

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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August 6, 2023 Seeking Peace Together

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* by Ken Medema

Call to Worship *(adapted from Romans 12:14-21)*

One: As followers of Jesus, we are called

Many: to bless those who persecute us;

One: to rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn;

Many: to live in harmony with others and not be arrogant.

One: As disciples of the Prince of Peace, we are called

Many: to not repay anyone evil for evil;

One: to, as far as possible, live peaceably with all;

Many: to feed our enemies when they are hungry and offer a drink when they are thirsty.

One: Ours is a hard and holy calling, friends. And so we gather.

Many: We gather for prayer and study.

One: We gather for singing and silence.

Many: We gather for encouragement and support.

ALL: We gather for worship.

Hymn *What Is This Place* Voices Together 22

Storytelling *Abigail & David (from 1 Samuel 25:1-35)*

Hymn *There Is a Line of Women* Voices Together 546

Sermon *Stories of Peace*

Hymn *We Are People of God's Peace* Voices Together 797

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* Voices Together 644

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *The Lord Lift You Up* Voices Together 832

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction *(adapted from Romans 12:1-2; 15:13)*

I appeal to you therefore, on the basis of God's mercy,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your true worship.

Do not be conformed to the violent patterns of this world,
but be transformed toward peace by the renewing of your mind,
so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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	August 9	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 13	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Tuesday	August 17	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 20	Backyard Cookout	6:00 pm
Wednesday	September 6	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	September 17	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am

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
7/30	Zoom 5 In-Person 33 Total 38		\$1,140.00		\$1,140.00

Local Announcements

The MCC School Kit Challenge is going strong. Thank you for helping MCC meet their goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August! Bring your school kit items to church by August 27. Also, the MCC material resources center in North Newton is very low on pens and notebooks. You might choose to purchase extra of these two items. We will donate full kits plus extra supplies to the resources center early in September.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. (We have 48 of these.)

Fall Congregational Meeting: The date for our 3rd quarter congregational meeting has been changed to September 17. Agenda includes activity reports and updates about the pastoral transition.

Sister Church: We are beginning a sister church relationship with Iglesia Camino de Santidad (Path of Holiness Church) in Liberal, KS. Look for more information soon. Let Pastor Christina know if you are willing to be one of several contact people.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for all who will participate in the WDC Annual Assembly next weekend, Aug 11-13, as we gather for worship, work and fellowship around the theme Holy (Wholly) Listening / Escuchar con Atención a Dios y al Pueblo.

Tabor Mennonite Church's annual MennoGrass Concert is Saturday, August 12, as part of WDC's Annual Assembly. Everyone is welcome to come (even if you're not registered for the Assembly). The meal begins at 5:30 and will be catered by Carlos' Kitchen & Cater. Musical performances by Michelle & Friends, The Hopeful Blues, and The Flannelbacks begin at 6pm. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Donations to help cover the cost of the meal are welcome.

The MDS Red Lake, MN Learn and Service trip August 18-26, 2023, has room for 2 more volunteers. For fun, fellowship, learning, and a rewarding experience please contact Wayne Stucky, wstucky@cox.net, 785.554.8756 or Cleo Koop, cleohkoop@gmail.com, 316.282.0797.

Fund Development Coordinator: Western District Conference is pleased to announce that Mike Lamb will begin September 1 as Fund Development Coordinator for WDC. In this new role, he will promote resource development for congregations and encourage congregational and individual giving to support WDC's ministries of resourcing congregations, sustaining ministers, and cultivating church planting partnerships. Mike recently retired as Vice President responsible for planned giving, annual giving, and regional development with the Wichita State University Foundation, and previously served as Director of Admissions at Bethel College. He is active in the community and Mennonite organizations. He and his wife Susan are members of Hesston Mennonite Church where he has held a variety of leadership roles. We welcome Mike as he joins WDC's mission of empowering Anabaptist Mennonite congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world!

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for staff at Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) as they prepare to begin their two-week summer training session in South Korea. Pray for fruitful relationship building and learning as NARPI brings together peacemakers from China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan.

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Delegate Assembly acted on three proposed organizational resolutions at its meeting on July 7-8, 2023, in Kansas City. The assembly of more than 300 registered delegates approved resolutions to clarify the MC USA bylaws and streamline its agency structure, while narrowly voting down a proposal to meet less frequently. mennoniteusa.org/news/delegates-vote

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Delegate Assembly installed Jon Carlson as the moderator for the new biennium and provided strong affirmation for a slate of new Executive Board members and other nominees, including incoming Moderator-elect Marty Lehman. mennoniteusa.org/news/da-carlson

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton used a surprising pop culture reference to launch his state of the denomination report to delegates at the MC USA Delegate Assembly, held in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 7-8, 2023. Read more: here: mennoniteusa.org/news/state-denomination23. View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/slide-theme-fj

Mennonite Church USA: Catch up on all the happenings at MennoCon23 and the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit by reading the KC Sauce, MC USA's daily convention newsletter, here: mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for infrastructure development of the Mennonite Church Uganda; for a bible school to enhance capacity building of the leaders for a sustainable Church, Pray for new Church Plants as the demand rises every single day, pray that God may bring a volunteer team or individual to reinforce child evangelism. —submitted by Simon Okoth, Uganda