

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.



Welcome

**Salina
Mennonite
Church**

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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Seeking Peace Together

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Melody Bober

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66:1-9, New Century Version)

Leader: We shout with joy to you, O God!

People: Your works are amazing! Your power is great! All the earth worships you!

Leader: We shout with joy to you, O God!

People: You bring us to safety! You keep your eye on us! You do wonderful things!

Leader: We shout with joy to you, O God!

People: We sing your praise together!

Hymn *Praise to the Lord, Almighty* Voices Together 88

Storytelling

Hymn *Abana in Heaven* Voices Together 675

Sermon *Praying Scripture*

Scripture *1 Samuel 2:1-10*

Hymn *You Are All We Have (Psalm 16)* Voices Together 701

Scripture *Psalm 51* Voices Together 889

Hymn *Nothing Can Separate Us (Romans 8:39)* Voices Together 171/994

Scripture *Luke 18:9-14*

Hymn *Rain Down* Voices Together 703

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Interlude *Rain Down* arr. Mark Hayes

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Go, My Children* Voices Together 830

The Lord's Prayer

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

Christian Education

For Children – *Seeking Peace Together*

- Activities to do at home
- Intergenerational class Sunday morning in fellowship room

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Reading Scripture with Discernment* – In the basement
- Intergenerational Class – *Seeking Peace Together* – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	June 21	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	June 25	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	July 2	Penny Mattson's Graveside Service	11:30 am
Wednesday	July 12	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	July 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Tuesday	July 25	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

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

Worship Totals

2023	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
6/11	Zoom 10 In-Person 25 Total 35	\$2,385.00		\$2,385.00

Local Announcements

A graveside service for Penny Mattson and Mary Mattson will be after worship on Sunday, July 2, at Gypsum Hill Cemetery. A meal of brats and homemade ice cream follows in a location to be determined.

Salina Shares has changed their website to www.salinashares.org and their email address to info@salinshares.org. They are always looking for adult backpacks, sleeping bags, silverware, towels, sheet sets and pots and pans. If you have any of these items, or find them at garage sales in your travels, they would appreciate your donations.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for pastoral candidates, and for pastoral search committees in WDC congregations, as they discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit for future ministerial leadership.

WDC Staff Announcement: Business Manager Beth Yoder will conclude her role with WDC in mid-July, with plans to move with her family to Minnesota where her husband Caleb Yoder will become pastor at Faith Mennonite Church in Minneapolis. We give thanks for Beth's faithful and generous service to WDC and will deeply miss her presence on the WDC staff! If you would like to share an expression of appreciation for Beth and her time with WDC, you are welcome to send a note to her at the office at wdc@mennowdc.org or Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: Some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Camp Mennoscah is moving forward on the M&M Project. As of now, we are close to one-third of the way to our goal of \$100,000. We have 30 plus giving units committed to being Fire Keepers and the list grows weekly. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp. For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, [Camp Mennoscah](http://CampMennoscah.org), or contact Tammy at: tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org, 316-207-3472

First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson invites you to a Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery Movie Showing & Book Signing with Mark Charles on Saturday, July 8th @6:30pm at the church. The film, *The Custodians: A Story of Ancient Echoes*, explores the work of local landowners, volunteers and municipal government of Herschel, Saskatchewan, in protecting and conserving the many signs of historic Indigenous presence in the region. The book, *Unsettling Truths*, by author Mark Charles, is a prophetic blend of history, theology, and cultural commentary, that reveals the far-reaching, damaging effects of the Doctrine of Discovery. Stay after the film showing for a panel with Mark Charles and Jonathan Neufeld. FMC Hutchinson is located at 52 Rambler Road, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

WDC Annual Assembly: Let's Eat Local! Our WDC Annual Assembly meals are all being prepared by local caterers including Tammy's Country Catering (bierocks), Carlo's Catering (BBQ), Druber's Donus & Goessel Grocery & Deli (Continental Breakfast) and The Bread Basket (Ministers' Appreciation Banquet). Provisions for vegan and gluten free options are available. Come and join us. The food and fellowship will be great! Visit: <https://mennowdc.org/2023-wdc-annual-assembly/> for more info on this summer's assembly. WDC Assembly 1012 registration is now open.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Robin Gingerich, who has served in administrative and academic capacities at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students, faculty and staff from around the world.

Mennonite Church USA: As part of MC USA's "I choose to be Mennonite because ..." blog series, Nathan Perrin, an emerging writer and pastor of Christian formation, Lombard (Illinois) Mennonite Church, shares about his experience reconciling his Quaker background and his Anabaptist theology here: mennoniteusa.org/friendly-mennonite

Mennonite Church USA: "Whether you call them actions, traditions or rituals, congregations, much like nuclear families, have ways of celebrating, mourning or remembering together that act as treasured ways of being family," reflects Leslie James of Hope Mennonite Church. Read more about how Hope Mennonite Church honored their late pastor in her blog: mennoniteusa.org/beyond-words

#BeTransformed: When Seattle Mennonite Church purchased a house in what a member of the church property team described as "a pretty undesirable part of town" 45 years ago, the MC USA congregation never dreamed it would accrue a worth of \$2 million. But that's what happened – and they gave the house away, no strings attached. Read the story here: mennoniteusa.org/news/seattle-redistribution

Menno Snapshots: Melanie Springer Mock, author of "Finding Our Way Forward: When the Children We Love Become Adults," reflects on her experience releasing her sons into adulthood in her recent Menno Snapshots blog. Her book is the CommonRead selection for April-June. CommonRead is an initiative of MennoMedia and Mennonite Church USA Executive Board. Read Springer Mock's blog here: mennoniteusa.org/finding-way-forward

Mennonite World Conference: Mexico and Central America face serious political and socioeconomic conflicts. These pose serious challenges to the mission of the church. Pray for the wisdom of the Spirit as churches use Anabaptist-Mennonite lenses to rethink how to live out their presence, mission and pastoral tasks.
—submitted by Willi Hugo Perez, MWC regional representative, Central America