

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (with 3 visitors: YouTube 20x2) c.110
Offering: **Local Fund** \$4,250
 Local fund (Fiscal year to date) \$32,956
 Needed by end of March \$47,707

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., March, 10
Worship 10:45 A.M., March, 10
Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. March 11

Wednesday Evening Activities

There will be no Wednesday evening activities this week.

Meal: 6:00 P.M., March, 20
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., March, 20
 Elementary Youth Volunteers:
Choir 7:25 P.M., March, 20

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Josh& Kristy/Brewer family Next Sun.
Speaker: Karen Andres Next Sun.
Children's Time: ??? Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference –Church Plant support Next Sun.
AV: Kyle Rutschman Next Sun.
Greeters: Brett & Cassie Klingenberg family Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

VBS 9 – 11:30 AM, June 3-6
Sunday School Picnic (More details to come) June 9

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Prayer for Lent – “Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to Your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with You and live forever in Your abundant grace.”
- Restoration of strength for our bodies and joy for our spirits, so that in our renewed health, we may bless and serve God, now and forevermore.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 10, 2024

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

Gathering “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” VT#88
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Lois Friesen
Prelude Annette Voth
Call to Worship On Screen

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

Children’s Time Sharon Wedel

Song “Joys are flowing like a river” VT#375

Scripture Psalm 85

Sermon “God’s Shalom” Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Response Song “There is a wideness in God’s mercy” VT#156

Sharing of Our Life Together Lisa Scott
Prayer

Sending Song “Be a Sower” VT#789

Benediction Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen Music: Brett/Annette
Sermon: Kathy Neufeld Dunn AV: Wes Brewer
Greeters: Lisa Scott

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.

SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS: DISCOVER JESUS... will take place at Zion Mennonite on June 3-6 for all PreK 3 yr. olds to 6th graders from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Hosted in conjunction with Grace Hill, we are seeking volunteers to have a successful VBS. We are looking for adults to assist with Music, Station Temple Study (bible story activity), Station Seaside Exploration (art/science activity), Station Mountain Movements (motion activity), Pre K3/K4 classroom teacher, Group Leader K-2, Group Leader 3-4, Group Leader 5-6. All 7th-12th grade youth will have a place to assist if they are able to attend. Please let Jana Wedel (janarwedel@gmail.com) know if you are available to assist.

MY COINS COUNT.... The big water jug at the back of the sanctuary is available for collecting spare change. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be using it to help those that don't have access to safe drinking water. Thanks for your support.

Other Organizations

MMN Prayer... Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia since 1993, is currently on North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.

Bible Lectures at Bethel College with César García, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, and Sandra Báez, pastor and executive assistant to the general secretary; Sunday: 7p.m., Administration Building chapel; Monday: 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The overall topic for the lectures is "Contemporary Ecclesiologies."

Come to Whitestone Mennonite Church, in Hesston for a Spring Warm Up Comforter Event For MCC. March 15, 10:30 a.m.- 7:30 p.m. and March 16, 9:00a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Come help tie(knot) Comforters for 1 hour or all day. MCC has a goal of 7,000 comforters to be sent around the world. If you have questions contact Janet Franz 620-345-6548.

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, March 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. 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.

A **banquet** is once again being held Saturday, April 6, to raise money for Wheat State Manor, specifically again to fund the chaplain position. Kansas City's Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre will present a ballet following the meal, an original fantasy story about a lamplighter who learns the importance of faithfulness. There will also be Worship through Dance workshops on Sunday afternoon.

COMING! Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptism in Zurich + Swiss Alps 9-Day Tour in May 2025. Tour sites: Lake Geneva, Murren – the Swiss mountain village accessed by cable car, and Mennonite heritage in Bern and the Emmental Valley. On May 29 we will join Anabaptists from around the world in Zurich in worship and celebration of the 500 Year beginning of Anabaptism. Details and registration coming soon. Preview the tour at www.tourwithweldon.com To join the “Interested List” contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276.

Rehearsals have begun for “A Goodly Heritage: A Musical Drama Sharing a History of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites.” Jenny Schrag has written and is directing this drama along with Dawn Abrahams. Bo Howard is serving as musical director. Mark your calendars to attend the drama which will be performed at Eden Mennonite Church Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. An event of the celebration of 150 years since Swiss Volhynian Mennonites and many other groups came to the US in 1874 from Volhynia, Russia.

Want to visit someone in prison? OVM (Offender/Victim Ministries) has been visiting inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility for 50 years, and we are looking for new volunteers. M-2 is a visitation program for inmates with few outside visits; volunteers are paired with an inmate and visit one evening a month for conversation and encouragement. Apply for M-2 at www.ovmks.org/m2 and mark your calendar for one of the upcoming volunteer trainings: March 18, May 20, or July 15, 12:30-4pm. Contact Kenzie Brister to learn more (prison@ovmks.org or 316-281-4721).

Spring Cleaning at Camp Mennoscah... sponsored by Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am – 4 p.m. Come for part or all of the time. Women, men, kids, youth groups, Sunday school groups are all invited. If children younger than high school attend, they need to be supervised by their parents (no child care or children's activities will be provided). **Projects will include cleaning staff houses, shower houses, cabins, t-shirt inventory, and other jobs.** Dress warm, bring a full water bottle, \$5 to cover the cost of lunch (pizza), and the following cleaning supplies if you have them: rakes, long handled brooms for cobweb reaching. Other cleaning supplies will be provided. **To register send an e-mail by March 18 to westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.** Space is capped at this event to manage the jobs, so don't delay in registering. Thanks!

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.