



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.

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers—in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world.

Prelude *Thine Be the Glory*

arr. Wallace Hornibrook
Voices Together 862

Gathering Prayer

Leader: You who open doors and dismantle barriers,

ALL: *Open our hearts to praise you,*

Leader: that we might live the full truth of who we are,
that we might live as neighbors and friends,
no longer strangers and enemies.

ALL: *Open our hearts to the transforming power of your love.*

Leader: that we might forgive and reconcile,
making peace and learning war no more,
that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit,
to tell your grace to all the world.

ALL: *We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother and friend. Amen.*

Hymn *This Joyful Eastertide*

Voices Together 352

Storytelling *Luke 24:13-35*

Hymn *Open my Eyes (Abre mis ojos)*

Voices Together 732

Scripture *Isaiah 25:1-10a*

Hymn *Rain Down*

Voices Together 703

Sermon *On the Road to Emmaus: Glimpses of the Church*

Heidi Regier Kreider

Hymn *Hamba nathi (Come Walk with Us)*

Voices Together 23

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn *Lift Your Glad Voices*

Voices Together 340

Sending

Voices Together 819

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Creator,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

Postlude *Christ Is Alive*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Heidi Regier Kreider, WDC Conference Minister, provided the sermon for today. Heidi cares for WDC as a whole by focusing on God's purposes, promoting our mission and priorities, and nurturing leaders. She works with the Ministerial Leadership Commission in the credentialing and support of pastors, assists congregations in pastoral search processes, coordinates WDC staff, and builds relationships with other institutions including our denomination, Mennonite Church USA.

Christian Education

For Children – *Becoming Disciples – Letters to the Churches*

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

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Disciples and Stewards* – In the basement
- Informal Discussion – *Lectionary Scriptures* – 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

Wednesday	Apr. 27	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 30	Community-Wide Clean-Up Day	8:00 am
Sunday	May 1	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	May 4	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 15	Celebration Sunday – Third Sunday Potluck	10:00 am
Thursday	May 26	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	June 5	Backyard Cookout	6:00 pm

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
4/17	Sunrise Service 22	\$300.00	Special Needs Fund \$115.00	\$415.00
	Zoom 3			
	In-Person 21			
	Total 24			

Local Announcements

My Coins Count: Our contribution to MCC through the My Coins Count jar was \$186.64. Thank you for your contributions. The jar remains on the back table. Let’s start collecting for next year!

Church Work Nights: On Wednesday nights at 7 pm we will be meeting at church for an hour of “service.” All are welcome.

Community-Wide Clean-Up Day: Volunteers are needed at twelve worksites around Salina from 8:00 am until noon on Saturday, April 30. Let Pastor Christina know if you plan to participate. This would be a good occasion to wear your SMC t-shirt.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: WDC Church Planting Commission Prayer Request: Please join with me in praying to the Lord of the harvest, asking for workers to be raised up in the churches to serve within and to be sent out. Pray for each member of Christ to hear the Spirit’s call to serve in the equipping of God’s people and to thoughtfully consider how we can encourage the spiritual gifts that we see in each other and in our young people, all to the glory of God. Amen. – Pastor Karen Mascho

Western District Women in Mission invites all women to a virtual “Meet-up” on Tuesday, April 26th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Barbara Gingrich, Cheryl Kaufman, and Cindy Thompson will talk about their Knit4Peace project. Sarah Augustine will discuss her personal life journey and book she authored called *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. Sarah is a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant, co-chair of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, and Executive Director of a dispute resolution center in central Washington State. She is a columnist for Anabaptist World and co-hosts the Doctrine of Discovery podcast with Sheri Hostetler. Following the event, you will be invited to participate in an online survey to provide your ideas about future WDWM activities. Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com by Monday, April 25 and you will be sent the Zoom link.

Book Sale: The Western District Conference Resource Library in North Newton, KS will be hosting a Book Sale on Saturday, April 30 from 8am- 12pm outside in front of the WDC building, 2517 N Main St, North Newton. There will be a large variety of donated books and books removed from circulation. Donations will be accepted for your selections. Hope to see you there!

2022 WDC Annual Assembly: “United in Purpose, Together in Love” is the theme for the July 29-31 gathering at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. There will be time to pray, serve, discern the ministry of the church, and play together. Adults, children and youth are welcome. More information and registration coming soon.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Colleen and Pablo Fast, who have been asked by leadership of the Paz Church in Brazil to help shepherd a congregation in Apuí for about eight months. Pray for the Fast as they transition from their home along the Purus River to a new culture that focuses on cattle-raising and lumber.

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools – from early childhood through grade 12 schools, undergraduate schools, graduate schools, seminaries, and MEA’s Hispanic Ministries’ Anabaptist Seminary and Bible Institute affiliated with MC USA. By partnering with these schools and helping them flourish, MEA works to strengthen the church through education. MEA’s monthly prayer newsletter, with prayer requests from the schools, can be found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: In honor of Women's History Month in March, the MC USA Archives compiled a Mennonite Women's History timeline. Explore the rich history with this new resource available now: mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-womens-history-timeline/

Mennonite Church USA: A Call to Prayer and Fasting: Just as Paul prayed for the churches of his time, let us also pray for ours. Join Mennonite Church USA on May 2 at 7 p.m. ET/4 P.M. PT on Zoom for a webinar on ways that we can support the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly and our participating church leaders through individual and communal prayer and fasting. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/register-prayer-fasting

Menno Snapshots: Susan Janzen, Central Plains conference minister for Ministerial Leadership, was inspired by the hymn, “There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind” (No. 828 in the Voices Together hymnal, © 2014 Lora Braun) at the recent Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022 conference. Read about her experience in her blog: mennoniteusa.org/wild-hope-wilderness

Menno Snapshots: “Mention ‘The Mennonite Game’ in Anabaptist circles and you’ll be met with a variety of responses — a knowing chuckle, the rolling of eyes, a blank stare,” writes Laura Pauls-Thomas (she/her). She shares her perspective on her learning journey with intercultural competency and Diversity: God’s Design in her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/winners-losers-mennonite-game

Menno Snapshots: Bonnie Miller, who is on the board directors for Anabaptist Disabilities Network, calls us to think about the stigmas and biases we possess when it comes to relating to individuals with a disability in her blog “Creating Spaces of Belonging.” Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/create-spaces-belonging

Mennonite World Conference: As Nepal goes into an election this year, pray that a good person may be elected. Pray for Nepali churches to have equal rights in the country and financial support for churches. Pray for opportunities to earn for those people who don’t have jobs. In the midst of challenges, pain, financial problems and temptation, pray for believers to hold up their faith in Jesus Christ.

—Submitted by Hanna Soren