

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance:</b> (with 3 visitors: YouTube 13x2)	c.88
<b>Offering:</b>	
<b>Local Fund</b>	\$250
<b>Deacons Fund</b>	\$410
Needed to meet end of March local fund budget	\$6,300

### *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>SS classes meet</b>	9:45 A.M., March, 17
<b>Worship</b>	10:45 A.M., March, 17

### *Wednesday Evening Activities*

<b>Meal:</b> Celebration Meal/ Ed. Board providing	6:00 P.M., March, 20
<b>Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study</b>	6:30 P.M., March, 20
<b>Elementary Youth Volunteers:</b> Clint/Lillian/Carol	
<b>Choir</b>	7:25 P.M., March, 20

### *Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship Leader:</b> Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
<b>Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude:</b> Christina/Choir/Bonnie	Next Sun.
<b>Speaker:</b> Reinhild Janzen	Next Sun.
<b>Children's Time:</b> Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
<b>Offering:</b> MC USA	Next Sun.
<b>AV:</b> Wes Brewer	Next Sun.
<b>Greeters:</b> Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family	Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

<b>VBS:</b>	June 3-6
<b>Sunday School Picnic:</b> King Park Hesston	10:00 A.M., 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 17, 2024*

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

<b>Gathering</b>	“All Glory Laud and Honor”	VT#315
<b>Welcome, Introductions, Announcements</b>		Lois Friesen
<b>Prelude</b>		Brewer Family
<b>Call to Worship</b>		On Screen

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

<b>Children's Time</b>		Karen Andres
<b>Song</b>	“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”	VT#638
<b>Scripture</b>	Jeremiah 31:31–34; John 12:20–33	
<b>Sermon</b>	“God's Home- Makers”	Karen Andres
<b>Response Song</b>	“Obey My Voice”	HWB#163
<b>Sharing of Our Life Together</b>		John Janzen
<b>Prayer</b>		
<b>Sending Song</b>	“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”	VT#812
<b>Benediction</b>		John Janzen

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen Music: Josh & Kristy/Brewer Family  
Sermon: Karen Andres AV: Kyle Rutschman  
Greeters: Brett & Cassie Klingenberg Family

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.*

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### *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 **June Entz, 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.

**CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR:** March, 20 The meal will be provided by the Wednesday Night Donation Fund at no cost. Last Wednesday night until fall.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** Zion and Grace Hill will gather together for Holy Week services.

The Palm Sunday evening service, "The Parables of Jesus," is March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Zion. Renee Reimer is organizing this service around readings from the Gospel of Luke.

The Maundy Thursday service, including communion, is at Grace Hill at 7:00 p.m. on March 28.

**AN EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held on Easter Sunday for PreK3 to 8th graders. Please let Allie Klingenberg know if you are aware of children this age that will be present that morning that are guests so there are enough eggs to hunt.

**IT'S MOWING TIME:** The Facilities Commission is working on the mowing schedule for the church, parsonage, and cemetery for the coming months. If you were on the previous schedule, we will assume you are willing to do it again this year unless we hear from you. We are always looking for more volunteers willing to mow. Contact David in person or ph. 316-227-0914.

**COME SEE A MUSICAL DRAMA:** A Goodly Heritage, a musical drama sharing a history of the Swiss Volynian Mennonites on Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 or Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge, Kansas. One of many groups of Mennonites moving to the U.S. in the 1870's, the Schweitzers settled near (what is now) Moundridge, Kansas, and Freeman, South Dakota. Mennonites were part of the larger Anabaptist movement that began in Europe in the early 1500's. The drama seeks to explain the religious beliefs underlying the Anabaptist movement, and the journey over centuries that brought these groups to America.

The cast is made up of Schweitzer's and friends, adults and children, from McPherson County and surrounding areas (**Our very own Karen Andres and Kathy Preheim**). Jenny Schrag, who wrote the drama and composed some of the music, is directing, along with Dawn Abrahams. Bonita Howard is the choir director. Lyrics and music are by Jenny Schrag, with hymns from Voices Together and The Mennonite Hymnal (used with permission). The drama is one of the events of the 150th celebration of forebears coming to the U.S. in 1874. Admission is free.

**MCC SALE CHILDREN'S AUCTION** - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to Sale.

**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 Seaside Exploration (art/science activity), Station Mountain Movements (motion activity), and Pre K3/K4 classroom teacher.** 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC** will be held at Hesston King Park shelter. On June 9th 10:00 am. A potluck meal will follow the service. Please bring food to share and your table service. Drinks will be provided.

**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...** Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

**The Newton Chorale** presents: "From Darkness to Light". Director, Riley King will conduct the concert consisting of the Haydn Missa brevis Sti. Joannis de Deo featuring Soprano soloist Megan Taylor-Gilstrap and organist Will Wiebe-Friesen; along with several pieces composed within the past 20 years, accompanied by Meghann Rogers. Sunday, March 24 at 3:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. A freewill donation offering will be taken.

**Get your walking shoes ready – it's time for Walk Kansas (March 31 – May 25<sup>th</sup>)!** Walk Kansas is a K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) health initiative that promotes personal health and well-being by helping participants adopt healthful lifestyle habits. While primarily a team-based program, you can also go solo! Walk Kansas will help you: (1) be more active with support from friends and family (2) make healthier nutrition and beverage choices (3) learn helpful techniques to reduce stress, sleep well, and improve overall well-being. Gather your team, or go it solo and register today at: <https://www.walkkansasonline.org/> Registration is open through March 31<sup>st</sup>. See **Bonnie Brewer** if you have other questions.

**The ARISE Choir** will offer a concert on Saturday, March 23rd, 2:00 PM, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 212 E. Division, Peabody. The concert and following reception are by donation to the Sunflower Theatre. ARISE--African Americans Renewing Interest in Spirituals Ensemble--is made up of voices in Kansas who are dedicated to sharing history and inspiring peace through song and storytelling, from the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights Movement. The concert is partially sponsored by Peabody Community Foundation.

The Emmaus Church "**Foster Family Support Committee**" is hosting an informational workshop on Saturday, April 13, from 4-6pm, at Emmaus, on how child welfare works in Kansas, and practical ways for Christians to be involved at every level. If you are curious about the process of how Kansas kids are determined to be children in need of care, if you'd like to know more about the history of child welfare, or if you desire to walk in faithful obedience to "care for orphans in their distress" in very real, practical ways, you won't want to miss this event. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Lori Goebel, Glenda Harder, Jessica Keller, or Bitty Wiebe for more information. Hope to see you there!

**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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

Women & Girls Save the Date! **Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space**, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, April 19. The schedule is: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

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](http://www.tourwithweldon.com) To join the “Interested List” contact Weldon Martens at [weldon.martens@gmail.com](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com) / 402-202-9276.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).