



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.

April 16, 2023

Christina Litwiller, Pastor
600 State Street
Salina, KS 67401
785-825-2663

salinamennonite@hotmail.com
www.salinamennonite.org

Welcome

Prelude

Blest Are They

Call to Worship

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to the joy of new life.

Voices Together 866

Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

Voices Together 355

Storytelling

Breakfast on the Beach

Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide

Voices Together 352

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

Good News for All

Hymn

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Voices Together 766

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Voices Together 359

Announcements

Hymn

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

Voices Together 834

Benediction

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Voices Together 1052B

We extend welcome and gratitude to our guest speaker. June Thomsen served as interim pastor at Salina Mennonite Church for one year ending in April 2009. In retirement, she and Ib live in Newton near grandsons Erik and Evan. They are the parents of two daughters, Heidi in Chicago and Sarah (David Kaufman) in Halstead.

Please join us for Third Sunday Potluck in the fellowship room immediately following 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	Apr. 19	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 23	Worship	10:00 am
Saturday	Apr. 29	Salina Spring Spruce-Up	
Thursday	May 3	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 21	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am

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
4/9	Sunrise 28			
	Zoom 6	Rent \$200.00	Special Needs Fund \$50.00	\$1,250.00
	In-Person 20	\$1,000.00		
	Total 26			

Local Announcements

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: Pray for WDC congregations seeking faithful ways to care for God’s creation and practice environmental stewardship.

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.

Camp Mennoscah has been offered a gift of \$100,000 dollars. The money comes to Camp as a matching gift. We have been invited to raise money that will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000.

In response to this generous gift, Camp Mennoscah has launched the M&M Project! M&M stands for Mission and Maintenance. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp - to be a place where all can renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ. Here's how that can happen!

We are planning two major ways for people to give to the M&M project. First, we would ask churches who are supporters of Camp Mennoscah to put together a fundraising event this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. And the second way Camp Mennoscah would like to raise money for the M&M project is through monthly pledges. We would like to see 100 "giving units" give \$1000 each by the end of 2023. A "giving unit" - we'll call them "Fire Keepers" - could be any individual or group who would pledge money to make sure this generous gift is honored by matching the funds.

For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah, tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org, 316-207-3472 Or Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67114, 620-297-3290

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Martine Audéoud who is currently teaching a 10-day seminar for doctoral students in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Pray for her students as they contextualize the biblical message to the African context and present their academic work to God as an act of worship.

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Executive Board and MC USA's Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed an amicus brief in support of Apache Stronghold and the protection of Oak Flat, a sacred site of Native American religious exercise in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/oak-flat.

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

Menno Snapshots: When Sue Park-Hur, director of racial/ethnic engagement for MC USA, was invited by MennoMedia's Leader magazine to write about intercultural churches, she knew right away that this should be in a conversational format with other Mennonite leaders who are committed to living out the vision of the church becoming intercultural. Sue invited Iris de León-Hartshorn, associate executive director of operations for MC USA, and Tina Schlabach, moderator of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference and co-pastor of Shalom Mennonite Fellowship in Tucson, Arizona, for a lively conversation. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/why-intercultural-church.

Mennonite World Conference: Let pray for peace and unity. Let us open our eyes to the needy people around them and listen for God's call to us to help provide for their needs. Let us pray for healing for those who are sick and in hospital and listen to God's call to visit them with love and encouragement. Let us pray for the economies of our countries: may our leaders make wise decisions for the common good.