

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: Worship cancelled c.0
Offering: **Wheat State Manor** \$0
Local fund to date for Fiscal Year \$16,656

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Snow Camp January 19-21
SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Jan. 21
Worship 10:45 A.M., Jan. 21

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal: Jana/Sharon 6:00 P.M., Jan. 24
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., Jan. 24
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Halie/?
Choir 7:25 P.M., Jan. 24

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Steven Kauder Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Brett/Christina Liu/Choir Next Sun.
Speaker: Trent Voth Next Sun.
Children's Time: Trent Voth Next Sun.
Offering: MCC Sale Expenses Next Sun.
AV: Kyle Rutschman Next Sun.
Greeters: Brett & Cassie Klingenberg Family Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Game Night 6-7:30 P.M., Feb. 4
Spiritual Life Board Meeting 6 P.M., Feb. 7

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- the family of Wilbur Entz (brother to Alden, Reynold, Thurman & Bernard), as they grieve his passing
- the Spirit to help us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans and gives us strength. (Romans 8:26)
- those who are attending Snow Camp. May they be drawn closer to God as they bask in the beauty of His vast creation.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 21, 2024

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

Gathering “Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child” SS#19

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Steven Kauder

Prelude Carol Klingenberg

Call to Worship

L: Gather this day in silence and hope

P: We wait for God's word for us.

L: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

P: God is our strength and salvation.

L: Wait patiently for the Lord.

**P: With willing hearts and spirits
we wait for the Lord. AMEN.**

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

Children's Time Clint Unruh

Song “There are Many Gifts” VT#374

Scripture *Jonah 1:1-3, 17 & 3:1-5, 10*

Sermon “The Challenge of God's Mercy” Weldon Martens

Response Song “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” VT#156

Sharing of Our Life Together John Janzen
Prayer

Sending Song “The Lord Lift You Up” VT#832

Benediction Weldon Martens

Worship Leader: Steven Kauder
Sermon: Pastor Weldon Martens
Greeters: Brett & Cassie Klingenberg Family

Music: Carol/Margaret
AV: Kyle Rutschman

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.

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 **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.

The **SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS** to be looked through are now located in the Northeast Sunday School room (closest to the furnace room). And will be there until the end of January.

READY TO THINK "SPRING"? The Spring Sunday School quarter begins on March 3rd. **The Education Commission** is looking for teachers for the following classes: **PreK/K** (4 kids), **1st/2nd** (4 kids) and **6th/7th/8th** (7 kids). Please contact Deanna Entz if you would be willing to "spring" into action for the children of the church.

GAME NIGHT!! Please join us for an outreach event of snacks and games. We will meet at the church on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 6-7:30p. Feel free to invite a friend!

SPIRITUAL LIFE BOARD would like to take time to recognize Peggy (and Don) retiring from her (their) decades -long work at decorating at the church. They have put in a lot of time to find themed specific decorations and it has been no small task. Thank you!

WITH PEGGY'S RETIREMENT, SLB is looking for one or several volunteers who would be willing to decorate the foyer. Please inquire with one of the board members if you are interested. - SLB (Margaret Brewer, Steven Kauder, Brett Klingenberg, Matt Reiger, Dianne Wiebe)

DIRECTORY UPDATE - We are doing a simple update to the church directory. One suggestion is that families with children might wish to update their family picture. Please send your picture (and any other changes) to Steven Kauder here: zionelbingdirectory@gmail.com. We expect to publish the directory around the end of this month.*Here are directory changes already noted since the 2022 directory*

- Kristy Andres (new email address)
- Kevin and Alison Hickman (Caleb -- born Mar 5, 2023)
- Janice Kauder (added cell phone number)
- Steven Kauder (now a Zion member, added cell phone number)
- Jennifer Regier and Jordan Penner (new address, Felix Regier-Penner -- born October 22, 2023)
- Matt and Lindsey Regier (new address)
- Silas Stucky (deceased)
- Andrew and April Wedel (Aiden -- born August 26, 2023)
- Martha Wedel (deceased)
- Dave and Elena Wiebe (new address)

The **SOUTH FURNACE ROOM** needs to be cleaned up. There are various items which require disposal. Please feel free to go and look through the room, and you're invited to take old hymnals. Note: following February 1st, the furnace room will be emptied of all remaining items.

Other Organizations

Fri., Jan. 26 – First event in the Bethel College Faculty Lecture Series, **“Walking the Talk: Listening in Our Disciplines,”** at Kidron Bethel Village, 11 a.m., *Kidron Hall*. Dr. Rachel Epp Buller, Bethel professor of visual arts and design and series organizer, will introduce the series and speak on “Walking and Listening in/as Artistic Practice.”

Sat., Jan. 27 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, **“Kansas Critters,”** noon-4 p.m., *museum parking lot and grounds*. Featuring food trucks, exhibits and activities indoors and out, and much more. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org

Sat., Feb. 3 – **Bethel College Faculty Recital: Dr. Christina Liu**, piano, 2 p.m. [note time change], *Administration Building chapel*.

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – **“Forest Listening,”** a sound art installation by Liz K. Miller, through Feb. 9. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

Western District Conference invites you to a come-and-go **Open House** on Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the WDC office, 2517 North Main Street, North Newton, KS. This is in addition to the WDC Library Open House and Book Sale already announced. Check out what’s new in the Resource Library, browse the used-book sale, enjoy refreshments, chat with staff, and celebrate WDC’s newly renovated office spaces!

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner’s use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

Grief Share offers a safe, welcoming support group to help you discover relief, comfort, and peace of mind in loss. Manhattan Mennonite Church will host an online Grief Share group beginning November 1, 6:30-8pm, and continuing every Wednesday night through January 31. This group meets intentionally through the holidays because grief can be especially difficult in these seasons. A zoom link and a workbook will be available to those who register. More information here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/175924>

Melva Kauffman Lecture Series: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery This year the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series is pleased to host Mark Charles who will present on the topic of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Charles is the son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man. He teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. The public is invited to hear his presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict - MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and is planning an emergency response that will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call 1-888-563-4676.

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, January 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.