



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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Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude	<i>Living for Jesus</i>	arr. Glenda Austin
Call to Worship		Voices Together 851
Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	Voices Together 103
Storytelling	<i>Exodus 1:1-2:10</i>	
Hymn	<i>There Is a Line of Women</i>	Voices Together 546
Sermon	<i>Courageous Women (and Men)</i>	
Hymn	<i>The Lord Is My Light</i>	Voices Together 437
Community Life – Sharing & Prayer		
Hymn	<i>O Lord, Hear My Prayer</i>	Voices Together 685
Community Life – Announcements		
Hymn	<i>Go, My Friends, in Grace</i>	Voices Together 810
The Lord's Prayer		
Benediction		Voices Together 1062

Christian Education

For Children – *Becoming a People of God*

- Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God's Sustaining Presence and Provision* – In the basement
- Bible Study – *Becoming a People of God* – In the upstairs fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	September 6	Work Night at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	September 10	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 (weather permitting)	5:30 pm
Wednesday	September 20	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Saturday	September 23	Work Day – Muñoz & Litwiller Homes	8:00 am

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

Out of the office September 4-10

Worship Totals

2023	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/27	Zoom 9 In-Person 16 Total 25	\$200.00		\$200.00

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.

MCC School Kit Challenge: Thanks for providing school supplies. We will complete 28 kits.

Condolences: Gerrie Gleijsteen (June 30, 1934-September 1, 2023) passed away peacefully in Haarlem, the Netherlands, where she lived. She was the sister to Jan, Maryn, and Erika Gleysteen, and the aunt of Linda, David, Eddie, and Debbie Gleysteen and their families. She had a career in nursing. She was a kind and generous person with many talents. Gerrie was a lifelong member of the Singel Mennonite Church in Amsterdam where her funeral will be held.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for God's gift of renewal and fellowship for WDC members attending the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, sponsored by Western District Women in Mission.

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.

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's service programs are welcoming new participants. Mennonite Voluntary Service just completed online orientation. Service Adventure begins orientation on Friday. Pray that God's spirit will prepare participants' hearts and minds as they step out of their comfort zones and risk living out their faith in Anchorage, Alaska; Tucson, Arizona; San Francisco, California; Alamosa and Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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 Executive Board staff has named 2023 Goshen (Indiana) College graduate Olivia Krall as archives coordinator for the MC USA Archives in Elkhart. Krall holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Goshen College, with minors in political studies and sociology. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/olivia-krall/>.

Mennonite Church USA: Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC) — formerly known as Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN) — has formed a steering committee, recruited volunteers and began its work to counter the recruitment of youth by the U.S. military. POTC is an independent initiative that began as an outgrowth of a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/potc](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/potc).

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA is inviting young people to actively care for the planet through the Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge, which runs through April 2024. The challenge is “a friendly competition to embrace our Anabaptist calling as earth keepers, reduce our carbon footprints, nurture environmental leadership, and utilize and bless the gifts of youth and young adults.” Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge/> Register for the MC USA Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge by October 15, 2023: <https://www.mennocreationcare.org/energy-and-spirit-challenge/> View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth).

Menno Snapshots: Anicka Fast, who ministers through Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference, finds joy, sheds tears and dreams of intercontinental, interchurch research in the MC USA Archives. Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/archives/>

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Christians in the Manipur region of India who have suffered from religiously motivated violence. Pray for firmness of faith and oneness of hearts amongst the churches in India.

—submitted by Vipin Bansiar