



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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

arr. Lee Rogers

Gathering Prayer

Voices Together 863

Leader: Source of all hope and holiness, we gather today to be church.
Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.
Bless those who are distant, but not from our love.

All: Bless each of us here, that we may choose justice by your Spirit, draw kindness from the well of your mercy, and walk humbly in your path, O God. Amen

Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Voices Together 76

Storytelling *Solomon Builds a Temple – 1 Kings 6:1-14; 8:1-13; 22-30*

Hymn *Let Us Build a House*

Voices Together 36

Scripture *Exodus 32:1-24*

Sermon *You Are What You Worship*

Peter Goerzen

Hymn *We Are People of God's Peace*

Voices Together 797

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting*

Voices Together 619

Offering Our Gifts

Voices Together 1022

Leader: Holy One, as you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you:

People: faithful with our time and energy, faithful with our possessions and wealth.

Leader: Receive these gifts by your grace.

People: Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to make real your reign of love, justice, and peace in our world. Amen.

Announcements

Sending Hymn *Move in Our Midst*

Voices Together 827

We extend gratitude and welcome to our guest preacher. Peter Goerzen teaches Bible and religion at Bethel College. His spouse, Katherine, is one of the pastors at Tabor Mennonite Church, in rural Newton. They have two elementary-age children, Sophia and Nathan.

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. 28	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
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
Wednesday	Oct. 5	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Saturday	Oct. 29	Wiener Roast @ Stuckys'	4:00 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
9/18	Zoom 9 In-Person 29 Total 38	\$350.00		\$350.00

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.

World Communion Sunday: Next Sunday, October 2, we are observing World Communion Sunday, a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church. We'll eat bread from a variety of countries and drink grape juice. Those joining on Zoom can prepare their own bread and juice. Everyone who chooses to follow God's ways is welcome to participate. As part of sharing the table, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

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

Hayrack Ride/Wiener Roast: Join us Saturday, October 29, at Butch & Marla Stucky's home. Activities begin at 4:00 with horseback riding. The hayrack ride and wiener roast follow. Hot dogs, buns, s'mores, table service, and drink provided. Bring side dishes and lawn chairs.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for Summit Street Church, our church replant in Beatrice, NE, as we come up to our 1-year anniversary of replanting. May we continue to prayerfully re-imagine what it means for us to follow Jesus' call to become something new. We are especially thankful for the 10 people who participated in our new members class this summer. -Pastor Tim Amor

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: Praise God for the new partnership program created by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), *Meserete Kristos* Seminary and Mennonite Mission Network, which offers a master's level curriculum in theology to Ethiopian students. Pray for the students, as well as for Henok Mekonin and Joe Sawatzky, who are jointly supported by AMBS and Mission Network, as they provide leadership.

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: The MC USA Executive Board will be meeting Sept. 29-Oct. 1 in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and support in their discussions and decision making.

Menno Snapshots: Mental health issues affect a large portion of the population, and Christians are not exempt from this reality. Carlene Hill Byron, author of "Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for Each Other," explores how church goers can be more involved in supporting one another's mental health in her blog, "Not quite fine." Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/not-quite-fine

#MennoCon23: As we look ahead to MennoCon23 (Kansas City, July 3-8, 2023), please consider contributing to the Convention Scholarship fund. Scholarships to attend MennoCon are available for groups, individuals or families who are unable to raise enough funds to cover all convention expenses. Donate here: mennoniteusa.org/give/mennocon-scholarships