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## 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.*

*We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability or status.*

### September 12, 2021

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### Welcome

#### Prelude

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr, Cindy Berry

Purely Praise Piano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqVvwCyHYw4>

#### Call to Worship

Voices Together 866

Leader: Open our ears

**ALL:** *to hear your word.*

Leader: Open our eyes

**ALL:** *to see your presence.*

Leader: Open our arms

**ALL:** *to the embrace of community.*

Leader: Open our minds

**ALL:** *to the beauty of truth.*

Leader: Open our hearts

**ALL:** *to the joy of new life.*

#### Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Voices Together 103

Acoustic Trio

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtCzq0HIRCc>

#### Storytelling

*Storks, Goats, & Lions (God Tends the Earth)*

Psalm 104

Sandpainting (German)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQVPJhn\\_wz8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQVPJhn_wz8)

Psalm Project Africa

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=no0wGZRvF\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=no0wGZRvF_s)

#### Hymn

*This Is God's Wondrous World*

Voices Together 180

Assembly Mennonite

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7SdrPAfLEc>

#### Scripture

*James 3:1-12*

Pew Bible 981

Douglas Talks

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7zMPp0Dh\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7zMPp0Dh_I)

#### Sermon

*Taming the Tongue*

#### Hymn

*God, Give Me Time*

Voices Together 144

(No video available)

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

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

#### Announcements

#### Hymn

*The Peace of the Earth Be with You*

Voices Together 838

Scenic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLSVXKbo3kl>

#### Benediction

Voices Together 1053

May the God of glory, the Word of life, and the Spirit of truth  
bless you all, now and forever.

#### Postlude

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. John Carter

Handbells

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxAp\\_nBHqc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxAp_nBHqc)

## Christian Education

For Children – *Living as God’s People – God’s Good Creation*

- Stories during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *God’s Approachable Community* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers’
- Informal Discussion – *Lectionary Scriptures* – 9:00 am Sunday in the fellowship room

## Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

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

## Upcoming Events

Week of Sept. 13		New Seating Delivered ?? (Date & Time TBD)	
Sunday	Sept. 19	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Sept. 19	Third Sunday Backyard Fellowship (not Potluck)	6:30 pm
Thursday	Sept. 23	Church Board @ Zergers’	7:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 3	World Communion Sunday	10:00 am
Wednesday	Oct. 6	Worship Committee @ Newcomers’	7:00 pm

## Worship Totals

2021	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
9/5	Zoom 8 In-Person 21 Total 29		Rent \$200.00 \$9065.00		\$9265.00

## Local Announcements

**Third Sunday Fellowship:** Everyone is invited to gather in the church’s backyard for a time of fellowship beginning at 6:30 pm, Sunday, September 19. Bring a lawn chair. This gathering replaces our usual Third Sunday Potluck.

**Offering My Gifts:** How will you be involved in the life of the congregation in 2022? Please complete and return the form emailed to you and available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**Sanctuary Seating:** The chairs from Sauder Worship Furniture are due to be delivered soon. We still do not have an exact date. Contact Pete Smucker if you want any of our church pews.

**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.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Western District Women in Mission, as they host their annual women’s retreat at Camp Menno’scah this weekend.

**WDC Office Hours:** As of August 25, the WDC office, located at 2517 North Main, in North Newton, has updated their office hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm. The office is normally open through the lunch hour.

**The Final Thursday Book Discussion** originally scheduled for August 26 had been postponed to September 30. Join via Zoom to discuss *Leaving Silence: Sexualized Violence, the Bible, and Standing with Survivors* by Susannah Larry. This book is an unflinching examination of sexualized violence in the Bible and the God who stands steadfastly with survivors. Readers will rediscover the God who is present in experiences of trauma and who desires ultimate wholeness for survivors. See more about the book from Herald Press. Copies available through the WDC Resource Library. Email [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org) for the Zoom link.

**Reading Challenges:** Check out the WDC Resource Library's new Reading Challenges through the Beanstack platform. Find out more at [Beanstack: Reading Challenges and Personalized Recommendations](#) or find the Beanstack App in the Apple or Google Play Store. For the fall:

- Ages 12 and up can participate in the "10 to Try Challenge" (Try reading books from the Resource Library in 10 categories).
- Ages 0-12 can participate in the "Bullying Prevention Month Challenge" during Sept. and Oct.
- Ages 0-5 can participate in the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge."

**The annual Hispanic Ministries – IBA Burrito Benefit Sale** will take place Friday, October 15, 2021. ORDER TO GO (Drive thru pick up) – First Mennonite Church – 429 East 1st St., Newton. Contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org) or call 316-281-4342.

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**Mennonite Mission Network: September 12** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer's family is together on the North American part of their two-way mission — between Ecuador and the United States — through MMN. Pray for God's leading, as health issues and logistical problems, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have caused many changes to their plans.

**Mennonite Church USA:** The MennoCon21 convention planning team has extended virtual content access until September 30! You can purchase access to all MennoCon21 virtual content for \$25, here: [https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/mennocon21\\_virtual\\_content\\_access](https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/mennocon21_virtual_content_access).

**Mennonite Church USA:** The South Central Mennonite Conference (SCMC) resolutions to dissolve the conference and to terminate its membership with Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) both failed. While SCMC will remain an MC USA conference, they are still struggling with differences on LGBTQ inclusion and the benefits of affiliation with the denomination. Read more about the SCMC delegate assembly here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/scmc-resolutions-fail/>.

**#BeTransformed:** Since he was a teenager, Duncan Smith has been inspired by the Sermon on the Mount. Read about how the Matthew 5-7 have affected his faith journey here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/be-transformed-by-the-sermon-on-the-mount/>.

**Menno Snapshots:** Food can be a way that we care for others and ourselves. In her blog, "Food and nutrition advice," dietician Ingrid Friesen Moser shares how she came to love cooking and gives advice on how to prepare healthy meals. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/food-and-nutrition-advice/>.

**Menno Snapshots:** Is it healthy for Christians to get angry? What can we learn from Jesus' anger? Linda Gehman Peachey explores what it means for a Christian to express anger and grief in healthy ways in her blog, "Tending my anger and grief." Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/tending-my-anger-and-grief/>.

**Mennonite World Conference:** May our focus be not on quantity but on quality, on gentle kindness instead of targets, on prayerful silence instead of barricades.

**Assembly 17: Indonesia 2022:** Despite a heavy COVID-19 wave resulting in the deaths of pastors and members, the three Mennonite synods in Indonesia remain steadfast in their desire to host the worldwide Anabaptist family for Assembly 17. Pray that the situation will improve and that it will be possible for international guests to come to Indonesia in 2022 to witness the resilience, creativity and faithfulness of the Indonesian Mennonite Church as they live out the gospel of peace in a multireligious context despite the suffering from COVID-19.