

Salina Mennonite Church
The Story: Chapter Thirteen
April 22, 2018

Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking.

Greeter: Richard Burnett

Worship Leader: Pete Smucker

Storyteller: Annelle Claassen

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Donna Burnett

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together – Chapter 13
- *The King Who Had It All* – 1 Kings 1-11; 2 Chronicles 5-7

Basement – everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together – All Glory and Honor
- *The Lord God Almighty* – Revelation 4:1-6, 8-11

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *Ancient Words*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers—in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Again today we come together to worship—
the God of creation, of salvation, of time and eternity.
The God of all peoples, of all nations,
of all conditions of people everywhere.

People: Praise the Lord.
All that is within me, praise God's holy name.

Leader: Praise the Lord and remember all his kindness:
in forgiving our sins;
in curing our diseases;
in saving us from destruction;
in surrounding us with love.

People: The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

Leader: The Lord is slow to anger and willing to give us gifts of love.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

Oh, praise the Lord, all that is within me.

—Roy Umble, Goshen, Ind. Based on Pss. 118:24; 103
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Hymn *Contemos al Señor* Hymnal 55

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling *Wise King Solomon*

Scripture Video *The King Who Had It All*
1 Kings 1-8; 10-11; 2 Chronicles 5-7; Proverbs 1-3; 6; 20-21

Hymn *Create in me a clean heart* Hymnal 120

Sermon *A House for God*

Hymn *Holy, holy, holy!* Hymnal 128

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offering Response *With joy, O God, we give to you* (Tune: Hymnal 46)
With joy, O God, we give to you our tithes and offerings;
We ask that you would make the most of these material things.
Beyond ourselves, beyond these walls, let all our gifts expand.
Make us a witness to the world, a blessing of your hand.

Hymn *Christ is our cornerstone* Hymnal 43

The Lord's Prayer
Benediction

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for credentialed leaders in WDC attending Healthy Boundaries training next weekend in Dallas, TX. Kathy Neufeld Dunn and Byron Pellecer are leading this training.

For the past four decades, Janie and Neal Blough of Mennonite Mission Network have planted Anabaptist seeds through their teaching and lecturing from their base at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for good fruit to continue to grow from their ministry in Europe and throughout the French-speaking world.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Today we celebrate Earth Day. Pray that adults will engage children in developing habits to care for God's good earth. The current campaign to end plastic pollution includes rejecting, reducing, reusing and recycling plastic materials.

Hope for the Future 2018 participants have released an open letter to Mennonite Church USA. We realize the challenges that lie ahead," the letter reads. "And so in the spirit of love, we offer these words of challenge and hope for the future." Pray for this process. Read about it at www.mennoniteusa.org.

Journey International: Pray for Quinn Kathrineberg as she finishes her time in Ecuador and prepares to return to the US. Read Quinn's blog at <https://quinnkberg.wixsite.com/quinninquito>.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 29, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together.
- *Chapter 14: A Kingdom Torn in Two*

Basement — everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together
- *Blessing, Glory, Honor Forever* – Revelation 5:6-14

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Theme: A Kingdom Torn in Two **Greeter:** Amanda Ediger
Worship Leader: Kristin Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Tom Claassen
Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Teresa Weaver

Upcoming Events

April 25	Midweek Prayers @ Christina's	7:15 p.m.
April 26	Church Board	5:45 p.m.
May 8	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
May 10	Circles of the Heartland Meal	5:30 p.m.
May 13	Celebration Sunday	
May 20	Quinn's Ecuador Experience	9:00 a.m.
	SMC Founders' Experience	10:00 a.m.
	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
	Ice Cream Social	TBA

Announcements

Midweek Prayers: A weekly Wednesday evening service is at 7:15 at Pastor Christina's home. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Project Salina 2018: Project Salina's mission is to collect food for distribution to those in crisis who cannot afford to buy food. This is a time of year when the shelves at Salina's food agencies are relatively empty. More than 200 businesses and organizations participate in this effort to help five local agencies:

- Ashby House – Provides shelter to homeless families.
- Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank – Helps feed the hungry in Salina and Saline County
- Salina Rescue Mission – Serves 3 meals a day, 7 days a week
- Salvation Army – Operates a food pantry and serves an evening hot meal to those in need
- DVACK – Offers a safe shelter that serves 3 meals a day for women and children in crisis situations.

We are collecting tuna and monetary donations through May 31. A \$25 contribution purchases 44 cans.

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