

Salina Mennonite Church

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

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent



Greeter: Barb Kathrineberg

Worship Leader: Vera Zenger

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Storyteller: Lois Newcomer

Piano: Lori Schmidt

Show Us the Extent of Your Faithful, Loving Presence

Gathering

Gathering Song *God Is with Us*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting Five Lenten Candles

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. John Carter

Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 121)*

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties,
where does our help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Leader: When we are invited into new ways of thinking and being,
where does our help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

ALL: Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us
and never leaves us or forsakes us.

Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Hymnal 327

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling

Scripture

Hymn

Sermon

John 3:1-17

New Earth, Heavens New

A New Way

Pew Bible 863

Hymnal 299

Confessing/Reconciling

Confession

*We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving,
and totally trustworthy.*

*We also confess our desire for what is familiar,
comfortable, and secure.*

*We acknowledge that you sometimes call us to accept new
challenges, new ways of thinking, or new places of service.*

*Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call when you invite us
into new ways of being.*

(Silence)

Assurance of pardon

Leader: Friends, the One who calls us is the faithful One
who promised to never leave us or forsake us.

May you know God's faithful presence more fully.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Responding

Ritual of Response/Extinguishing One Candle

Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymnal 356

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

My Coins Count Collection

Offering

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Melody Bober

Offering Prayer

Hymn *Sizohamba Naya (We Will Walk with God)* Sing the Journey 78

The Lord's Prayer/Benediction

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for special speaker Patty Shelly and women who gather for the Western District Women in Mission Spring supper this Thursday evening at Faith Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Rebekah York of MMN is serving at Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia. Pray for her as she helps prepare young leaders and provides continuing education opportunities for seasoned church leaders.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: The Lancaster Mennonite High Campus Chorale spring concert season begins today. Pray that God may be glorified and that students and listeners be blessed in each concert. Pray also for safety as students travel to the different locations.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the everyone involved with the Constituency Leaders Council as they prepare to meet on March 26-28 in Kansas City, Missouri.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 15, 2020

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

- *Faith Travels* by Marlene Kropf – Mentoring Others

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

- *God Requires Justice* – Consequences for Injustice

Downstairs – Children’s Sunday school

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Amanda Ediger

Worship Leader: Vera Zerger

Storyteller: Butch Stucky

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Lori Schmidt

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship March 15

Upcoming Events

March 24	Church Board	7:00 pm
April 1	Worship Committee @ Zergers’	6:00 pm
April 3	First Friday Game Night	7:00 pm
April 9	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 pm
April 12	Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast	7:00 am
Apr. 16	Thrive of the Heartland Meal	5:30 pm
Apr. 17-18	Kansas Relief Sale	

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

From Tom Claassen, Trustee chair: I was asked at the March 1st congregational meeting to estimate how much our giving would have to increase to offset the loss of rent money from Living Hope Bible Methodist Church (roughly \$600/month). The answer is about 20%. This is a large increase, especially after we increased our giving 9% in 2019 compared to 2018. Let’s be talking and praying about how we can approach this problem creatively and responsibly.

Get ready for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale on April 17 & 18 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. Donate items for the General, Silent and Children’s Auctions. Complete your quilts and gather extra supplies to donate to Quilters’ Corner. Begin to divide house plants and start vegetable plants to sell at Plants & Things. Participate in the Run for Relief, a 5K run/walk, the Saturday of the sale and gather pledges. Stay up-to-date on all things relating to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale by liking us on Facebook or visiting our website at www.kansas.mccsale.org

Menno Snapshots: Read about Wild Church, an ecclesial experiment in Fresno, California, founded by Katerina Friesen, that challenges us to widen the communion table to include all of God’s creation. <http://mennoniteusa.org/wildchurch>

What makes an Anabaptist Mennonite education unique – and how does it impact the future of our congregations and communities? More than 350 educators gathered to address these questions at the recent Mennonite Educators Conference in Virginia. Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/2020-mennonite-educators-conference/>

2020	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
3/1	27	\$4220.00		\$4220.00