



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 5

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Welcome

Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness

ALL: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word. Blessed be your name.

Based on Psalm 130

Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

Voices Together 57

Scripture *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Confession

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones. We are cruel in our words and indifferent in our actions.

We confess to the Lord ...

(silent prayer)

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord. Put your Spirit within us and make us alive.

ALL: We place our hope in you. Amen.

Hymn *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*

Voices Together 550

Storytelling *John 11:1-45*

Hymn *Come, Ye Disconsolate*

Voices Together 643

Sermon *Called to Life*

Hymn *My Life Flows On*

Voices Together 605

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Jesus, Rock of Ages*

Voices Together 622

Announcements

Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Voices Together 182

Benediction

Leader: Put your hope in the Lord.

People: The Lord is unfailing love,

Leader: and with God is full redemption.

People: God will bring us up from our graves.

ALL: God will redeem us from all our sins.

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

Tuesday	Mar. 28	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 29	Anabaptist Bible Study on Zoom	7:00 pm
Thursday	Mar. 30	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 2	Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	Apr. 6	Maundy Thursday Service with Communion Meal	6:30 pm
Friday	Apr. 7	Good Friday Service on Zoom	7:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 9	Sunrise Service & Breakfast at Stuckys	7:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 9	Easter Worship with Communion	10:00 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
3/19	Zoom 1 In-Person 24 Total 25	\$0.00		\$0.00

Local Announcements

Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA) is hosting a public meeting on Sunday, March 26, at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 4 pm. Connect with KIFA to discuss the legislative session, their small cities project, and opportunities for engagement in Saline County.

Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus: 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 as you choose.

Salina Spring Spruce-up is Saturday, April 29, 2023. See the flyer on the back table for details.

Cottonwood School and Salina Shares: We are collecting items for these two organizations. Bring your donations to church at any time.

- Cottonwood: Expo dry erase markers; Ticonderoga pencils; Kleenex; snacks
- Salina Shares:
 - Laundry Love: laundry bags; pods; dryer sheets; individually wrapped snacks
 - Personal Hygiene Items: shampoo; deodorant; children’s toothbrushes; travel size toiletries (we’ll give these to Salina Shares instead of Martin Youth Center)
 - Cleaning Supplies: brooms; sponges; all purpose cleaner; brushes
 - Food: canned pasta meals; fruit cups
 - Household Items: pots and pans; spatulas; silverware (new or used); towels (new or used); full size sheet sets (new or used); pillows (new, please)
 - Gift Cards: Walmart; Dillons; Aldi’s; Target; Amazon

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Like Paul in the book of Romans, we ask for your prayers for believers who share the good news of Jesus with their neighbors, for the volunteers and pastors who lead our congregations, and for the planters of the Gospel seed. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Heritage Dinner Fundraiser: The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's Heritage Dinner Fundraiser is on Friday, March 31, at 6:30 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church. Click [Brityne-Rucker-Poster-v3.pdf \(mennowdc.org\)](#) for ticket information.

Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS is ending its time as a congregation. They have given their building to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, a much-needed ministry in the community. Their last service will be April 9, Easter Sunday, at 10:30 am following a sunrise service at the actual time of sunrise and a 9:30 brunch. Guests and former members of Trinity are welcome to attend.

All Western District Conference women are invited to join an event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas, beginning with a salad potluck at 6 p.m. followed by Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45 p.m. There is no cost to this event, but please register by April 23 by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share. Church groups can consider gathering together to watch the Zoom. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

Dismantling racism in WDC: The WDC Executive Board is working on next steps following an anti-racism audit of WDC's organizational culture and leadership structure <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-anti-racism-report-announcement-summary/>. If you – or another WDC member you know of – has interest, training or gifts to share in dismantling racism and nurturing intercultural competency, and would like to participate in WDC's ongoing work in this area, the Board invites you to contact WDC at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org. The Board will consider these suggestions as it discerns leadership and specific ways to implement the commitment stated in the WDC Constitution: WDC "seeks to foster a biblical, multicultural vision of the missional church by being inclusive of, walking with and learning from many cultural and racial/ethnic groups. Desiring to follow the way of Jesus, we seek to dismantle racism and prejudice in our congregations, conference, institutions, and communities."

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Naomi Tice. Naomi serves as the administrative assistant for volunteer placements with Christliche Dienste (German Mennonite Voluntary Service), an agency that sends German youth to participate in MMN service programs. Pray for Naomi as she lives in a Christian community and builds relationships with German Mennonites.

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Executive Board welcomed Mosaic Mennonite Conference Moderator Angela Moyer Walter and Assistant Moderator Roy Williams to its online Zoom meeting on Jan. 28, 2023. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/eb-mosaic-moderators

Mennonite Church USA: Hopedale (Illinois) Mennonite Church recently sponsored a two-day comforter blitz for Mennonite Central Committee, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, on Jan. 21 and Feb. 4. On Sunday, Feb. 5, Hopedale Mennonite Church blessed the people who made the comforters and prayed for the recipients of the comforters. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/making-comforter

Mennonite Church USA: What are the anchors that hold you in both your work and your own personal wellness? Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellness coordinator with Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan, the health plan for MC USA pastors and church workers, discusses what has anchored her over the years. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/my-well-being-anchor

Menno Snapshots: After a three-year hiatus, Mennonite educators from 14 different schools from across the United States and Albania gathered together in Leesburg, Virginia, Feb 2-4, for the Mennonite Educators Conference, which was hosted by Mennonite Education Agency, the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. Jenn Esbenshade, director of curriculum at Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School, reflects on her time at the conference here: mennoniteusa.org/better-together-2

Mennonite World Conference: Churches in the Vancouver/Abbotsford region of British Columbia, Canada will be hosting the MWC Renewal event (25 March), and many local congregations will be welcoming international MWC guests to their worship services (26 March). MWC Executive Committee (27-29 March), Commission leaders, Regional Representatives and staff will be gathering the following week for their annual meetings. Please pray:

- that international visas will be processed and arrive in a timely fashion, and for safe travel;
- for the Renewal event that will bring together people from various churches;
- for the hosting churches and their leaders;
- for the Executive Committee, Commission leaders, regional representatives and staff as they meet together.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Anabaptist-Mennonite church members in Malawi and Mozambique who are affected by Cyclone Freddy, an exceptionally long-lived tropical storm that battered the region for more than five weeks with heavy rains and high winds.

In Malawi, the water washed away houses, roads, electricity poles and bridges. Brethren in Christ church members from Blantyre, Phalombe and Mulanje districts are displaced: crowded conditions, lack of food and lack of sanitary facilities threaten to worsen the cholera outbreak. Leaders in Phalombe report more that more than a dozen BIC church members have died.

In Mozambique, collapsed houses force people in Milange, Tete and Mocuba to shelter in Brethren in Christ church buildings or local schools. Church buildings have collapsed in Tete and Alto Mulocoe and the district pastor's house collapsed in Sena District.