & Alyssa

Only two sticks for blood!!! YAY!!! Prayers may or may not have changed the outcome, but they certainly gave me more courage.  
Thanks to all. ~ Ann Schowengerdt

*Other Organizations*

Check out the bulletin board for events happening at **Hesston College**. A list of their weekend events is posted.

**Visiting Writer Series at Bethel College:** Jesse Nathan will read from his debut poetry collection, *Eggtooth*, Monday, Sept. 18 at 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Nathan is a Bethel graduate who grew up in rural McPherson County and now lives and teaches in the Bay Area in California.

**Artist reception for Tom and Pam Voth and “Drinking from a New Well,”** Thursday, Sept. 21 from 6-8 p.m., Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Exhibit closes the same evening. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

**Bethel College Orchestra**, directed by Kris Hilding, will perform Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the *Memorial Hall*.

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble**, directed by Chris Miertschin, will perform Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*.

**Call for volunteers** – The Bethel College Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help with Taste of Newton and Fall Festival. Shifts are 1.5-2 hours long and need to be filled on Thursday, Oct. 12, 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Brad Schmidt at 316-285-5252 or bschmidt@bethelks.edu.

**M&M Project Update: Over the Halfway Point!**

**Thank you all so much!** The money continues to come in for Camp Mennoscah’s M&M Project! Thanks to all of these faithful supporters for giving to this effort! As of this writing, Camp Mennoscah has received more than \$56,000 toward our goal! That means we are over halfway to the \$100,000 our donor is offering to match! Now is the time to join the effort. If you haven't taken any action yet, we are sure you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp - to be a place where all can renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ. For more info, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh at <tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org> or 316-207-3472.