



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 *I Love to Tell the Story*

arr. John W. Schaum

Gathering Prayer

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

ALL: Grant us your peace. Amen.

Voices Together 854

Hymn *God, Be the Love*

Voices Together 43

Storytelling *God Is My Shepherd and Safe Place*

Hymn *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Voices Together 660

Sermon *What I Learned during My Summer Vacation*

Hymn *O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True*

Voices Together 583

Prayer for students, teachers, and school kits

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *What a Fellowship*

Voices Together 160

Offering Prayer

Announcements

Hymn *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

Voices Together 840

Christian Education

For Children & Adults – *Fall of a Kingdom: Calling on God (Psalms)*

- 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 – *God's Plan for Freedom and Justice* – In the basement

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	Sept. 7	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept. 7	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Sept. 11	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Sept. 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Thursday	Sept. 29	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm

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
8/21	Zoom 15	\$0.00		\$0.00
	In-Person 17			
	Total 32			
8/28	Zoom 3	\$0.00		\$0.00
	In-Person 27			
	Total 30			

Local Announcements

Congregational "Meeting": Activity reports, financial reports, and proposed constitutional amendments were emailed to you September 2. Contact Pete Smucker, Vera Zerger, or Kristin Van Tassel with any questions.

Cottonwood School: We are collecting supplies for Cottonwood school again this year. They can use black Expo dry eraser markers; Ticonderoga pencils; Kleenex; and snacks (dry cereal-sweet or not, cheese crackers, graham crackers.) Place the items in the blue bin in the fellowship room at any time throughout the school year.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC members studying through IBA, Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) and SeBAH, Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary), and give thanks for those who are participating in the IBA/SeBAH graduation ceremony this weekend at Hesston College.

Do Justice. Love Mercy. What's Required to Abolish the Death Penalty: September 10, 2022, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Panelists: Peter Goerzen, Professor of Bible and Religion, Bethel College; Donna Schneewis, Board Chair, KCADP; Ron Wurtz, Retired Federal Public Defender, First Director of the Kansas Death Penalty Defense Unit; Katie Rose Friesen Birkey, Bethel College Student; Steven Becker, Former District Court Judge 27th District/Kansas State Rep. District 104; Wilma Loganbill, Murder Victim Family Member. Attendance Options: in person in Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College or virtually by Zoom. No admission charge. To register: Email info@ksabolition.org and specify your attendance preference (in person or virtual). Sponsored by: Bethel College Bible & Religion Dept., Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution, and Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty

Everence® announces next webinar series: Everence® Financial will host a free, four-part webinar series starting in September: Managing your finances — faithfully!. In this series, you'll hear important information on topics like, Women and Money, Stewardship Investing, Financial Planning and Retirement Income. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national.

September Final Thursday Book Discussion: “Jesus ministered to the poor, Jesus was poor. If both are true of our Savior, both can be true of us too.” Explore this idea in Kevin Wiebe’s book “Faithful in Small Things: How to Serve the Needy When You’re One of Them.” Copies available at the WDC Resource Library. Join the Zoom discussion on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 7pm. Register by emailing the library at crlib@mennowdc.org

Excuse our mess! The work of making necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces at the MCC building in North Newton continues to move forward, but if you’ve seen the building lately you can see the mess is getting bigger! Parking space is limited, but we are thankful for the donors and volunteers who continue to graciously adapt to the current challenges. Soon the new sewing room will be added, and we cannot wait to host more volunteers at MCC! We ask for your prayers and patience during this construction process so the important work of MCC can continue without undue interruption.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network in France, continues to build relationships with children and people fleeing violence in their home countries. Pray that she will receive the documents she needs to live in France long term.

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: Please pray for those leading and participating in the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference Annual Fall Gathering on Sept. 9 and 10. May God bless their time together.

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite World Conference has proposed changes to its "fair share" funding system that will impact MC USA constituents. These proposed changes include an increase in the assessment of MC USA’s fair share per person and no longer crediting denominations for direct donations from individuals. Read more about the changes here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mwc-funding.

Menno Snapshots: This summer, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, a 49-year precedent that protected the freedom to have an abortion. Glen Guyton, the executive director of MC USA, answers the question, “How should we respond?” in his blog “Abortion and the third way” here: mennoniteusa.org/abortion-third-way

Delegate Assembly: Jeryl Hollinger, the pastor of Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell, Montana, participated in the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly in May. In his blog, “A more vibrant garden,” he encourages the members of MC USA to keep learning, listening and communicating honestly with one another. Read his encouraging words here: mennoniteusa.org/more-vibrant-garden.

Mennonite World Conference: We pray for a just peace in Ukraine. Pray for courage and perseverance for people in Russia who work for peace. Pray that refugees may find safety and welcome.