

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (with 3 visitors: YouTube 10x2) c.94
Offering: **WDC** \$525
Local fund giving this month \$8,150
(\$11,600 needed per month)

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Jan. 28
Worship 10:45 A.M., Jan. 28

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal: 6:00 P.M., Jan. 31
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., Jan. 31
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Ann/Deanna
Choir 7:25 P.M., Jan. 31

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Josh & Kristy/Steven Next Sun.
Speaker: Next Sun.
Children's Time: Matt Regier Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.
AV: Matt Regier Next Sun.
Greeters: Reynold & Deanna Entz 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 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)
- being clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Equip us to bear with others and forgive people instead of holding a grievance against them. May we forgive as you forgave. (Colossians 3:12-13)
- healing through times of grief as we remember the lives of those who have passed.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 28, 2024

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

Gathering "Together" VT#389 (vs 1,3,4)

**Welcome, Introductions, Announcements,
Greeting Each Other in Friendship** Steven Kauder

Prelude Christina Liu

Call to Worship

L: Jesus has called us to leave our comfortable ways
and venture forward with him.

P: **Lord Jesus, we are so often afraid, it is easier for us
to remain bound to our habits.**

L: Jesus knows your fears and offers you healing.

P: **Lord Jesus, open our hearts and teach us your
ways.**

All: Amen

Offering *MCC Sale Expenses*

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

Children's Time Trent Voth

Choir "Amazing Grace" arr. by John Coates Jr.

Scripture 1 Peter 5:1-4 & Ephesians 4:11-16

Sermon "Pastures, Pastors, and Past Words" Trent Voth

Response Song "Spirit of the Living God" VT#740

Sharing from Snow Camp Jr. High Youth

Sharing of Our Life Together
Prayer

Lisa Scott

Sending Song “The Lord Lift You Up”

VT#832

Benediction

Trent Voth

Worship Leader: Steven Kauder
Sermon: Trent Voth
Greeters: Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family

Music: Cristina/Brett/Choir
AV: Andrew Wedel

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!

FRIENDSHIP DAY CARDS: Zion is once again joining with
other local Mennonite churches to ensure that all incarcerated
individuals at Chase County Jail receive a Friendship Day
(Valentine's Day) card. Many of these individuals are in detention
due to their immigration status. We write to let them know we
care about them and desire justice on their behalf. Zion is
responsible for approximately 50 cards. Cards in both English and
Spanish are available under the mailboxes for your use. Write a
simple message such as **“Happy Friendship Day! We wish the
best for you today and every day. You have not been forgotten
by us or in the eyes of God”** and **sign your first name**. Return
your cards to Annette's mailbox by Wednesday, February 7.
Please do not seal the envelope; we will mail all the cards together.
For questions contact Annette.

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.

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

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!

Fri., March 1, 7 p.m., **Kipcor Peace Lecture** at Bethel College with Christina Swarns, executive director of the Innocence Project

Sat., March 2, **Justice Symposium** at Bethel College

MCC Central States annual meeting, Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. You are invited to join the meeting in-person or virtually to hear MCC U.S. Executive Director Ann Graber Hershberger share an MCC update. Please email centralstates@mcc.org if you would like the Zoom link to join virtually. Otherwise, join us at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St in North Newton, Kansas.

Mark your calendar now for the 16th annual **MCC Comforter Blitz**, March 4-6 just outside of Yoder, Kansas. If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference! Curious to find out more? Please check mcc.org/comforter-blitz or the Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz page on Facebook. The blitz takes place on Monday, March 4 from 9am-5pm, Tuesday, March 5 from 9am-9pm and Wednesday, March 6 from 9am-4pm at the 3605 East Longview Rd. Haven, KS. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org.