



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

September 1, 2019

Greeter: Vera Zerger **Worship Leader:** Maya Kathrineberg
Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Donna Burnett

Gathering *God Is Here Today*
Know That God Is Good (Mungu Ni Mwema)

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

Gathering Prayer

Leader: Our Lord and God,

**People: Maker of heaven and earth,
tender shepherd of the flock,**

Leader: our praise is due to you
for your work in our lives;

**People: sometimes healing,
sometimes comforting,
sometimes convicting,**

Leader: sometimes pushing
beyond the familiar and secure.

ALL: Do your work among us today. Amen.

—John E. Sharp, from *Words for Worship*;
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Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymnal 70

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* Hymnal 401

Sermon *Inaugural Address*

Hymn *Strong, Righteous Man of Galilee* Hymnal 540

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

Offering Response *Lord of All Good* Sing the Journey 60

Hymn *The Lord Is My Light* Sing the Journey 97

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for all who gather at the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, and give thanks for women and girls who lead and participate in so many creative ways in WDC congregations.

Mennonite Mission Network: Ruben Fellmann, Carissa Mast, Delia Mielke, and Cindy Headings (unit leader) make up MMN's Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs. Pray for them as they work with people with disabilities, families in homeless situations, and affordable housing organizations.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: As a new semester begins this week, give thanks for God's work in the lives of AMBS students — calling them to ministry and theological study and providing a community in which they can learn, grow, be mentored, and explore the passions and questions they are being drawn to.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the MC USA Executive Board as they meet Sept. 5-7 in Dallas, Texas.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 8, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Book Study

- *Study to be determined*

Downstairs – Bible Study

- God Is Faithful – *God Answers Prayer*

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Tom Claassen

Worship Leader: Gary Weathers **Storyteller:** Leadell Ediger

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

Upcoming Events

Sept. 3	Worship Committee @ Zergers'	6:45 pm
Sept. 6-8	Women's Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah	
Sept. 13	Game Night	7:00 pm
Sept. 15	Backyard Cookout	5:00 pm
Sept. 22	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
Sept. 25	Church Board @ Christina's	3:45 pm
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

Backyard Cookout

Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 p.m.

- Invite friends, neighbors, and anyone with a connection to Salina Mennonite Church to our annual cookout.
- Meat, buns, beans, table service, and drinks are provided.
- Bring side dishes or desserts.
- Help with setup beginning at 4:00.

Announcements

September 22 Congregational Meeting Agenda:

- Committee/Activity Reports
- Update on Visioning Process: October 26 Retreat
- Looking ahead to 2020: Offering our gifts & budget

New Storage Building Dedication, September 4 at 10 am: Please plan to join MCC in giving thanks for the generous gifts that made the building possible and to bless the ongoing work that takes place at MCC by dedicated volunteers.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution

(KIPCOR) at Bethel College will be organizing a series of free public events, Sept. 8-22, on campus and in the Newton community, in connection with the 2019 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. Activities include film screenings, “swords into plowshares” demonstrations by Colorado Springs-based RawTools, and a lecture by Palwasha Kakar. Information: kipcor.org or call 316-284-5217.

Join the MC USA Faith Formation fall webinar series: Putting People on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics. The first session, Foundations: Setting Our Theological Bearings, will take place on Tues. Sept. 17. Sign up at thegatheringplace.us.

2019	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/18	29		\$1567.00		\$1567.00
8/25	26		\$860.00		\$860.00