



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.

**Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023**

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Welcome

Prelude

Up from the Grave He Arose

arr. Wallace Hornibrook

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 118:21-24

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: We thank you, God, that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Voices Together 346

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Hymn

Low in the Grave He Lay

Voices Together 333

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

Sermon

A Testimony of Resurrection

Hymn

Lift Your Glad Voices

Voices Together 340

Confession

Leader: Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of your resurrection.

People: Can this really be true? Did this really happen? What kind of power is this?

Leader: What does this mean for our lives? For your church?

People: We confess to the Lord ... (silent prayer)

Leader: Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in your presence and power.

As you revealed yourself to your followers on that day, come to us with your delight and love.

ALL: With joyful hearts, we renew our relationship with you. Amen.

Sharing the Table

Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace

Voices Together 461

Community Life

Hymn

Be Not Afraid

Voices Together 356

Announcements

Hymn

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Voices Together 365

Benediction

Voices Together 1066

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Cindy Berry

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

Fri/Sat	Apr. 14-15	Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson	
Sunday	Apr. 16	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Wednesday	Apr. 19	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 29	Salina Spring Spruce-Up	
Thursday	May 3	Worship Committee	7:00 pm

Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Worship Totals

2023	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
4/2	Zoom 6 In-Person 22 Total 28	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
4/6	In-Person 15			

Local Announcements

Note from Lee and Henry Walker: Church Family, we would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. For all the prayers, cards, plant that you did. I know we prayed a lot for Johna and I do realize that she is in a much better place with no pain to fight through. I could of never made it through this if it wasn’t for my church family and friends. It was so nice of you all to remember us in such a tough time.

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

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.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC congregations as they embody the good news of new life in Christ!

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: April 14 & 15 at Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. Info @ www.kansas.mccsale.org or Facebook @ Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

- **Overview**

- 6 different Auctions: General, Quilt, Memorabilia, Silent, Kids' and Surplus...
- Authentic German/Russian/ Swiss Mennonite Foods
- Homemade Burritos, Bake Goods, Pies and Ice Cream
- Kansas Crafts ~ Quilter's Corner
- Ten Thousand Villages (Fair Trade coffee/teas/chocolate)
- Kids' Activities 9-hole mini-golf & inflatables in Pride of Kansas Bldg

- **Friday Schedule**

- 4-8:30 p.m Sale booth and activities open
- 4 - 8 p.m. Feeding the Multitude in Cottonwood Ct. & live music in Sunflower North
- 6 p.m Silent Auction Bidding opens & packing MCC Hygiene Kits in Pride of Kansas

- **Saturday Schedule**

- 7-10 a.m. Breakfast @ Cottonwood Crt.
- Booths open @ 8 a.m.
- 5K Run for Relief @ 8 a.m. Rice Park
- Quilt & General Auction @ 8:45 a.m. until midafternoon
- 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Feeding the Multitude
- Pride of Kansas Bldg: Kids' Auction @ 10 a.m.; Memorabilia Auction @ 11 a.m.
- Surplus Auction--bid on excess sale supplies @ 2:30 p.m. (approx.

Everence® April workshop: Social Security and retirement income: Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, April 20, 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 plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Celebrate Easter by sharing the good news of Jesus' victory over the grip of evil in our world. Join MMN's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 49 countries around the world in proclaiming this message to those whom you encounter every day.

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Executive Board addressed agenda items for the upcoming 2023 Delegate Assembly and affirmed several key relationships during its online Zoom meeting on Jan. 27 and 28, 2023. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/executive-board-prepares

Mennonite Church USA: Shannon W. Dycus, vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia, attended Mennonite Church USA's Hope for the Future Conference for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) at the beginning of February. Read Shannon's litany based on her experience: mennoniteusa.org/hope-is-a-practice

#MennoCon23: Online registration is open for MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's leading faith formation event, in Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Registration is also open for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, and the Delegate Assembly, July 7-8. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registration

Menno Snapshots: Is it time for a retreat? This is a question that Marlene Kropf, spiritual director and retreat leader, asks herself more often these days, especially in a post-COVID-19 world. Read more of her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/time-for-retreat

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Anabaptist-Mennonites around the world.