



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 *Jesus Paid It All*

arr. Cindy Berry

Call to Worship

Voices Together 877

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: enter our silences.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: into the depths of our longing.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: unmask our pretending.

Enter our trusting, enter our fearing, enter our letting go, enter our holding back.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: embrace and free us.

Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

Voices Together 57

Storytelling *Love Is – 1 Corinthians 1:10-11; 13:1-13*

Hymn *He Came Down*

Voices Together 239

Scripture *Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:19-22*

Hymn *Thine Is the Glory*

Voices Together 355

Sermon *Be Not Afraid*

Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Video *Be Not Afraid*

Catholic Artists from Home

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn *Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us*

Voices Together 565

Sending Words

Voices Together 904

Hear the words of Jesus:

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

Postlude *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

arr. Charles Webb

Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Associate Conference Minister, provided the sermon for today. Kathy relates to congregations and pastors in Oklahoma, Nebraska and parts of Kansas. Together with the Resource Commission, she equips congregations in areas such as faith formation, safety for children and youth, peace and justice. Kathy coordinates annual assembly planning when it takes place in the northern part of WDC. We are pleased that Kathy is a member of our congregation.

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 11	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	May 15	Celebration Sunday – Third Sunday Potluck	10:00 am
Thursday	May 26	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	June 1	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	June 5	Backyard Cookout	6:00 pm

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
5/1	Zoom 7 In-Person 22 Total 29		\$3,330.00	Project Salina \$407.00 Special Needs Fund \$100.98	\$3,837.98

Local Announcements

Celebration Sunday: Next Sunday, May 15, we will celebrate the renovation of our sanctuary. Let Pastor Christin know about other events from the past several years that we need to celebrate. Use the flyers on the back table to invite people to celebrate with us. Third Sunday Potluck follows worship.

MC USA Special Assembly Resolutions: Response forms were emailed to you this week and are also available on the back table. Please return them to Pastor Christina by Sunday, May 22.

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. Place your cash or checks written to Salina Mennonite Church in the jar on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for participants in the WDC Church Planting Commission zoom forum this Wednesday, on the topic of sharing faith stories with neighbors in our communities.

Andover Tornado Response: The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit is responding to the recent Andover tornado. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Cleo Koop, Kansas Unit Chair at cleohkoop@gmail.com or 316-282-0797.

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: Join the conversation with this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84792614360?pwd=V050eTluY2dzcFpmbUQyRjhEWHN4QT09>

Book Signing: WDC Minister, Brad Roth of West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS, will be holding a book signing event at Faith & Life Bookstore on Thursday, May 12 from 6-7pm for his new book, *The Hunger Inside: How the meal Jesus gave transforms lives*. Come visit with the author, hear excerpts from the book and his inspiration for writing it, plus pick up a signed copy for you and a friend!

2022 WDC Annual Assembly: Join us in-person or virtually for the 2022 Western District Conference Annual Assembly July 29-31 at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. Friday evening we will bear a broader conference perspective on being God's people "United in Purpose, Together in Love" by Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider. Sunday morning the Pastor of Family, San Antonio Mennonite Church, Dianne Garcia, will share how they have come together to love God and care for their neighbors as they minister among immigrants who pass through their community. Assembly registration will open 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.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach, who has served with MMN in Mongolia for three decades, requests prayer for JCS International's general assembly and board meetings this month. Pray for wisdom and unity of purpose for the members of this consortium of international Christian organizations, as they make decisions and fellowship together.

Take action today! Around the world, MCC partners are experiencing the negative impacts of climate change, including natural disasters and unpredictable seasonal rainfall which contribute to food insecurity, increased migration and conflict. Countries that have historically contributed the least to climate change often suffer its worst impacts. [Ask Congress to invest in global resilience to climate change.](#)

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with Mennonite Church USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter can be found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: This month, MChurch USA invites you to engage in its Learn, Pray, Join initiative "Welcoming EveryBODY," which focuses on how the church can be more welcoming and accessible to people with disabilities. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/welcoming-everybody.

Mennonite Church USA: Join Andrew Hudson, an Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary student, for a webinar on "How Congregations Steward Their Land" on May 10 at 7:30 p.m. ET. Hudson will share reflections on his work with Mennonite Creation Care Network and Mennonite Men's Join Trees. Here is the Zoom link: mennoniteusa.org/zoom-steward-their-land.

Mennonite Church USA: Help equip pastors and church leaders across Mennonite Church USA by giving to "Inspiring Transformative Leadership," a denominational fundraiser aimed at providing resources and services for those leading our churches. All donations from now until May 25 will be split evenly between Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, MennoMedia and Mennonite Education Agency. mennoniteusa.org/give/

Mennonite World Conference: We pray for the violence, inequality, and corruption in Colombia, that the churches may be instruments of peace, justice, and reconciliation for the people of Colombia.

—Submitted by Adaia Bernal