

## 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.

**October 2, 2022** 

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#### Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Prelude** Break Thou the Bread of Life arr. Cindy Berry

**Gathering Words** 

Leader: We gather as many individuals,

People: yet we are one body.

Leader: We come from many places, **People: yet we come to one place.** 

Leader: We gather as God's many children

People: yet we are one church.

All: We are one body, in this place, as God's church. Alleluia! From Words for Worship 2,

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**Hymn** What Is This Place

**Storytelling** King Josiah – 2 Kings 22:1-13, 18-20; 23:1-3, 21-25

**Hymn** Love the Lord Your God Voices Together 288

**Video** Overview of Exodus 1-18

**Hymn** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence Voices Together 194

Sermon Always Remember Scripture Exodus 14:1-31

**Hymn** Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Voices Together 348

**Sharing the Table** 

**Hymn** I Come with Joy Voices Together 478

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer Voices Together 1019

**Announcements** 

**Benediction** Voices Together 1055

**Today is World Communion Sunday**, a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. We are eating bread from a variety of countries and drinking 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 have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

### **Christian Education**

For Children & Adults – Fall of a Kingdom: Exile and Restoration

- ➤ 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	Oct. 5	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 5	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 9	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Thursday	Oct. 27	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
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
9/25	Zoom 4 <u>In-Person 22</u> Total 26			

#### **Local Announcements**

**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 God's wisdom and strength for WDC staff members as they work to sustain ministry leaders, resource congregations and nurture church-planting partnerships.

"We Own This Now," a Ted and Company play, is coming to Kansas for several showings! Created in partnership with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, "We Own This Now" is a benefit for the Kanza Heritage Society. This play looks at love of land and loss of land. What does it mean to "own" something? What is the relationship between "owning" and "taking" — and what is the relationship between "ownership" and (taking) responsibility? For more information about the showings: We On This Now: Kansas Tour / Oct 29 - Nov 5 - Ted & Company (tedandcompany.com)

"Chief Lucy," a one-woman show by Pauline Sharp about her grandmother, "Chief Lucy" Tayiah Eads, the first female Kaw tribal chief, is also being presented at 3pm on Sunday, Oct 2, at Unity of Lawrence, 900 Madeline Ln #2630, Lawrence, KS 66049. Freewill offering received for Kanza Heritage Society.

## **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, the women's leadership conference led by African American women and co-sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Mennonite Mission Network, concludes with worship in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that all participants will receive new tools to work for diversity, equity and inclusion in the church.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for the 30 schools – early childhood, primary, secondary, undergraduate, graduate and seminary – affiliated with Mennonite Church USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter, with prayer requests from the schools, can be found at be found at Prayers for Mennonite Education.

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA launched the "Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration" initiative in September. This initiative, in conjunction with the "For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System" resolution, seeks to raise awareness of injustices in the U.S. criminal legal system, especially those that disproportionately affect people of color and people without financial security. The initiative will continue through the end of October. Read more here: <a href="mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-mi">mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-mi</a>

Menno Snapshots: Several years ago, when the congregants of College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, agreed to follow strategic priorities that included embracing diversity and practicing active inclusion, they knew they were taking a big step, but they didn't know how deeply it would affect their church. Read Marty Lehman's blog, "The dangers of strategic planning," to learn more about how these priorities led to a robust immigrant resettlement ministry in their community. <a href="mailto:mennoniteusa.org/dangers-strategic-planning">mennoniteusa.org/dangers-strategic-planning</a>

**#BeTransformed:** Like most other Americans alive on Sept. 11, 2001, Drew Strait has strong memories attached to the tragedies that occurred that day. This day set him down a path toward Anabaptism, nonviolence and a professional focus on combatting Christian nationalism. Read his story here: <a href="memoniteusa.org/neverforget">memoniteusa.org/neverforget</a>

**#MennoCon23:** Mennonite Church USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held July 3-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. See the tentative block schedule here: <a href="mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-schedule">mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-schedule</a>

Mennonite World Conference: We thank you, God, for Assembly! Thank you for the opportunity to gather in person despite many barriers to cross. Thank you for the chance to invite participants from around the world to join through their screens at home. Thank you for the hospitality of our Indonesian hosts and for the lessons of interfaith harmony they modelled. Thank you for all the staff and volunteers whose generous and cheerful service enabled the event to happen. Lord God, nurture the relationships that have been planted through this event. Grow fellowship between our churches to strengthen us as ministers of reconciliation and beacons of shalom.