



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. Jerry Ray

Gathering Words

Voices Together 851

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

ALL: We worship together with joy.

Hymn *Praise to the Living God*

Voices Together 204

Storytelling *God of Justice – Psalm 146*

Hymn *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Voices Together 207

Scripture *Genesis 12:1-9*

Hymn *Here I Am, Lord*

Voices Together 545

Sermon *God Calls Us*

Hymn *God Calls Us*

Voices Together 394

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Offering Hymn *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

Voices Together 746

Announcements

Sending Prayer

Voices Together 1068

Hymn of Blessing *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

Voices Together 810

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship. Everyone is welcome whether or not you brought food to share.

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. 21	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	Sept. 25	Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	Sept. 29	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Friday	Sept. 30	Game Night	7:30 pm
Sunday	Oct. 2	World Communion Sunday	10:00 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
9/11	Zoom 4 In-Person 28 Total 32	\$485.00		\$485.00

Local Announcements

Game Night: Barb Kathrineberg is hosting a game night beginning at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 30. Bring games and snacks to share.

Fall Fix-Up Day: Volunteers are needed Saturday, October 8, 8:00 am to noon. Meet at the worksite. Tools are provided. Bring your own gloves. Projects:

- Ashby House – Landscape and campus clean-up, painting rooms. Meet at 204 S. 8th Street.
- CHDO (Community Housing Development Opportunity) – Yard work, fence repair, interior painting. Meet at the corner of Hamilton and N. Ninth Streets.
- City of Salina - Putting medallions on storm drains about trash in the water ways. Meet at The Temple's parking lot, 336 S. Santa Fe.
- Friends of the River Foundation – Planting prairie grasses & cutting out small trees in Lakewood & Indian Rock Park. Meet at Lakewood Discovery Center.
- North Town District – Clean-up landscaping at 5-Corners, build front porches. Meet at 5- Corners corner of Ninth & Broadway, porches meet at corner of Hamilton & N. Ninth.
- Salina Downtown- Weed/ clean perennial beds on Santa Fe and in plazas. Possible dismantling of planter pots Meet between Strand Plaza & the back patio of Borolo Grill, 112-114 South Santa Fe.
- Salina Food Bank – Garden & Orchard clean-up. Meet at 255 S. Chicago.
- Salina Rescue Mission – Storage room clean-up and organization. Meet at 1716 Summers Rd.
- Salina Salvation Army – Placing mulch in the playground area, 1137 N Santa Fe Ave.
- The Temple- Garden and historic steps clean-up. Use the north red door at 336 S. Santa Fe

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for elected leaders and staff of WDC as they meet for Reference Council next Saturday and reflect on what it means to “Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ,” one of the themes in the WDC mission statement.

First Mennonite Church of McPherson, KS is celebrating 75 years of church life on Sunday morning, September 25, at 9:30 at the church. From building a church by 38 charter members in 1945 and after a fire building another in 1963, God has been leading these people. These Mennonites are known for helping others through mission projects like school kits, building an Oak Harbor Cottage for homeless, establishing the ReUse It Center, working at the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale in Hutchinson each year to provide funding for overseas needs, meat canning to alleviate food crises, and providing a blessing box of food at the church for whoever needs it. God has blessed.

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

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN recently appointed Andi Santoso as regional administrator for Asia and the Middle East. Pray for Andi as he immerses himself in building relationships in this region.

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](#).

Menno Snapshots: Abortion has always been a contentious topic among Christians. Nancy Heisey, a retired Eastern Mennonite University professor, writes that regardless of our views on abortion, we, as people of faith, should focus on caring for people experiencing crisis pregnancies. Read her blog, “How are we to be the church?” here: mennoniteusa.org/how-to-be-church

Menno Snapshots: In his youth, Doug Hostetter, the peace pastor at Evanston (Illinois) Mennonite Church, enjoyed using guns to hunt for food, but after serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Vietnam during the Vietnam War, he decided to abstain from using guns ever again. In his blog, “Reflection on guns and security,” he explained how the war and his peace witness affected his view on guns. mennoniteusa.org/reflection-on-guns

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for solidarity, fellowship and discernment as leaders of European churches prepare to gather in person at the end of October. Praise God for the ways Mennonite organizations have cooperated across barriers to respond to the war in Ukraine and refugee crisis in Europe. Pray for their continued hospitality to refugees in their regions.

—submitted by José Arrais, MWC regional representative for Europe