

Salina Mennonite Church

A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday



Heavenly Mother by Kandace Boos

Deep Calls to Deep

Deep in the Feast: Called to Deep Living

Focus: *We have seen the Lord! A rich feast has been prepared for all peoples on the mountain of God. Like Mary, Jesus calls us each by name into abundant life.*

Prelude *Low in the Grave He Lay* VT 333
Piano https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dm_EM0VVBGK8
Praise Team <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnWg596-oHM>

Call to Worship

One: And while it was still dark, Mary found the light!
ALL: The disciples came running, but they did not understand.
One: Mary stood weeping and saw angels but did not recognize Jesus.
ALL: But when Jesus calls our name, then we recognize the way, the truth, and the life.
One: And then there was feasting! And there is feasting to come.
God will make for all peoples a feast of rich food
and well-aged wines and will wipe away tears from all faces.
ALL: It will be said on that day,
“This is our God for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice. There is peace by Jesus Christ.
One: Hold firmly to the good news, which you received,
in which you stand, through which you are being saved.
ALL: Let's open the gates of righteousness to enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

Hymn *Thine Is the Glory* VT 355
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2HV1K0xnUs>
Praise Band <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jItTCHchMkk>

Storytelling *What Does It Mean to Live Deeply?*

It means thinking deeply about all that we do, and why we are doing it. Sometimes it means examining our emotions and actions. It's learning to listen to the Holy Spirit inside us that is pulling us toward meaning, value, and purpose in our lives. Deep living is also learning to enjoy and take pleasure in everything we do. Today we are celebrating Easter, and how Jesus rose from the dead. Today, deep living means celebrating!

Scripture *The Resurrection of Jesus* John 20:1-18
Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* VT 346
Virtual <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfNwvNhpKN4>
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktSTyX9AeAQ>

Sermon *Three Saturdays and a Sunday*

Sharing the Table

Scripture *A Rich Feast* Isaiah 25:6-9

Affirmation of Faith

One: Deep calls to deep.
ALL: We give thanks from the depths of our hearts!
One: Once weeping, now proclaiming: “I have seen the Lord!”
ALL: Once famished, now feasting:
“This is the God for whom we have waited!”
One: Once divided, now convicted: “Jesus Christ is Lord of all!”
ALL: We shall not die but we shall live and keep telling
the deeds of the Lord.
One: Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love,
O God. You have come to us in Jesus Christ.
ALL: We answer your call to deep living!

Hymn *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* VT 473
Virtual <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEQeojdD244>
South African <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAyUtHGK8as>

Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Christ Is Alive, and Goes before Us* VT 565
Lori True <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzmZhBQb2xs>

Benediction

In the early light, urgent feet pound along the path toward the room: “He is alive!” they say. The tomb is empty, and the room is full of wonder. And the feasting, the deep nourishment, and knowledge of a risen Christ begins! May we receive this news, once again, with a call to deep living. Go into this day, forever changed. Amen.

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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

“Sunday School” Options

For Children – *Living the Good News*

- Stories from Acts during Sunday morning worship
- Story Bibles to read and activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Living for God* – 7 pm Wednesday at Zergers’

Upcoming Events

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| Apr 7 | Worship Committee via Zoom | 5:30 pm |
| Apr 11 | Worship (hybrid) – videos | 10:00 am |
| | Worship (hybrid) – “live” portion | 10:30 am |
| Apr 18 | Memorial Rose Bush Planting | 4:30 pm |
| Apr 27 | Church Board @ Zergers’ | 7:00 pm |

Worship Totals

| 2021 | Attendance | Unified Budget | Other | Total |
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| 3/28 | Zoom 24 Church 13 Total 37 | \$820.00 | | \$820.00 |

Local Announcements

Worship on April 11: We will be using YouTube videos provided by AMBS, the seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, during the first half of the service. The “live” portion of the service will begin around 10:30. We will provide everyone with links to the videos. Zoom participants may join at 10:00 as usual or view the videos on their own and join the “live” portion at 10:30.

Salina Spring Spruce Up: Volunteer on Saturday, April 17, 8:00 am to noon. Choose from 8 projects at various locations. Tools are provided. You must wear a mask, bring your own water, snacks & gloves. Social Distancing will be mandatory. Contact Pastor Christina for details.

Memorial Rose Bush Planting: We are adding a peace rose to our Peace Butterfly Garden in memory of Nancy Weathers on Sunday, April 18, at 4:30 pm. Join us in the backyard for this event.

SMC Church Board: At their meeting last week, the church board made plans to move ahead with a variety of projects to improve our visibility, welcome, and church building. Watch for details this coming week.

MennoCon21: Registration for MennoCon21 opens April 6 for in-person and online attendance. Christina will be attending virtually instead of in-person as originally budgeted. The church board has decided to use some of the “excess” funds to pay registration for on-line attendance for up to six members of SMC. Contact Pastor Christina if you are interested. Learn more about MennoCon21 here: <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org>

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the joy of resurrection, as WDC congregations celebrate Easter and bear witness to new life, healing and hope in Jesus!

MCC Plants and Things Sale: Purchase plants, seedlings, flowers, vegetables and many more items on Saturday, April 10, starting at 9:00 AM and running through the day, closing at 6:00 PM. The Sale will be held at the MCC Building in North Newton. This is your opportunity to prepare for your gardening year, and to support the great work of the MCC. Credit Cards will be accepted.

Men and Boys Retreat, April 16-18, at Camp Mennoscah! Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, pray with MMN that the continuing need to proclaim Jesus' resurrection and his offer of new life is met in the land where he lived. Nazareth Hospital, in Israel, is seeking volunteer chaplains to provide holistic care for patients from diverse religious backgrounds. May God inspire and equip qualified people to respond.

Learn, Pray, Join: SeongHan Kim, in his blog, "Walk out from the military base nation," recounts how the construction of a Republic of Korea naval base on Jeju Island, Korea — and its connection to the U.S. military — has affected the lives of those Koreans who live in that region. Read his take on the Cost of War here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/base-walk-out>

Mennonite Church USA: Join Michael Danner, Executive Director of Church Vitality, in a webinar April 8 at 7 p.m. ET, as he interviews Elain Enns and Ched Myers, authors of "Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization." Register here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/registration-decolonization>

Everence Online Webinar– Financial Planning: Tuesday, April 13 starting at 6:30 p.m. Planning is the process of considering ways to reach a desired destination or goal. Join this webinar where we will visit seven areas that make up a comprehensive financial plan. You'll learn foundational concepts, hear about helpful tools and get actionable ideas to help you on your financial journey. Register soon for this free, online event by contacting Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Mennonite World Conference: Since the military seized power in Myanmar in February, waves of protest have been violently suppressed, with reports of more than 400 citizens killed. Even before the pandemic, poverty affected many households. The political situation has led to even greater economic turmoil, and many households have no financial income. Most church members are in a food crisis. "Greetings from the crying land of Myanmar," writes an Anabaptist church leader in Myanmar to the global family. "This is a special request for you to pray for our country, particularly for the vulnerable 400 families of our church people in Yangon and delta region. We believe that prayer can make a difference. God bless you all."