



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 *Where Love Is Found*

arr. Eugenie Rocherolle

Call to Worship *Psalms 100*

Voices Together 20

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

People: we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

People: give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Leader: Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

People: whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Hymn *We Sing to You, O God*

Voices Together 80

Storytelling *My Coins Count*

Hymn *There's Enough for All*

Voices Together 757

Scripture *Mark 12:41-44*

Sermon *Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee*

Mitch Stutzman

Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Voices Together 759

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *God of the Bible*

Voices Together 420

Announcements

Sending Hymn *The Lord Lift You Up*

Voices Together 832

Postlude *Love Medley*

arr. Marilyn Ham

We extend welcome and gratitude to our guest speaker. Mitch Stutzman has a passion for the church and discipleship. He nurtured expertise in stewardship theology during his time working for Everence. Now he works as the director of development and partner engagement at MennoMedia where he continues to work with individuals and congregations on matters related to stewardship and generosity. He and his wife Jasmine live in Hesston with their two children.

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
- Bible Study – Reading the worship scripture – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Feb. 12	Super Bowl Party at Newcomers' Home	5:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 19	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Feb. 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Thursday	Feb. 23	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 1	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomers' Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 5	Congregational Meeting	11:15 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
2/5	Zoom 6 In-Person 25 Total 31	Rent \$150.00 \$3,750.00	SouperBowl of Hope \$155.00	\$4,055.00

Local Announcements

Super Bowl Party: Today, February 12, at Lynn and Lois Newcomer's home. Come any time after 5:00 pm. Pizza provided. Additional food is welcomed but not required. If you prefer not to watch football, bring games to play.

Anabaptist Community Bible: Would you like to participate in creating a Bible to be published in 2025 as part of the Anabaptism at Five Hundred Project? Kathy Neufeld Dunn has volunteered to facilitate a Zoom Bible study group. The group will meet 4 times to read and study 3 biblical passages. Each participant will be expected to spend some preparation time ahead of each meeting. Let Pastor Christina know if you are interested. Meeting dates/times will be based on participants' availability. One option is Wednesday evenings 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22 over Zoom, 7-8 pm.

SouperBowl of Hope: Today, February 12, is the deadline for donating to the Souperbowl of Hope. This year's goal is 57,000 cans of soup to be distributed between five local agencies.

My Coins Count: We are collecting 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.

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$1000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Lori Schmidt serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC chaplains, pastors and congregational care teams who offer support to church and community members living with mental, emotional, and physical health challenges.

Everence® webinar: Social Security and retirement income: Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Thursday, Feb. 23, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

MCC Central States annual meeting, March 4 from 1-3 p.m. at MCC in North Newton. This is primarily an in-person event, but if you would like to join via Zoom email tinaschrag@mcc.org.

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2: Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat. Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. There will be a worship service on Sunday morning. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515 or follow this link: [Camp Mennoscah - Men and Boys Retreat](#).

Camp Mennoscah: Summer youth camp registration is open. The summer theme is FruitFULL Faith. Get ready to learn and sing about the Fruit of the Spirit this summer – it’s not a coconut! Click here to register: [Sign-in | Camp Mennoscah \(campbrainregistration.com\)](#). Follow this link for more camp announcements: [Camp Mennoscah Announcements - Western District Conference \(mennowdc.org\)](#).

MCC is seeking a Donor Relations Associate: This role is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This is a full-time position; office location is flexible. Apply online by February 24 at mcc.org/donor-relations-associate. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or amberfalcon@mcc.org.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Policy on Biodegradable Containers: The KMRS Board of Directors affirms our desire to be good stewards of all of our resources including God’s creation. Towards that end the Board supports and encourages both the Purchasing Committee, as well as other agents of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, to use as many biodegradable and/or earth friendly products as is reasonably possible. We are aware and acknowledge that despite our best efforts some biodegradable/earth friendly products may not be available through established suppliers. We are also aware of the potential for increased cost and will encourage churches and individuals to make increased donations to the sale, earmarked for this endeavor, to reduce and eliminate over time the use of non-biodegradable products.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig and their three children are engaged in ministry in Chad, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and MMN. Pray for them as they share Jesus’ love in their daily lives—Peter, as he teaches at Shalom Faculty of Evangelical Theology; Christy, as she works at a hospital; and their children, as they interact with classmates and neighbors.

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God’s love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at ([Syria and Türkiye earthquake | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](#)), by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for “Syria and Türkiye earthquake” to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Mennonite Church USA: What happens when you hold a MC USA conference ministers retreat in San Francisco, California? Lots of chocolate (Ghirardelli, of course), conversation and connection! Connie Zehr, moderator and acting conference minister of New York Mennonite Conference, reflects on her experience at her first conference minister’s retreat. Read more of her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/connections-chocolate

Mennonite Church USA: For Frank Scoffield Sánchez, a speaker at MC USA's recent Hope for the Future conference for BIPOC leaders, his example of faith as he was growing up was full of contradictions. When he and his wife became Mennonite, about seven years ago, he began to ask questions about these contradictions. Read more of his thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/time-as-this.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the internally displaced in Burkina Faso: we estimate that there are almost two million internally displaced persons. The majority of displaced persons are Muslims. After some social assistance, the Mennonite Church has organized training for soap-making to benefit internally displaced women and is sharing the good news of reconciliation between God and people. Pray especially for these women and the thousands of children that need to be fed.

—submitted by Siaka Traoré, MWC regional representative for Central West Africa