



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

Prelude *Amazing Grace*

arr. Jack Schrader

Call to Worship

Leader: We come from many things and many places.
We have experienced mountaintop moments.
We have been in deep valleys.

People: Every place we have been, God was there.

Leader: In the past week we have lived in faithful ways
and we have failed to acknowledge God.

People: God is with us, and God knows all things.

Leader: We are grateful that God accepts us as we are.
God knows our hearts and our thoughts.

People: We are faithful, broken people who have come together to seek God.

Leader: God loves us and wants to meet us here.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn *Jesus Calls Us*

Voices Together 98

Prayer

Readers Theater *Adapted from Psalm 32:1-8*

Storytelling *We can say we are sorry*

Hymn *Be My Light, Lord*

Reflection *Confessing*

Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Voices Together 156

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Voices Together 163

Announcements

Hymn *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace*

Voices Together 590

Sending Words

Leader: Our time together has come to an end. We have seen God.
Wherever you go this week, look up and see God above you.

People: We look up and see God above us!

Leader: Go and see God.

Christian Education

For Children & Adults – *Seeking God Together*

- Intergenerational activities at 9:00 am Sunday in the fellowship room
- Story during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Seeking the Peace of Christ* – In the basement

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	July 27	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Thursday	July 28	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	July 31	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	August 3	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 21	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Sunday	August 28	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
7/17	Zoom 6 In-Person 24 Total 30	\$650.00		\$650.00

Local Announcements

School Supplies: As usual, we will be collecting school kits in August. Now is a good time to begin stocking up on school supplies. **Contents (NEW items only):**

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. **(We have a supply of these.)**

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly next weekend at Camp Copass near Denton, TX, that in this gathering God will encourage and strengthen WDC congregations through the assembly theme, "United in Purpose, Together in Love." Kathy Neufeld Dunn heads the planning committee for this event. Pastor Christina, one of our delegates, will attend in person. Pete Smucker, our other delegate, will attend virtually.

WDC Final Thursday Book Discussion July 28: When a near-fatal illness led his doctors to prescribe narcotics, Timothy McMahan King ended up as millions of others have: addicted. Join us in reading and discussing King's book *Addiction Nation* which "nudges us toward healing from the ravages of addiction and draws us toward a spirituality studied enough to sate our deepest longings." Discussion: July 28, @ 7:00pm via Zoom. Register: email the library at crlib@mennowdc.org

July 26 MCC webinar: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers - When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. CDT to learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions>.

Fall Book Study on *Healing Haunted Histories* - Sept. 8-Dec. 1, 2022 - Elaine Enns, co-author of [*Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization*](#), will be leading an online, intensive book study this fall for the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Two-hour sessions will be every other Thursday, 6-8 pm Central Time, on Sept 8 and 22, Oct 6 and 20, Nov 3 and 17, and Dec 1. This book encourages personal and collective work toward decolonization. It asks those of us who are settlers, immigrants and displaced peoples to do our own pre-work of integrating our ancestral stories, so we can see more clearly and show up in solidarity with Indigenous peoples. There is a suggested donation of \$150-\$250 for the online book study. [Register here](#) by August 1.

Note to Western District Conference members: You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and register for the Healing Haunted Histories book study! If you do so, please inform the WDC office at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300. This will allow us to facilitate networking between WDC participants, and plan for further engagement with Elaine Enns within the WDC context, as follow-up to the book study. If you seek some financial support to help meet expenses for the book study, please inform WDC. Requests for assistance will be considered by the WDC Resource Commission at their next meeting in September.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Josh Garber, serving with MMN, are currently based in Phoenix, Arizona, where they are engaged in North American ministry. Pray for a time of spiritual and physical renewal, as the Garbers visit family, friends and supporting congregations. Pray for them, also, as they discern what God is calling them to next.

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](#).

Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY: What if we celebrated our wounded bodies — scars, wrinkles, prosthetics and all? Erica Lea-Simka questions if we would look at Jesus, and ourselves, differently if we celebrated his wounds, abilities and disabilities. Her blog is part of Mennonite Church USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY" initiative. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/bending-stretching

Menno Snapshots: The effects of the Doctrine of Discovery (DoD) are far-reaching. Because of the DoD, Indigenous people's lands have been stolen, polluted and destroyed for centuries. In her blog, "The land is not empty," author Sarah Augustine calls on all of us in Mennonite Church USA to join her in fighting against the DoD. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/not-empty

MC USA Delegate Assembly: John L. Rush has a passion for justice and has spent most of his life working in prison ministry. Read why the "For Justice in the Criminal Legal System" resolution, which has been adopted for denominational study, is so important to him in his blog, "One response to the MC USA 'For Justice' Resolution." mennoniteusa.org/response-justice-resolution

Mennonite World Conference: Conflicts in some of our member churches continue to divide and discourage brothers and sisters in Christ. Please pray that the armour of God as in Ephesians 6:14 will be put on and the armour of actions given in Galatians 5:20-21 will be laid down for the church to be an effective witness to Christ in India. —submitted by Cynthia Peacock, MWC regional representative, South Asia