



## 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** *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Jerry Ray

**Call to Worship** *Psalm 84, NRSV*

*North: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!*

**South: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

*North: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars. O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

**South: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

*North: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.*

*They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.*

**South: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.**

*North: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.*

**South: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

*North: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

**South: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**Hymn** *Praise to the Living God* Voices Together 204

### Storytelling

**Sermon** *Lose Something You Don't Need—Find Something Better* Loren Van Tassel

**Scripture** *Matthew 16:13-17:8*

**Hymn** *Jesus, I Come (Out of Bondage), vv.1,2* Songsheet

**Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore The, vv.1,2* Voices Together 103

**Hymn** *Take My Life and Let It Be, vv. 1,2,3* Voices Together 759

**Hymn** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me, vv. 1,2* Songsheet

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

**Offering Prayer** Voices Together 105

### Announcements

**Hymn** *Children of the Heavenly Father* Voices Together 517

**Benediction** *Go in Peace. Christ is with you. Amen.*

**Third Sunday Potluck follows worship. Everyone is invited to the fellowship room.**

**We extend welcome and gratitude to our guest speaker.** Loren Van Tassel is David Van Tassel's father. Loren and his wife, Sylvia, (David's mom) spent 23 years as Free Methodist missionaries in Hong Kong. Then they taught English in China for three years. Later Loren taught Bible to international students at George Fox University in Oregon. Sylvia went to be with the Lord in 2014. In 2017, Loren married Jeanine. They are now active with international students at their church in Seattle.

### 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

Thursday	Feb. 23	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 26	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	Mar. 1	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomers' Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 5	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Sunday	Mar. 19	Third Sunday Potluck	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
2/12	Zoom 5 In-Person 25 Total 30		\$1,060.00	SouperBowl of Hope \$100.00	\$1,160.00

### Local Announcements

**SouperBowl of Hope:** Total money we donated to SouperBowl of Hope this year was \$702. This will purchase 1,404 cans of soup to be distributed to five Salina agencies.

**Congregational Meeting:** Agenda for the meeting following worship on Sunday, March 5, includes activity reports, project to update committee description, and decision on a proposal to replace Love Salina with Salina Shares in our 2023 benevolence budget.

**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 staff members as they carry out conference ministries to support ministers, provide resources for congregations, and equip church planting partnerships.

**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](mailto: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 [tinascrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinascrag@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](#).

### **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship, and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

**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.

**Menn Snapshots:** Cynthia Lapp, pastor at Hyattsville Mennonite Church in Maryland, writes about the challenges she has faced serving as a chaplain to the local police – and the impact this work has had in her community and in her own life. Read more: [mennoniteusa.org/police-reform-hyattsville](http://mennoniteusa.org/police-reform-hyattsville)

**#MennoCon23:** Interested in volunteering at MennoCon23, Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6? MC USA is seeking coordinators for special events, children's and junior youth programming, and more! Fill out a form here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-volunteer-form](http://mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-volunteer-form)

**Mennonite World Conference:** Thank God for the opportunity of Christian education to shape character and form a people of God. In some parts of the globe, school is well underway. In other parts, the school year is just beginning. Pray for receptive and eager students. May they be able to cross barriers to learning. Pray for wise and humble teachers and administrators. May their pursuit of knowledge honour God. May they be responsive to the needs of their students.

Pray for GAEN – the Global Anabaptist Education Network, both Primary and Secondary, and Higher Education. As they prepare for their first in-person meetings in June, may they find vision and means to work together and support each other.