



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 Christ Candle

Prelude *He Leadeth Me*

arr. Jerry Ray

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in preparation,

ALL: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation,

ALL: for joy is about to break forth in our midst.

Leader: We gather in celebration,

**ALL: for we are people who say
yes to the manger,
yes to the One incarnate for others,
yes to the wholeness of God.**

Leader: In preparation and expectation,

ALL: let us celebrate!

Voices Together 870

Hymn *In the Beginning*

Voices Together 270

Storytelling *Ancestor Story*

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Voices Together 103

Scripture *Leviticus 19:18, 34; John 15:12*

Sermon *There Is Gold in That There Book*

Mike Mattson

Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Voices Together 831

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Voices Together 638

Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn *See Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Voices Together 274

Benediction

Voices Together 1055

Go, knowing you are beloved by God. Go, praising God for the good news in Jesus Christ.

Go, living the message of God's grace, peace, and love. Amen.

Third Sunday Potluck begins after worship in the fellowship room to the west of the sanctuary.

Christian Education

For Children – *The Upside-Down Kingdom: The Kingdom Is Near*

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday – In the basement
- Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God's Plan for Freedom and Justice* – In the basement
- Book Study – *Expecting Emmanuel* by Joanna Harader – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Jan. 22	Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	Jan. 26	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 1	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomers' Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday This schedule may vary. Check first before stopping by.
Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Worship Totals

2023	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
1/8	Zoom 9 In-Person 23 Total 32	Rent \$250.00 \$2,825.00	SouperBowl of Hope \$50.00 Special Needs Fund \$167.00	\$1,417.00

Local Announcements

SouperBowl of Hope: We are collecting donations for the annual Souperbowl of Hope from now until February 12. This year's goal is 57,000 cans of soup to be distributed between the Salina Food Bank, Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVACK. \$25 will buy 60 cans of soup.

My Coins Count: We have begun our annual collection of money to be given to MCC for service projects around the world. Place your loose change and paper money in the container on the back table.

Health Precautions: Multiple infections continue to circulate in our community. We encourage you to continue to care for your own health and the health of others by taking reasonable precautions.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins work to prepare nominations of conference leaders for election at WDC annual assembly in 2023.

Western District Conference: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of James ("Jim") Frederick Schrag, 78, pastor, & leader, on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, in North Newton, Kansas. James was a member of First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS and had previously served as pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. James also served as the first Mennonite Church USA Executive Director helping guide the merger that created the denomination as it is today. Follow this link for an article from MC USA: [MC USA mourns the passing of first executive director, James Schrag, 78 | Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](#).

Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS: A church "close out sale" (garage sale) is Saturday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall with craft items, toys, Christmas decorations, artificial 6 foot trees, artificial flower bouquets, candles, vases, different hymn books, ping pong table, fus ball game, electric treadmill, costumes (and other items found in Sunday School closets and worship supply closets). Come explore from 9:00 am-2:00 pm! All purchases are by donation to the Childcare Center.

WANTED: Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RVs, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the Kansas MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help feed and clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer, and their son, Jordan, who are spending the next several months renewing relationships in Ecuador. Due to complications from the pandemic, deaths of loved ones and illness, the Ross Richers had not been able to return to Ecuador for more than two years. Pray that God's Spirit will guide and bless their ministry.

Menno Snapshots: From a young age, Cristian Alemán, outreach coordinator and bilingual music director for College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, knew he might one day lose his sight, but he did not know the lessons that he would learn from the experience. Adriana Celis, a writer for MenoTicias, the Spanish-language newsletter published by Mennonite Church USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency, shares Alemán's story in "Learning to value the colors of life." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/learning-to-value-the-colors-of-life/.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Malawi where a growing cholera outbreak has spread throughout the country, causing more than 500 deaths since March. It is projected to worsen with the coming rainy season. People still displaced by a January 2022 tropical storm and March 2022 cyclone lack access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene to prevent infection. Pray for MWC national member churches Brethren in Christ Church and Mennonite Brethren Church in Malawi as they work to treat and prevent disease.