



## 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**                      *He Leadeth Me*

arr. Jerry Ray

### Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song,

**People: sing praise from the end of the earth!**

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it,

**People: the coastlands and all that dwell in them.**

Leader: Let the desert and its towns lift up their voices,

**People: Let them shout from the tops of the mountains.**

**ALL: Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Voices Together 106

**Hymn**                      *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Voices Together 347

**Storytelling**              *You've Got Gifts – Romans 12:1-8*

**Hymn**                      *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

Voices Together 131

**Scripture**                *Luke 10:25-37*

**Hymn**                      *What Is the World Like*

Voices Together 298

**Sermon**                    *Who Is My Neighbor?*

Chad Young

**Hymn**                      *How Can I Say?*

Voices Together 399

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Announcements

**Hymn**                      *Move in Our Midst*

Voices Together 827

### Sending Words

(Voices Together 568)

*Christ has no body here but ours; no hands, no feet here on earth but ours.*

*Ours are the hands through which he works, ours are the feet on which he moves.*

*Ours are the voices through which he speaks to this world with kindness.*

*Through our touch, our smile, our listening ear, embodied in us, Jesus is living here.*

*So let us go now, filled with the Spirit, into this world with kindness.*

**We welcome our guest speaker.** Chad Young is Executive Director of The Salina Rescue Mission. The Mission is a Christian ministry that provides food, clothing, shelter and other basic needs and offers the rehabilitation teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is one of the recipients of Project Salina, our service project for the month of May.

## 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	May 4	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Wednesday	May 4	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 8	Worship	10:00 am
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
	Zoom 8				
4/24	In-Person 19		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
	Total 27				

## Local Announcements

**Project Salina:** We are collecting money for Project Salina during the month of May. The agencies that benefit from Project Salina are the Emergency Aid Food Bank, the Salvation Army, the Salina Rescue Mission, the Ashby House and DVACK. Project Salina can purchase in bulk and is tax exempt, making your dollar go even further. Monetary donations also make it possible to purchase food throughout the year reducing the amount of storage space required and allowing agencies to reduce waste by being conscientious of expiration dates. Find more information at [www.projectsalina.com](http://www.projectsalina.com). Place your cash or checks written to Salina Mennonite Church in the jar on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**Celebration Sunday:** On Sunday, May 15, we will celebrate the renovation of our sanctuary. Feel free to use the flyers on the back table to invite people to celebrate with us. Third Sunday Potluck follows worship that day.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for congregational and conference delegates in WDC preparing to join others for discernment at the Mennonite Church USA special assembly May 27-30 in Kansas City.

**Join the WDC Church Planting Commission** at 11am on May 11th for a zoom conversation that considers how we can share our faith stories with our neighbors: (1) How can we begin to have meaningful conversations with our neighbors? (2) How do we talk about our experiences with Jesus? (3) What unique perspectives might our faith community have to share? (4) After sharing the story, how can we invite others into the story? Join the conversation with the following Zoom link on May 11th: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84792614360?pwd=V050eTluY2dzcFpmbUQyRjhEWHN4QT09>

**2022 WDC Annual Assembly:** What’s God doing through our churches in WDC? Dianne Garcia, Pastor of Family Ministry, San Antonio Mennonite Church, will preach and share stories of their congregation’s ministry with immigrants. Heidi Regier Kreider, WDC Conference Minister, will preach and share stories of how we are “United in Purpose, Together in Love.” Plan to attend WDC Annual Assembly, July 29-31, Camp Copass, Denton, TX. Assembly registration opens soon.

**Everence® to hold Medicare and retirement income workshops this May and June:** The Medicare workshop (Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.) will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The retirement income workshop (Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.) will cover, Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. The in-person workshops will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**MCC Central States:** Soon you will notice changes at the MCC building in North Newton, Kansas. Construction will address necessary repairs and updates to make the space more welcoming and safer for everyone as we strive to be good stewards of the MCC building and land. We ask for your patience and your prayers as we navigate continuing to do the work of MCC even during this construction process. If you have questions please email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) or call 316.283.2720.

### **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN joins Marlene Wall, president of LCC International University in Lithuania, in requesting prayer for faculty and staff, who are caring for both students and refugees from Ukraine. Ukrainian refugees have traveled about 700 miles to flee the violence from the Russian invasion. Pray that God's people around the world will contribute to this ministry.

**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:** On Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m. ET, join Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton and guests 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/prayer-webinar-registration](https://mennoniteusa.org/prayer-webinar-registration)

**Mennonite Church USA:** Join Carlene Hill Byron, author of "Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for One Another," for a CommonRead webinar on May 3 at 7 p.m. ET. CommonRead is an initiative from Herald Press, Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Learn more here: [mennomedia.org/register-now/](https://mennomedia.org/register-now/)

**Mennonite Church USA:** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is hosting a webinar, "Political Idolatry: Countering Christian Nationalism" on May 4, 2-3 p.m. ET. Register here: [ambs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/](https://ambs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/)

**Mennonite World Conference:** It has been more than a decade since the war in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo was to end. Each day there are more victims of kidnapping and the rape of women by foreign armed groups. A number of churches live in complete insecurity.

In addition, there is the trauma experienced by several local churches of the Mennonite Church in Congo (CMCo) in the Kasai region where a number of young Mennonites died as a result of the sad Kamuena Nsapu war. Let us pray for stability and evangelization efforts among young Mennonites in the Kasai region. A number of young people gave their lives to Jesus Christ during Bible camps for young Mennonites in the Ilebo zone (district), abandoning fetishes they had used as protection against Kamuena Nsapu.

—Submitted by Robert Irundu