



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

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

Leader: Called to be God's people,

People: we come seeking grace and peace.

Leader: Put right with God, from beginning to end,

People: we have life, we have love, we have faith.

Leader: In hope and trust we come,

People: we are all God's people.

Leader: Seeking grace and peace,

People: we are all God's people.

Leader: In our agreements and in our differences,

People: we are all God's people.

Leader: In our faith and in our lives,

People: we are all God's people.

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Voices Together 98

Storytelling

Writing Letters

Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Voices Together 558

Scripture

Romans 1:1-17

Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

Voices Together 761

Sermon

Living by Faith

Hymn

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

Voices Together 590

Community Life – Sharing, Prayer, Announcements

Offering Prayer

Hymn

God, Whose Giving

Voices Together 745

Benediction

Leader: As individuals we have gathered, invited by God to be one congregation.

As individuals we depart public worship, prompted by God to be church beyond the walls.

People: We are God's people. We go humbly, but boldly.

We go to serve and to invite others to serve also.

Leader: May you meet God outside of this place as well as within. Now and always.

Christian Education

For Children – *Your Kingdom Come: On Earth, As It Is in Heaven*

- Activities to do at home; Sunday morning class available upon request

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	May 10	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	May 14	Worship	10:00 am
Friday	May 19	Bingo with a Twist	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 21	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Wednesday	May 25	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	June 7	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
4/30	Zoom 3 In-Person 27 Total 30	\$1,050.00	Special Needs Fund \$53.86	\$1,103.86

Local Announcements

Church Work Nights: All are welcome to gather at the church on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for an hour of work and/or fellowship. This will continue all summer and into the fall.

Project Salina: We are collecting money for Project Salina during the month of May. The agencies that benefit from Project Salina are the Emergency Aid Food Bank, the Salvation Army, the Salina Rescue Mission, the Ashby House and DVACK. Project Salina can purchase in bulk and is tax exempt, making your dollar go even further. Monetary donations also make it possible to purchase food throughout the year reducing the amount of storage space required and allowing agencies to reduce waste by being conscientious of expiration dates. Find more information at www.projectsalina.com. Place your cash or checks written to Salina Mennonite Church in the jar on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We collected \$1,027 for Project Salina in 2022.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC's Resource Library, and pray that children, youth, adults and ministry leaders would be enriched in faith and discipleship through library resources.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Dinner and Meeting will be Thursday, May 25, 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb Reeves at bj.reeves@live.com or call/text 620-543-6863 by May 21. Celebrate the success of the MCC Sale!

Red Lake Minnesota Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Service Trip – August 19-26, 2023:

In the summer of 2021, Red Lake, MN experienced a tornado with large, embedded hail damaging roofs, siding, windows, and doors of 78 homes. With government funding the tribe began repairing roofs, however, the funding was inadequate for repairing all the damaged homes. MDS will be repairing siding, windows, and doors.

Wayne Stucky, member of the Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Topeka, KS and past MDS Region 3 Board Chair is planning a MDS Service trip to Red Lake Minnesota August 19 through 26, 2023. This is an invitation for volunteers (a total of 10) from the congregations of the I-70 churches (Salina, Manhattan, Topeka, Lawrence, Kansas City). Volunteers - young or old, male or female, skilled or unskilled are welcome to fellowship together and share the Love of Jesus and bring hope to a community suffering a disaster. Red Lake is in a beautiful part of the country and the average temperature is around 77 degrees in the August timeframe. The Red Lake Nation is home to the Ojibwe Indian tribe. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to experience and learn a unique Native American culture during the week.

The proposed travel schedule:

- Saturday August 19 – Leave Topeka 9am, travel to Lawrence Mennonite and Rainbow Mennonite Church to pick up volunteers then on to Albert Lea, MN for overnight.
- Sunday – 8am travel to Red Lake, MN.
- Monday – Friday – work at the project until noon Friday.
- Friday Noon – Leave Red Lake, MN travel to Albert Lea, MN for overnight.
- Saturday – 8am, travel to Rainbow Mennonite and Lawrence Mennonite Church to drop off volunteers then on to Topeka, KS.

Provided: Van for transportation from Topeka, KS to Red Lake and back

Your Responsibility: Willing hands and feet and love in your heart, hotel (1 night up and 1 night back – total of 2 nights), meals, snacks, and incidentals. Salina and Manhattan volunteers will need to drive to Topeka.

For more information and/or register for this trip contact: Wayne Stucky, 4822 SW Gage Blvd. Topeka, KS, 785.554.8756, wstucky@cox.net.

Save the Date: Western District Conference Annual Assembly is August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. The topic for this annual event is holy listening. Come for intergenerational fun, faith formation, music, worship, work of the broader church, good food, time with old and new friends, and more.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Alfonsina and José Oyanguren serving through MMN request prayer for the more than 40 people from 15 communities in Argentina's Chaco region who are helping voice dub the Jesus Film in the Toba Qom language. Pray that those who participate will be led into a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and his love for all people.

Mennonite Church USA: On May 1, 2023, MC USA changed its email address for email marketing communications to EBComm@Communications.MennoniteUSA.org. Read why this is important and get instructions on how to add the new address to your address book here: mennoniteusa.org/notice-new-email

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Executive Board met in Los Angeles on April 13-14, 2023, and voted to forward three proposed organizational resolutions to the Delegate Assembly, including one that recommends shifting the Delegate Assembly to a three-year, or triennial, cycle. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/executive-board-april-meeting. The Constituency Leaders Council provided feedback on the three proposed organizational resolutions at its meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in March. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/clc-looks**Menno Snapshots:**

#MennoCon23: Online registration is open for MennoCon23, MC 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. Early bird pricing ends on May 14. Register here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration

Menno Snapshots: After attending MC USA's Hope for the Future Conference as a Mosaic Mennonite Conference board member, Kiron Mateti, experienced a refreshing sense of belonging within the Mennonite church. He was no longer the only person of color in the room. Read more about his experience here: mennoniteusa.org/finding-seat-at-mennonite-table

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the newly formed coalition government and for political stability in Nepal. Pray for the protection of children, old and weak people.

—submitted by Ganesh Kumar Shah, Nepal