

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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Seeking Peace Together

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

One: Let anyone who is thirsty come!

Many: We come to receive the living water.

One: Let anyone who is hungry come!

Many: There is enough food for all.

One: Let anyone who is tired come!

Many: God calls us to a time of holy rest.

One: Let anyone who is grateful come

Many: and join this celebration!

One: Thirsty and hungry, tired and grateful,

ALL: we come together now in worship.

Hymn

Let's Walk Together

Voices Together 6

Storytelling

Back to School

Hymn

God, Be the Love, vv. 1, 4, 5

Voices Together 43

Scripture

Deuteronomy 15:7-11; 16:13-15; Matthew 9:35-38

Hymn

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Voices Together 122

Sermon

Be Joyful

Hymn

Creation Is a Song

Voices Together 181

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Interlude

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. John Carter

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn

This Is God's Wondrous World

Voices Together 180

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

(from John 7:38)

Jesus says, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

So let the water of life flow through you,

nourishing your spirit and quenching the thirst of the world.

Go rejoicing. Go in peace. Amen.

MCC School Kit Challenge: Thanks for providing school supplies. We'll assemble the kits after worship.

We extend gratitude and welcome to our guest speaker. Linda Kusse Wolfe is a newly retired United Methodist pastor with a deep Quaker background. She teaches ESL (English as a Second Language) to newly arrived refugee women from Afghanistan and Rwanda and volunteers with a local NGO that works with young women freed from sex trafficking. A beekeeper and gardener, Linda enjoys supporting a healthy habitat for pollinators on the one acre surrounding their house, which includes a spring. Recently back from Kosovo and North Macedonia, Linda and her husband David have a special interest in Muslim background believers, which began during their MCC years in Iran. They live in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and have three adult children and one exceptional son in law.

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 30	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	September 3	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	September 13	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	September 17	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Sunday	September 17	Backyard Cookout	5:30 pm
Wednesday	September 20	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Saturday	September 23	Work Day	8:00 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
8/20	Zoom 5 In-Person 33 Total 38	\$1,070.00		\$1,070.00

Local Announcements

Congregational Meeting: Agenda for the meeting following worship on Sunday, September 17, includes activity and financial reports, volunteers for 2024 assignments, and updates on the administrative assistant position and pastoral transition process.

Workday: We have a workday planned for Saturday, September 23, at 8:00 am. We will be scraping and painting trim on Christina’s house and the Muñoz house next door. Most of this work would be on ladders, scaffolding, or porch roofs. Contact Tom Claassen with questions.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Please pray for emerging congregations as the Spirit draws them together to be of one mind and heart to do the will of the Lord.

–WDC Church Planting Commission

Want to be a story catcher, story keeper, and story sharer? Find out more by attending the Western District Women in Mission Women's & Girls Retreat Sept. 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah! Activities will be available for all ages. Brochures and registrations form are on the back table. This year's theme is Women Talking, Listening, and Creating. Scripture theme is 2 Peter 1:12-21. *Registration is due by September 5.* For questions, email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

Camp Mennoscah M&M Project Update: Over the Halfway Point! Thank you all so much! The money continues to come in for Camp Mennoscah's M&M Project! Thanks to all of these faithful supporters for giving to this effort! As of this writing, Camp Mennoscah has received more than \$56,000 toward our goal! That means we are over halfway to the \$100,000 our donor is offering to match! Now is the time to join the effort. If you haven't taken any action yet, we are sure you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp - to be a place where all can renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ.

Hope Mennonite Church is delighted to invite you to an evening of fun and inspiring music Sunday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. You will be entertained by the lead vocalists of Everyday Lights, Paul Austin and Jennifer (Hope) Chlumsky from Salina, KS. They combine a variety of musical styles including folk, bluegrass, jazz, country, and traditional hymns. Many of their songs are original. The band recently performed at the Smoky Hill River Festival in Salina, The Farm in Minneapolis, KS and various private parties. As you listen to the concert, a dessert and snack bar with sweet and salty snacks will be available. No tickets are necessary but a free-will donation will be gladly accepted with the proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. Hope Mennonite Church – 868 N Maize Rd, Wichita, KS 67212

Save the date! Camp Mennoscah will host a kickoff event to celebrate our 75th Anniversary on September 23! There will be a day of fun activities down by the river, so mark your calendars now! Watch Camp Mennoscah's website - www.campmennoscah.org - for more details as the date approaches!

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Everence® announces fall webinar series for 2023: Everence® Financial will host a four-part webinar series this September. In this series, you'll hear how Everence® can help you make important financial decisions that reflect your faith values. Specific topics will include Retirement Income Strategies, Understanding Medicare, and Protecting What Matters Most. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Bekah York in her work with the Colombia Mennonite Church and Justapaz, the church's peacebuilding organization. May God grant Bekah wisdom, energy, and contagious hope for her ministries.

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: As part of MC USA's series on The Peace Table, the new storybook Bible from Shine, a children's Sunday school curriculum, jointly published by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, Joan Daggett, project director for Shine: Living in God's Light, shares her part of the journey to create The Peace Table. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/judge-this-book-by-its-cover

Menno Snapshots: On June 11, 2023, the congregation of Lombard (Illinois) Mennonite Church celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Emma Richards (1927-2014), the first Mennonite woman pastor to be ordained as a pastor of a Mennonite congregation in North America. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/celebrating-emma-richards

Menno Snapshots: One of the many identity markers for being a Mennonite is hospitality and its culture. Reverend Erica Lea-Simka, pastor of Albuquerque Mennonite Church and southwest representative for Mennonite Women USA, proposes that hospitality and its meaning in Anabaptist culture can be examined more closely. Read more of her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/culture-of-hospitality

Menno Snapshots: Intersectionality seeks “... to describe how race, class, gender, and other individual characteristics ‘intersect’ with one another and overlap.” Joanne Gallardo, Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference co-minister, reflects on her own experiences within the Mennonite church, relating to intersectionality and tokenism. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/intersectionality-tokenism

Menno Snapshots: God’s power and omnipresence is with us, even in the darkest of times. “To understand God’s omnipresence — not limited by space and time but existing everywhere in the past, present and future simultaneously — is to realize God is already living out tomorrow at this very moment,” reflects Wil LaVeist, Mennonite Mission Network’s senior executive of advancement. Read his story here: mennoniteusa.org/gods-omnipresence

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for leadership challenges in some of the Indian member churches.
—submitted by Cynthia Peacock, MWC regional representative for Southern Asia

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for pastor Estevan Gonzalez Villarroel, president of MWC associate member church *Iglesia Misionera Anabaptista* in Bolivia. He, his wife, and child are recovering at home after a car accident.
—submitted by Freddy Barron, MWC regional representative for South America – Argentina, Bolivia, Chile

Mennonite World Conference: Praise God that CAMCA (Mennonite Anabaptist Consultation of Mexico and Central America) is planned for 21-6 November 2023 in Guatemala, the first such gathering since the pandemic started. Pray that the gathering would strengthen the bonds of relationship, unity and communion between conventions and churches of diverse origin. May the theme from Isaiah 43:16-19 encourage the church to live out its calling as a sign and agent of light, life and hope amid adversity, uncertainties and social challenges.
—submitted by Willi Hugo Perez, MWC regional representative, Latin America – Central America