



## 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.*

**Lent 2**  
**March 5, 2023**

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### Welcome

**Prelude** *To God Be the Glory*

arr. John Carter

### Call to Worship

*Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?*

**People: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

**ALL: Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.**

*Based on Psalm 121*

**Hymn** *To God Be the Glory*

Voices Together 84

**Scripture** *John 3:1-17*

### Confession

*Leader: Lord, we need new birth.*

*Paralyzed by doubt, dead in our stubbornness and guilt,  
walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened to your love.  
We confess to the Lord ...  
(silent prayer)*

*Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the world right, to give life to the dead,  
and to call into existence a people born from above.*

**ALL: Break in by your creating Spirit. Send forth your fresh wind.  
And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.**

**Hymn** *O Worship Our God*

Voices Together 129

### Storytelling

**Scripture** *Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

**Hymn** *Here I Am, Lord*

Voices Together 545

**Sermon** *Shaped by New Birth*

**Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Voices Together 737

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

**Interlude** *Here I Am, Lord*

arr. Mark Hayes

### Announcements

**Hymn** *Sizohama naye (We Will Walk with God)*

Voices Together 815

### Benediction

*Leader: The Lord watch over you—*

**People: the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;**

*Leader: the sun will not harm you by day,*

**People: nor the moon by night.**

**ALL: The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely home.**

**A congregational meeting begins in the sanctuary immediately after worship.**

## Christian Education

For Children – *Your Kingdom Come: Lent and Easter*

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

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Our Journey with Jesus* – In the basement
- Bible Study – Reading the worship scripture – In the fellowship room

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday	Mar. 8	Anabaptist Bible Study on Zoom	7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 12	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Mar. 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Thursday	Mar. 23	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Thursday	Mar. 30	Worship Committee	7:00 pm

## 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
2/26	Zoom 8 In-Person 23 Total 31	\$300.00		\$300.00

## Local Announcements

**The Anabaptist Community Bible Study** will begin on Zoom at 7:00 on Wednesday, March 8 and continue on the remaining Wednesdays in March. Kathy Neufeld Dunn is leading the discussion and Pastor Christina is the recorder. Contact Pastor Christina if you need a participant's guide.

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus:** KMMC is a large, all-volunteer male choir. Tom Claassen is singing with the group. Their 2023 concerts are Sunday, April 16, 2023, 7:00 PM. Tabor College, Hillsboro and Sunday, April 23, 2023, 7:00 PM. Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton. The concerts are free to attend. You are welcome to contribute to charity any amount, or no amount, as you choose.

**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.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the four WDC Commissions as they work to resource congregations, equip ministers and congregational leaders, nurture emerging congregations, and encourage generous giving and stewardship to support WDC's mission. Pastor Christina chairs the Resource Commission and Kathy Neufeld Dunn is the WDC staff person on the commission.

**The WDC Gifts Discernment Committee** is at work again seeking to identify leaders for the conference. While we always welcome any nominations or suggestions of people who might have leadership gifts to share, this year we are specifically asking for help in discerning nominees for the role of Moderator-elect. Please prayerfully consider if there is someone in your community (or yourself) who might be called to this important leadership role in the conference. Email suggestions to [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org).

**TOGETHER WE CAN KNOT:** Come join the fun at 15<sup>th</sup> annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 6, 7 and 8 on the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday 9-4. No sewing skills are required, we will teach you. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Contact the MCC Central States office with questions at #316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, “Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz”.

**SMCHA Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association, featuring Lois Preheim speaking about the January 12, 1888, blizzard, will be held on March 12, 2023, at 2:30 at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.

**Celebrating Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service:** Join in the celebration on Sunday, March 19, 7:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, 429 East 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton. Enjoy the music of Kilometer 81 and learn about projects from the past year. This event will be a fundraiser for The MDS Cabinet Shop. The Kansas MDS Unit Board of Directors will meet via Zoom on Monday, March 20, 7:00 pm. All are invited to join using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/KansasAnnualMeeting>.

**Heritage Dinner Fundraiser:** The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum’s Heritage Dinner Fundraise is on Friday, March 31, at 6:30 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church. A roast beef meal will be provided by the Goessel Grocery & Deli. Special presenter, Brityne Rucker, KWCH 12 morning anchor, will present on “Communicating Agriculture in a Moder World.” Click [Brityne-Rucker-Poster-v3.pdf \(mennowdc.org\)](#) for ticket information.

**Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2:** Come to Camp Mennoscah and enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends. The official beginning is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. Weekend includes a variety show on Saturday evening and 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:** Participants from three MMN Service Adventure units are in Newton for five days of fellowship, during which they will share the importance of service with potential participants. A similar event will be held in two weeks in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that current and future participants will grow in their commitment to active faith through these events.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA are partnering in a year-long focus on alternatives to the current prison system and mass incarceration. A four-part webinar series, “Beyond Incarceration,” will be followed by learning tours across the U.S. Register for the learning tours here: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/pipeline-prison-learning-tours](https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/pipeline-prison-learning-tours) Register for the webinar series here: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/beyond-incarceration-webinar-series](https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/beyond-incarceration-webinar-series)

**MennoCon23:** Registration for MennoCon23 is now open. MennoCon23 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. Register here: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/](https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/) View a downloadable printer-friendly flier here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-flyer-print-friendly](https://mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-flyer-print-friendly)

**#BeTransformed:** Change and transformation is a constant in life. For Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA’s denominational minister for Peace and Justice, relationships have been an important part of the transformation in her own life and have sustained her throughout those changes. Read more of her reflections here: [mennoniteusa.org/change-and-transformation](https://mennoniteusa.org/change-and-transformation)