

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (with 4 visitors: YouTube 24x2) c.122
Offering: **Mennonite Mission Network** \$253
Local fund (Fiscal year to date) \$28,506
(Budgeted thru Feb. \$34,455)

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SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., March, 3
Worship 10:45 A.M., March, 3
KMC Sale Expenses fundraiser meal After Worship, March 3

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal: Lois/Allie 6:00 P.M., March, 6
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., March, 6
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Kristy/Lindsey, Deanna/Ann
Choir 7:25 P.M., March, 6

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Brett/Annette Next Sun.
Speaker: Kathy Neufeld Dunn Next Sun.
Children's Time: Sharon Wedel Next Sun.
Offering: Deacons' Fund Next Sun.
AV: Wes Brewer Next Sun.
Greeters: Lisa Scott Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. March 11
Sunday School Picnic (More details to come) June 9

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- one another. May we find ways forward that are creative, that meet people and families where they are, and which leave behind anything holding us back. May we remember that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever – even as our world changes.
- 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.”

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 3, 2024

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

Gathering “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” VT#801
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Lois Friesen
Prelude Karen Andres
Call to Worship On Screen

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

Children's Time June Entz

Song “Beauty for Brokenness” VT#712

Scripture John 2: 13-22

Sermon “Tablets, Tables, Love” Hank Unruh

Response Song “I Bind My Heart This Tide” VT#556

Sharing of Our Life Together John Janzen
Prayer

Sending Song “Lead on, Oh Cloud of Presence” VT#194

Benediction

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen Music: Karen/Margaret
Sermon: Hank Unruh AV: Matt Regier
Greeters: Lillian 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.

FUNDRAISER MEAL: The KMRS meal will be TODAY at noon. The meal will include baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert.

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.

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION: Gladys Preheim's phone number has been incorrect in directories for the past 4 years. Her phone number is (316) 284-7146.

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... Tomorrow, members of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference will begin a week-long Just Peace Pilgrimage, organized by Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for open minds and hearts as participants focus on the struggle for civil rights in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and how Jesus is calling his followers to respond.

Mark your calendar now for the 16th annual **MCC Comforter Blitz**, March 4-6. 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 3605 East Longview Rd. Haven, KS. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org.

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.

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.