



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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Gathering Music *Celebration Singers*

Welcome

Prelude *Sunshine and Joy Medley*

arr. Mark Hayes

Gathering Words

Leader: Gone, forgiven, forgotten.

People: God's love has taken it away.

Leader: Gone, forgiven, forgotten.

People: Christ's love has absorbed it all.

Leader: Gone, forgiven, forgotten.

People: The Holy Spirit's love lives on in us.

Leader: Each day is a new beginning, a new day with God.

People: Today is a new day. Let us live it.

Hymn *We Are People of God's Peace*

Voices Together 797

Storytelling

Hymn *Make Us One*

Voices Together 455

Scripture *Romans 6:1-14*

Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Voices Together 163

Sermon *What's So Amazing about Grace?*

Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Voices Together 564

Community Life – Sharing, Prayer

Special Music *Celebration Singers*

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Voices Together 759

Benediction

Leader: Loved in our sinfulness,

People: we go to live!

Leader: Loved in our brokenness,

People: we go to live!

Leader: Loved in our imperfection,

People: we go to live!

Leader: We go to live because Christ lives within, with all!

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen!

Postlude *Celebration Singers*

Our worship features music recorded by the Celebration Singers, a group including Lynn and Lois Newcomer and three additional couples while they lived in Iowa.

Everyone is invited to stay for our Third Sunday Potluck in the fellowship room after worship.

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 24	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Thursday	May 25	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 28	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	June 4	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Wednesday	June 7	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	June 18	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
5/14	Zoom 2 In-Person 21 Total 23	\$300.00	Project Salina \$100.00	\$400.00

Local Announcements

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. 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.

Congregational Meeting: Agenda for the meeting following worship on Sunday, June 4, includes activity reports and a revised administrative assistant job description.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for members of boards, councils, deacons and other leadership teams in WDC congregations, as they offer vision and care for the church.

Everence® to hold May 30 Medicare webinar: Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, May 30, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn’t) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

Register now for the Restorative Kansas conference happening June 8-9 at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. The conference theme is Growing Restorative Communities: Cultivating Change by Tending our Roots. Hear Keynote Speaker Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie of Navajo Nation and participate in breakout sessions on indigenous peacemaking; RJ in schools; youth-led efforts; community-based efforts; law enforcement and judicial efforts; and circle process. Enjoy a commissioned street opera entitled “The Return” and lots more. MCC Central States is a sponsor for the 2023 conference. Please join us, find more information and register at www.restorativekansas.org.

2023 WDC Annual Assembly: “Holy (Wholly) Listening,” August 11-13, Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. This is a great chance to join others for creative resourcing, worship, great music and food, and participating in the work of the church. Watch for more information coming soon.

Red Lake MN Mennonite Disaster Service Service Trip – August 18-26, 2023 (UPDATE):

In the summer of 2021, Red Lake, MN experienced a tornado with large, embedded hail damaging roofs, siding, windows, and doors of 78 homes. MDS will be repairing siding, windows, and doors.

Wayne Stucky, MDS Region 3 Board Chair, and Cleo Koop, KS MDS Unit Chair, are planning a MDS Learning and Service trip to Red Lake. This is an invitation for volunteers (a total of 20) from Anabaptist congregations in KS. 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. The average temperature is around 77 degrees in August. The Red Lake Nation is home to the Ojibwe Indian tribe. In addition to the service work, volunteers will learn more about the Native American culture.

The proposed travel schedule:

- Friday 8/18 – Leave Topeka 9am, travel to Lawrence Mennonite and Rainbow Mennonite Church to pick up volunteers then on to Albert Lea, MN for overnight.
- Saturday 8/19 – Leave Albert Lea at 8am, travel to Minneapolis for learning tours
- Sunday 8/20 – 9:30am Faith Mennonite Church worship, then travel to Red Lake, MN.
- Monday–Friday 8/21-8/25 – work at the project until noon Friday.
- Friday Noon 8/25 – Leave Red Lake, travel to Albert Lea, MN for overnight.
- Saturday 8/26 – 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 (2 nights up and 1 night back – total of 3 nights), meals, snacks, and incidentals.

For more information and/or register for this trip contact: Wayne Stucky, wstucky@cox.net, 785.554.8756 or Cleo Koop, cleohkoop@gmail.com, 316.282.0979. RESERVE YOUR SPOT EARLY.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Marisa Smucker assumed the responsibilities of interim executive director of MMN in March. Pray for God’s wisdom and strength as she leads the agency.

#MennoCon23: Planning to attend MennoCon23 in Kansas City, July 3-6? Be sure to view this recorded webinar, “MennoCon23: Know Before You Go.” mennoniteusa.org/webinar-mennocon23

#MennoCon23: Ryan and Friends, featuring comedian/ventriloquist Ryan Bomgardner, will be performing during MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA’s leading faith formation event, in Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 6, 2023, at 9 p.m. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/ryan-mennocon23

#BeTransformed: The Bible has several examples of God changing or updating the name or descriptor of God’s servants because of their life experiences and the context of their calling. Ertell M. Whigham, associate pastor of Nueva Vida Norristown (Pennsylvania) New Life Mennonite Church, shares his story of transformation through intercultural ministry. Read more about his story here: mennoniteusa.org/gods-call-intercultural

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for our broken world, especially regarding deaths happening at gunpoint in the USA without justice. —submitted by Ruth Anne Friesen