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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 *Victory in Jesus*

arr. Glenda Austin

Gathering Prayer

Voices Together 910

Leader: Speak to us, living God,

People: as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son.

Leader: so that we may live according to your word,

People: through Jesus Christ our Savior

All: Amen.

Hymn *Beautiful Savior*

Voices Together 130

Storytelling *Promise of a New Jerusalem – Isaiah 65:17-25*

Hymn *New Earth, Heavens New*

Voices Together 377

Scripture *Joshua 24:1-28*

Hymn *With Astonishment, Fear, and Wonder*

Voices Together 579

Sermon *Remember and Choose*

Hymn *Before the Waters Nourished Earth*

Voices Together 652

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Voices Together 606

Offering Prayer

Voices Together 1017

Leader: God of life,

People: We give these offerings in gratitude,

Leader: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

People: We give these offerings in faith,

Leader: trusting that you will provide for our needs.

People: We give these offerings in hope,

Leader: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

People: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

Leader: may we live with generous hearts and open hands.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

Voices Together 1067

May the boldness of God's Spirit transform you, may the gentleness of God's Spirit lead you, may the gifts of God's Spirit be your goal and your strength, now and always. Amen.

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: 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. 19	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 23	Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	Oct. 27	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 29	Wiener Roast @ Stuckys’	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 2	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’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
10/9	Zoom	6			
	In-Person	22	Rent \$200.00		
	Total	28	\$1,135.00		\$1,335.00

Local Announcements

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.

Constitutional Amendments: Please review the proposed amendments to our church constitution emailed to you on September 2 and October 5. Direct any questions to church board members: Pete Smucker, Vera Zerger, and Kristin Van Tassel. Contact Pastor Christina if you need a paper copy.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, and pray for congregations, members and leaders to experience growth in faith and ministry through use of library materials.

“**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 \(tedandcompany.com\)](http://tedandcompany.com)

Faith Formation resources for you: The WDC Resource Commission has paid for a subscription for the Vibrant Faith Summer-Fall 2022 Season Pass of faith formation webinars! Vibrant Faith seeks to transform the way churches envision and design faith formation for all ages and generations in the 21st century. For more details about the webinars, go to: <https://vibrantfaith.org/masterclasses/>. To access these resources at no cost to you, email Michelle at wdc@mennowdc.org.

Everence will hold the popular Social Security and retirement income workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will cover, Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your retirement income last, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Western District Women: Western District Women in Mission invites you to join a virtual "Book Shelfies with Bethany" hour on Tuesday, October 25 from 7-8 p.m. Bethany Martin, Manager at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton, KS, will present book reviews to add to your reading list as you settle in with good books during the winter months or think about gifts for Christmas. A very brief business meeting will be held to vote on some changes to our bylaws and to elect the new executive committee members of Western District Women in Mission. Registration deadline is October 24. To register and receive a Zoom link, please e-mail westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

The WDC Historical Committee invites you to attend "Old Books Made New: The Surprising Wisdom of Erasmus for Today – An Intercollegiate Symposium" on Nov. 4-5 at Bethel College. On Nov 4, a keynote address will be given by Greta Kroeker, Ph.D. at the University of Waterloo at 6:30pm. The events on Nov 5 will feature student presentations and roundtable discussions from 8:30am-2pm. Bethel College article on the event: <https://www.bethelks.edu/article/intercollegiate-symposium-look-scholars-relevance-500-years>

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: October 16 Deb Byler has concluded her MMN ministry with the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala, where she worked since 2018. (Previously, she served with Eastern Mennonite Missions from 1984-1996.) Praise God for Deb's ministry of walking alongside the women leaders of the church. Ask God to strengthen the Kekchi women, and pray for Deb as she retires at Greencroft Communities, a retirement community in Goshen, Indiana.

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools – early childhood, primary, secondary, undergraduate, graduate and seminary – affiliated with MC USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter, with prayer requests from the schools, can be found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: MennoMedia is working on creating **the first Anabaptist Bible** in time for the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025. The project's advisory group gathered for a retreat in August to kick off the project. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/anabaptism-at-500-project

Menno Snapshots: Seattle (Washington) Mennonite Church had a dream of creating sustainable and affordable housing for their community, and that dream is finally coming to fruition. Read Pastor Amy Epp's blog, "Seattle Mennonite Church partners to create affordable housing," to learn more. mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/affordable-housing

#BeTransformed: While gearing up for the creation of the Anabaptist Bible, John D. Roth, the project director for MennoMedia's "Anabaptist at 500" initiative, wrote the blog, "The transformative Anabaptist hermeneutic." In this blog, he reflects on how he became acquainted with the difficulty of biblical interpretation and how it affected the trajectory of his faith. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/anabaptist-hermeneutic

Mennonite World Conference: We pray to be able to reach people locally in Paraguay and to support each other among churches and local conventions.

—submitted by Clemens Rahn, Asociación Hermanos Menonitas, Paraguay