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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 19, 2021

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### Welcome

#### Prelude

Piano Solo

*Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Martha Mier

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pY52onGgdA>

#### Gathering Prayer

Leader: Living God,

**ALL:** *by the power of your Spirit,*

*help us to hear your holy word,*

*that we may truly understand;*

*that, understanding, we may believe;*

*and believing, we may follow*

*in faithfulness and obedience,*

*seeking your honor and glory in all that we do,*

Leader: through Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** *Amen.*

Voices Together 911

#### Hymn

A Cappella

*Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*

Voices Together 95

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dj31T27oXCk>

#### Storytelling

Farmer Derek Eagle Watch

*Fly Like an Eagle (Lift Up Your Eyes)*

Isaiah 40:12-31

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

Children's Message

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-q8eM98VGho>

#### Hymn

Solo

*And I Will Raise You Up*

Voices Together 641

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPXk6\\_E9dY0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPXk6_E9dY0)

#### Scripture

Douglas Talks

*James 3:13-4:10*

Pew Bible 982

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BotCIS\\_6bI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BotCIS_6bI)

#### Sermon

*Wisdom from Above*

#### Hymn

Assembly Mennonite

*Beloved, God's Chosen*

Voices Together 164

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

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Announcements

#### Hymn

Choir

*Heart with Loving Heart United*

Voices Together 813

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjdOHNoHlx4>

#### Benediction

Go, knowing you are beloved by God.

Go, praising God for the good news in Jesus Christ.

Go, living the message of God's grace, peace, and love. Amen.

Voices Together 1055

#### Postlude

Piano w/lyrics

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

(VT 760)

Youth Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVRnx9vZmFk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmiTxenz8WI>

## 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

Sunday	Sept. 19	Backyard Fellowship (not potluck)	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Sept. 21	New Seating Delivered	8:00 am
Tuesday	Sept. 21	Church Board @ Zergers’	7:00 pm
Sunday	Sept. 26	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 3	World Communion Sunday	10:00 am
Wednesday	Oct. 6	Worship Committee @ Newcomers’	7:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 9	Salina Fall Fix-Up Day	8 am- noon

## Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
9/12	Zoom 11 In-Person 15 Total 26	\$3460.00		\$3460.00

## 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 is not a meal, simply fellowship. This gathering replaces our usual Third Sunday Potluck.

**Sanctuary Seating:** The chairs from Sauder Worship Furniture will be delivered at 8:00 am on Tuesday, September 21. Let Ted Zerger know if you can help with the unloading of the truck.

**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.

**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 WDC elected leaders and staff, as they meet via zoom next Saturday for Reference Council with a focus on one of WDC’s mission priorities, “Connect to God’s Mission in the World.” Kathy Neufeld Dunn and Christina Litwiller are part of this meeting.

**WDC Hope Fund:** Consider making a donation to the Western District Conference Hope Fund! The Hope Fund issues grants to churches in WDC that are suffering hardship related to COVID-19 and other disasters. As the pandemic continues to affect our churches, the Hope Fund has proven to be incredibly important to supporting churches in need. You can find out more, and make a donation, by visiting [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org), or by sending a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Please consider contributions to the Hope Fund as above and beyond regular giving to WDC, which supports ongoing staff, programs and resourcing for congregations and leaders.

**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:** Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, are in language study in Paris, preparing for a ministry building Muslim-Christian relationships in West Africa. Pray for their children in French public schools and for Christy and Peter in language school. They are jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.

**Mennonite Church USA:** The MC USA Executive Board is meeting in Dallas, Texas, Sept. 23-25. Pray for the Executive Board this weekend, as they make important decisions that affect the denomination.

**Mennonite Church USA:** This Tuesday, Sept. 21, Shana Peachy Boshart and other leaders from across the denomination will lead a Faith Formation Roundtable on the topic, "Staying connected with your college students." Join this event for a time of time of community and collaboration. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Q1cyAgPDWe9T6dVg8>.

**#BeTransformed:** Brood X cicadas emerged across much of the East Coast and Midwest early this summer and revealed their transformative nature. Camille Dager explains how she has witnessed the transformation of the cicadas and Mennonite Church USA members, in her blog, "Be transformed ... and hard to ignore." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/be-transformedand-hard-to-ignore/>

**Menno Snapshots:** When Bonnie Miller found out her firstborn child had a physical disability, she quickly realized that her church, which she once thought was accessible, had one major obstacle: the steps leading to the stage. Read about how the church came together to find a way to make the stage accessible to all and how it impacted the community, in Miller's blog, "Accessibility benefits everybody." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/accessibility-benefits-everybody/>.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** After six months of searching for a new executive director, the MEA Board of Directors suspended the search and agreed to collaborate with the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board to share leadership staff. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mea-suspends-executive-director-search-pursues-collaboration-with-mc-usa-executive-board/>.

**Mennonite World Conference:** Please pray that churches may get permission to open for worship. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are conducting worship services digitally. But it has been very long since we have worshipped in one place; this is causing spiritual dullness.

Please pray that we can save and utilize our church properties, because we are not financially strong to develop our own infrastructure, and government is having an eye on it.

Please pray for us so that we can spread gospel effectively."

—submitted by Deacon PK Bagh, Bhartiya General Conference Mennonite Church, India