



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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. Lloyd Larson

Voices Together 877

Call to Worship

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: enter our silences.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: into the depths of our longing.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: unmask our pretending.

People: Enter our trusting,

Leader: enter our fearing,

People: enter our letting go,

Leader: enter our holding back.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: embrace and free us.

Hymn

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

Voices Together 57

Storytelling

Peace Be with You

Hymn

As the Wind Song through the Trees

Voices Together 373

Meditation

Acts 2:1-4

Hymn

The Love of God

Voices Together 162

Meditation

Romans 8:14-39

Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

Voices Together 517

Community Life – Sharing

Prayer

Nothing Can Separate Us

Voices Together 171

Interlude

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Cindy Berry

In memory of Lori Schmidt's Father, Mother, Grandmother, and Step-Grandmother

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn

Joys Are Flowing Like a River

Voices Together 375

Benediction

Leader: Go in faith, confident that God the Maker is good and loving,
God the Savior is generous and giving, God the Spirit guides and comforts.

God goes with you to do in your life that which is beyond your ability to imagine.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 31	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	June 4	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	June 4	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Wednesday	June 7	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Thursday	June 15	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	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
5/21	Zoom 9 In-Person 28 Total 37	\$650.00	Project Salina \$35.00	\$685.00

Local Announcements

Project Salina: This is the last Sunday to donate to Project Salina. 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: Please pray for those who participated at our “Being the Church: Meeting Our Neighbors Where They Are” conference in Dallas on April 21-22. May their time together encourage them to prayerfully try new things, plant new churches, and take new steps of faith as we invite our neighbors to follow Jesus alongside us. –WDC Church Planting Commission

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.

You're invited to Selah's Song, Friday, June 2 at 6:00 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Presented by Theatre of the Beat from Toronto and hosted by Newton Mennonite VBS. Admission by donation will support Camp Mennoscah.

About the show: Written by Johnny Wideman, with original music by beloved Mennonite musician Bryan Moyer Suderman, Selah's Song tells the story of a young girl whose courage inspired a village and whose song became an anthem for peace. Inundated with catchy pro-war propaganda songs, Selah is inspired to share her own music with the village, creating some competition for the King. Selah's Song is a heartwarming musical that is fun for all ages! We hope to see you there.

Restorative Kansas conference, June 8-9 at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence. 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. 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 Workshops include MCC Peaceful Practices, WDC Appreciative Inquiry and a careful listening process, shared skills and values for church planting and church revitalization, church board skill-building, Hopes and Fears in Gaza, multigenerational faith formation resources, and more. More information about WDC Annual Assembly is coming soon.

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

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: MMN requests prayer for Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. Pray that courses on trauma healing will equip church leaders to respond with compassion and skill to the millions of people who have lost loved ones and homes due to Russia's invasion.

#MennoCon23: There's still time to register 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. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-registration

#MennoCon23: The MennoCon23 worship planning committee has released the names of the worship speakers for the July 3-6 convention, which will take place at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. The convention's overall theme is "#BeTransformed," which is inspired by Isaiah 43:19-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-worship-speakers

The all-new Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, taking place on July 7, 2023, directly following MC USA's MennoCon23 convention, will be an opportunity to explore ways that youth and young adults ages 14-25 can put their faith to work to address this crisis during a day of worship, learning and collaboration. Watch an informational Zoom recording here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-climatesummit

#BeTransformed: When Becky Degan told her husband and teenage son that the theme for MennoCon23 worship is "Transformed by the Spirit," they broke out with the Transformers' theme song, "More than meets the eye." "Later, when I was asked what excites me about this year's convention, that song went through my head, and I realized that's what I'm excited about — catching glimpses of the Holy Spirit at work beyond what we can understand or imagine." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/worship-is-gods-playground

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Mennonite young people in Myanmar. The stresses of living under a violent military dictatorship cause despair and some wish to join armed resistance. Praise God for a recent youth conference where they could be encouraged and learn about peace. Pray for the church members who continue to suffer violence in the ongoing civil war. Some experience shortages of daily food and displacement from their homes.
—submitted by Amos Chin, Myanmar

Mennonite World Conference: In Burkina Faso, the security situation continues to deteriorate and the number of people killed and displaced is increasing. In this context, the government is asking the entire nation to contribute to the war effort through individual, collective, civil and religious mobilization. The Federation of Evangelical Churches and Missions (FEME) has asked its members (including the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, EEMBF) to contribute to the war effort by setting an amount for each church.

EEMBF president Calixte Bananzaro and Pastor Siaka Traoré (also of the EEMBF, and at the same time MWC's representative for Central/West Africa) are planning a meeting with the president of the FEME to explain the non-violent position of Mennonites which conflicts with this request. They ask for the prayerful support of the global church in these steps. May God prepare this meeting, and give wisdom and discernment to all in the discussion.

—submitted by Anicka Fast, Secretary of MWC Faith and Life Commission,
in consultation with Calixte Bananzaro and Siaka Traoré