

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. John Carter

Call to Worship

One: Let us seek God, who can be found.

Many: Let us call upon God, who is near.

One: As the thirsty soil receives rain from heaven,

Many: let us receive the word of God offered in this place.

One: Let us praise God joyfully with a loud voice!

Many: For if we are silent, the stones would shout out.

One: Let us burst into song with the mountains

Many: and clap our hands with the trees.

ALL: Let us worship God together with joy.

Hymn *All Creatures, Worship God Most High, vv 1-4* VT 81

Storytelling *Isaiah 55:6-13*

Hymn *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VT 847

Scripture *Psalm 92:12-14; Colossians 1:3-6, 9-12*

Sermon *Faith Like Trees*

Hymn *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Interlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. John Carter

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* VT 838

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The mountains and the hills burst into song with you.

The stones cry out praise with you.

The trees dance and clap along with you.

Friends, may you go out with joy and be led back in peace. Amen.

We extend gratitude and welcome to our guest speaker. Janeen Bertsche Johnson brings to her ministry a passion for worship, music, community, and encouraging the gifts of others. She graduated from Bluffton College and AMBS (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary). After serving six years on the pastoral team of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita, she returned to AMBS as campus pastor. She also has roles in admissions, alumni relations, and teaching. Janeen has been a member of the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA and has served on many other conference and denominational committees and boards. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry at AMBS.

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 16	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Tuesday	August 17	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 20	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	August 20	Backyard Cookout	5:30 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
8/6	Zoom 3		Rent \$250.00	MCC School Kits \$44.33	\$4,694.33
	<u>In-Person 25</u>		\$4,400.00		
	Total 28				

Local Announcements

MCC School Kit Challenge: Bring your school kit items to church by August 27. 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.)

Backyard Cookout (NOT Third Sunday Potluck): Gather in the backyard at 5:30 pm, next Sunday, August 20, for our annual cookout. Meat and buns are provided. Bring side dishes. Invite your neighbors and friends to come with you. This is instead of our usual Third Sunday Potluck.

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: Give thanks for the gracious hospitality shared by Tabor Mennonite Church in hosting WDC Annual Assembly this weekend, with a closing worship service and seminars this morning.

Western District Women in Mission Retreat is September 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah. The theme is Women Talking, Listening & Creating. Session leaders are Wendy Funk Schrag and Tammy Duvanel Unruh. Brochures and registration forms are on the back table.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Everett and Miriam Ramer are serving with MMN's SOOP program in Quebec, Canada, for more than two months. Pray for them as they work at Maison de l'Amitié (Friendship House) in Montréal and Camp Péniel, which offers a Jesus-centered experience for children and youth.

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with MC USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter, with requests from the schools, is found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA has named Nancy Kauffmann, former board president of Dove's Nest and longtime Mennonite church leader, as the interim denominational minister of Church Safety for MC USA's Church Vitality office. This new position was created so that the denomination could address the need for continued abuse education and prevention work. Read the announcement here: mennoniteusa.org/news/interim-minister-church-safety

Mennonite Church USA: Approximately 300 youth, young adults and their sponsors gathered in Kansas City at the Kansas City Convention Center on July 7, 2023, for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. The summit focused on climate change, including climate anxiety, social justice and advocacy themes. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/encouraged-challenged-climate-summit

Follow Jesus: In this Menno Snapshots blog, Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, introduces and reflects on the new theme for the next biennium, "Follow Jesus." "MC USA's role in our society is more critical than ever. Our message of peace, love, community and reconciliation is needed in this hurting world," Guyton said. Read more about the new theme here: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus View the slide graphic here: mennoniteusa.org/fj-qr

Menno Snapshots: The pandemic was a time of great anxiety but also a time for reflection and healing. Jessica Lynn Nichols, a member of Lowville (New York) Mennonite Church, reflects on how and why she became a Mennonite during the pandemic. Read more of her story here: [mennoniteusa.org/blessings-amid-pandemic](https://mennoniteusa.org/ blessings-amid-pandemic)

Menno Snapshots: Lisa Longacher, a development officer for Hesston College shares about how her art can be used for positive change. Longacher co-led a youth seminar, "Art for Change: Exploring Your Creativity," at MennoCon23. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/art-for-change

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for individuals in our congregations in the USA that we will let go of our busyness and the noise of our lives and learn to come before the Lord in silence, so we can grow in God's love and ways for ourselves, one another and our neighbours, who desperately need this love.

—submitted by Sharon Charles Reimer