



## 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.*

**August 22, 2021**  
**Seeking Justice Together**

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### Nehemiah Sets an Example

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

Piano

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr, John Carter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvJU89u0IFo>

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!

***ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in God's commandments.***

Leader: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

***ALL: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.***

Leader: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;

their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

***ALL: Praise the Lord!***

#### Hymn

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

Voices Together 124

Choir (Alt. Tune)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBXHDbesb7k>

#### Prayer

Generous God, You call us to be a people of gratitude,

to give thanks for what we have been given, and to give generously to those who have less.

May we be gracious in our living and generous in our worship of you today.

May the words from our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

#### Readers Theater

*Nehemiah 5*

Pew Bible 377

LifeKids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIXqTBIys7s>

The Bible Project

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ezra-nehemiah/>

#### Storytelling

*Making Things Right*

#### Hymn

*Love the Lord Your God*

Voices Together 288

Virtual

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STE9a0dVCZY>

#### Sermon

*Practicing Generosity*

#### Hymn

*Together*

Voices Together 389

Voices Together Launch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAVdJEi0FGg>

#### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

#### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

#### Announcements

#### Hymn

*You Are Salt for the Earth*

Voices Together 29

Illustrated

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaO\\_Afa9hDo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaO_Afa9hDo)

#### Benediction

Go from here, transformed by the love of God, to live and love generously.

#### Postlude

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. Cindy Berry

Piano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-HX0vRHqdl>

## Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

### Upcoming Events

Sunday	Aug. 29	Worship & Congregational Meeting	10:00 am
Wednesday	Sept. 1	Worship Committee @ Newcomers'	7:00 pm
Thursday	Sept. 23	Church Board @ Zergers'	7:00 pm

### Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/8	Zoom 8 In-Person 26 Total 34	\$12,325.00		\$12,325.00

### Local Announcements

**Congregation Meeting follows worship on Sunday, August 29.** The agenda includes activity reports, affirmation of the welcome statement, an update on building renovation projects, and beginning the process of determining budget and committee assignments for 2022.

**COVID Precautions:** Due to the rise of COVID infections in Saline County, the church board recommends the wearing of masks while in the church building for worship and other group activities.

#### School Supplies Needed:

- **Blessing Box:** paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, Ticonderoga pencils
- **Cottonwood School:** Expo markers, children's masks, snacks
- **MCC School Kits: (Please bring your items to church by the end of August. You may choose to donate money and let someone else do the shopping for you.)**
  - 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
  - 8 new unsharpened pencils
  - 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
  - 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
  - 1 large eraser
  - 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
  - 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. (We have 48 of these already.)

### Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC Commissions as they support ministerial leaders, resource congregations, nurture church planting, and steward resources for God's work in our conference.

**[MCC Treats & Beats, August 26 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at MCC in North Newton!](#)** Join us for this relaxed come-and-go event featuring ice cream treats from Salted Creamery and beats from the talented Kevin Gaeddert! Drop in, grab some ice cream and enjoy a little music as our thank you for your support of the work of MCC!

**Women's Retreat:** All women 13 years and older are invited to the annual Women's Retreat being held Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Menno'sah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on Re/Connecting with God and Each Other. Whether we need time to reconnect with God, with our sisters in Christ or both, Women's Retreat is a chance to do that. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. Click here for more information and registration forms: [Women's Retreat 2021 | Western District Conference \(mennowdc.org\)](#) Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully.

## **Youth camps may be over, but there's still lots happening at Camp Mennoscah!**

- The next **Work Day is August 28** with projects galore! We may work on some of the finishing touches to the campfire amphitheater or any number of other projects, depending on the turnout. We'll meet at the maintenance shed at 8:30am. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to let us know you're coming!
- September 26 is a Camp Mennoscah Combo! **It's the Hymn Sing-Dessert Auction and Annual Meeting all in one!** There are still details to be determined, but plan on some hymn singing (masked & distanced), bidding on delectable desserts, and information about Camp Mennoscah's year. We'll keep the details coming your way!

## **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Participants in MMN's Mennonite Voluntary Service program are in a time of transition. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to schooling or work and pray for those who are beginning their first or second term of learning and service.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Pastors Amy Yoder McGloughlin, of Frazer Mennonite Church, and Joanne Gallardo, of Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, led a seminar, titled "Practical Steps To Becoming a Welcoming Congregation" at MennoCon21. Read more for tips on welcoming LGBTQ people into church fellowship: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/practical-welcoming-congregation>.

**#BringThePeace:** Michelle Armster was one of two women awarded the Mennonite Church USA #BringThePeace award in its inaugural year. Read about her journey as a peacebuilder in this interview transcript: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/interview-michelle-armster>.

**Menno Snapshots:** MennoMedia, Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada recently partnered to create a two-part webinar that explored how to decenter whiteness, be more inclusive and promote anti-racism in worship, through the resources provided in Voices Together. Read more and find the links to the webinar in Katie Graber's blog, "Webinar to explore Voices Together, worship and anti-racism." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinar-vt-antiracism>

**Menno Snapshots:** In her blog, "Celebration and Lament," Debbie Bledsoe celebrates the positive experiences that she has had as a queer woman in Mennonite Church USA. She also laments the fact that not all queer folks have had such a positive experience with the church. Read her blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/celebration-lament>

**Join MCC in prayer and support for those suffering in our world.** MCC has prepositioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your [monetary donations](#) to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of [relief kits and hygiene kits](#). Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

**Mennonite World Conference:** May our hearts and souls be opened to the small everyday miracles and huge kindnesses in the world directly surrounding us.