



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

July 21, 2019

Greeters: Henry & Lee Walker

Worship Leader: Quinn Kathrineberg **Storyteller:** Carolyn Funk

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

Gathering *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* Sing the Journey 9

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers.

Prelude *When Love Is Found* arr. Eugenie Rocherolle

Call to Worship

Leader: The ripe fruit on the vines, the full leaves on the trees.
the sweet smells of the earth;

People: **God's passionate love surrounds us.**

Leader: A married couple caressing one another,
a father holding a newborn,
two friends embracing one another,
a teacher comforting a student,
a nurse tending a wound.

People: **God's passionate love flows through us.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate the bonds of relationship,
the beauty of caring for one another,
the gift of our sexuality.

People: **We gather to praise our Maker, Source of all being,
whose love is made known to us in Jesus Christ,
who offers us life abundant.**

Hymn *God of the Bible* Sing the Journey 27

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Hymn *Here I Am* Sing the Journey 100

Scripture *Song of Solomon 2:1-4, 10-13* Pew Bible 544
1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Pew Bible 934

Sermon *Honoring God's Gift*

Hymn *When Love Is Found* Hymnal 623

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

You are invited to share joys and concerns, reflections on today's service, as well as stories of your faith journey.

Offering *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

Offering Response *Grant Us, Lord, the Grace* Hymnal 388

Hymn *God Be with You* Hymnal 430

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.

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for safe travels and a Spirit-filled gathering for all who attend the WDC Annual Assembly next weekend at Bethel College on the theme "We are Witnesses." Tom Claassen, Lori Schmidt, and Christina Litwiller are our delegates.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Elena Buckwalter and Freddy Satalaya, recently married and serving in Iquitos, Peru. Pray for them as they give leadership to the Isla Bonita ministry, sharing God's love and care with children and adolescents.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for God's work through the scholarship of AMBS faculty and students and the Institute of Mennonite Studies! In 2018–19, they were involved in producing or presenting 4 books, 8 journals, 25 articles and essays, 10 lectureships and academic presentations, and numerous articles, podcasts and workshops.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Western District Conference as they gather for their annual assembly July 26-27.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 28, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Book Study

- *Seek Peace & Pursue It: Women, Faith, and Family Care*

Downstairs – Bible Study

- *A Heartfelt Covenant: Jesus Teaches about Spiritual Discernment*

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Barb Kathrineberg

Worship Leader: Tom Claassen

Storyteller: Annelle Claassen

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Donna Burnett

Upcoming Events

July 25	Church Board	4:00 pm
Aug. 2	Game Night	7:00 pm
Aug. 8	Thrive (Circles) of the Heartland Meal	5:30 pm
Aug. 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Sept. 3	Worship Committee @ Zergers'	6:30 pm
Sept. 15	Backyard Cookout	5:00 pm
Sept. 22	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
Oct. 26	Visioning Retreat	9:00 am–4:00 pm

Pastor Christina's Schedule

Usual Office Hours: 9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

This schedule may vary. Check first before stopping by. Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Announcements

WDC Conference Annual Assembly at Bethel College:

- **Friday, July 26, 7:00 worship service** at Bethel College Mennonite Church is open to everyone. Glen Guyton, MCUSA Executive Director will share about his transformation from a military man to a follower of the Prince of Peace.
- **The WDC Resource Library will be OPEN**, Saturday, July 27 from 2:30-5:30pm. Everyone is invited to stop by for a scoop of ice cream and to tour the library.
- **Celebrate the lives and stories of women in ministry** from 4:00 to 5:00 on Saturday. There will be a reception to honor our pioneers, WDC's earliest ordained women.
- **Family Festival:** As a wrap-up to WDC Annual Assembly, Saturday, July 27, 5:30-9 pm a festival of food, inflatables for the young and young of heart, and music is available.

Mennonite Central Committee Immigration detainee care kits:

Kits containing clothing and hygiene products are given to people released from immigration detention centers as they are taken to bus stations and airports to reconnect with their families in the US. Bring items to church by July 28. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items to complete the kits.

Game Night: Bring yourself and some friends to a game night at church on Friday, August 2, beginning at 7:00 pm.

School Supplies: Now is a good time to begin stocking up on items for our blessing box or MCC School Kits.

Summer Sewing project: Mennonite Central Committee is running low on school kit bags! You can review the guidelines and instructions at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag>.

2019	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
7/14	27		\$1085.00	MCC Kits \$560.00	\$1645.00