

**Salina Mennonite Church**  
**August 19, 2018**  
***The Story: Chapter Twenty-Six***

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

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**Greeter:** Ted Zerger  
**Worship Leader:** Tom Claassen      **Storyteller:** Pete Smucker  
**Speaker:** Kristin Van Tassel      **Piano:** Donna Burnett

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**9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together – Chapter 26
- *The Hour of Darkness* – Selections from The Gospels

Basement – everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together – Paul Teaches about New Life in Christ
- *God-Shaped Transformation* – Romans 12:9-21

**10:00 a.m. WORSHIP**

**Gathering Song**      *God is here among us*      Hymnal 16

**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**

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: Faithful God,  
Lift our eyes

**People: from present distress to your promised presence.**

Leader: Lift our hearts

**People: from anxious thought to quiet confidence in you.**

Leader: Lift our hands

**People: from binding work into the freedom of praise.**

Leader: Lift our lives

**People: from our feverish pace into a gentler rhythm of service.**

Leader: Help us to see the one they lifted up in scorn,

**People: the one you lift up in love for us.**

**All: Amen.**

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**Hymn**      *For the beauty of the earth*      Hymnal 89

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

**Storytelling**      *Jesus' Sacrifice*

**Scripture Video**      *The Hour of Darkness*  
Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 13-14; 16-19

**Hymn**      *I will come to you in the silence*      Sing the Story 49

**Sermon**      *Cycling Through: Life as Steady Transition*

**Hymn**      *Just a closer walk with thee*      Sing the Journey 106

**Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer**

*How have you experienced joy and God's love this week?  
Where have you seen the need for God's peace this week?*

**Offering**

**Offering Response**      *Grant us, Lord, the grace*      Hymnal 388

**Hymn**      *Healer of our every ill*      Hymnal 377

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."*

**Benediction**

**Third Sunday Potluck follows worship in the fellowship room.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 26, 2018**  
**9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together
- *Chapter 27: The Resurrection*

Basement — everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together
- *Practicing Justice* – Colossians 3:5-17

**10:00 a.m. WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Gary Weathers

**Worship Leader:** Annelle Claassen

**Storyteller:** Tom Claassen

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Piano:** Lori Schmidt

**Pastor Christina's Schedule This Week**

**Office Hours:** 9:00-12:00 Tuesday & Friday

11:00-1:00 Thursday

Available other times by text, phone, or email

**Upcoming Events**

Aug. 23	Church Board	5:45 p.m.
Sept. 4	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
Sept. 15	Backyard Cookout	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
Sept. 23	Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.

**Announcements**

**MennoGrass 2018:** Join the fun at the Tabor Mennonite Church Park (891 N. Chisholm Trail, Newton) Sunday evening, August 26. Food, fellowship and great music with no cost, but please bring lawn chairs if you have them. Supper served at 5:30 pm, and music from 6-8 pm. The two groups this year are *Hopeful Blues* and the *Smoky Valley Bluegrass Band*.

**The MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for water development in Guatemala. See the paper on the back bulletin board for details. If you aren't a cyclist, you are invited to be a contributor to support this worthy MCC project.

**Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You! Women & Girls Retreat 2018** - The registration forms for the 2018 Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah, are due August 27! Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, is the featured speaker, and Annelle is part of the planning committee. Many interesting and fun seminars are planned, along with plenty of time to relax and connect with nature and friends. Registration information is available online at: <http://mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/>. Something for everyone! Yoga, swimming, art, spiritual direction and much more! **AMBS course this fall!** Online courses include Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace and Revolution; Christian Theology 1; and Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture. Courses start Sept 4; sign up by Aug 28. [ambs.edu/onecourse](http://ambs.edu/onecourse)

**Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old!** Come out to camp on Sunday, September 23, as we dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Events are part of the Work & Play Camp starting on Sept. 21. Annual Meeting events begin with worship at 10am on Sunday with the Whale playground dedication at 5pm and annual meeting following. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**Potential Giving Project:** Prairie View, one of WDC's Institutional Partners, has a wish list of recreation equipment They would appreciate it if you would donate cash, so they may purchase the items to "appropriate need and specifications." Please go to [www.prairieview.org](http://www.prairieview.org). Thank you!

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