



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>How Can I Keep from Singing</i>	arr. John Carter
Call to Worship		Voices Together 886
Hymn	<i>We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer</i>	Voices Together 34
Storytelling	<i>Henry's Song</i> by Kathryn Cave	
Hymn	<i>Together</i>	Voices Together 389
Scripture	<i>Psalms 100</i>	
Musical Sermon	<i>God Is Faithful</i>	
	<i>The Devil Doesn't Live Here Anymore</i>	Songsheet
	<i>What Is Good</i>	
	<i>One and Only Lord (Listen, Oh Israel)</i>	Songsheet
	<i>Lamb of God</i>	
	<i>The Lord Our God</i>	Songsheet
	<i>Search Me, Oh God</i>	
	<i>Holy Shepherd</i>	
Community Life – Sharing & Prayer		Voices Together 996
Interlude	<i>O Great God</i>	arr. Fred Bock
Community Life – Announcements		
Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Voices Together 436
The Lord's Prayer		
Benediction		Voices Together 1053

We extend welcome and thanks to our guest musicians this morning. Jim and Kathy Lane recently celebrated 40 years of marriage and singing together. Kathy wrote the songs they're singing this morning. Jim is a brother to Barb Kathrineberg and Teresa Weaver.

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 fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	September 13	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Wednesday	September 13	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	September 17	Sunday Worship & Congregational Meeting	10:00 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	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
9/3	Zoom 1 In-Person 21 Total 22		\$2,650.00	Special Needs Fund \$250.00	\$2,900.00

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.

Backyard Cookout (NOT Third Sunday Potluck)(Weather Permitting): Gather in the backyard at 5:30 pm, next Sunday, September 17, for our annual cookout. Meat and buns are provided. Bring side dishes. Invite your neighbors and friends to come with you.

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: Pray for God's guidance for elected leaders of WDC (Executive Board, Gifts Discernment Committee, Church Planting Commission, Ministerial Leadership Commission, Resource Commission, Stewardship Commission) and other WDC committees and task forces, as they begin a new program year following Annual Assembly.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the members of the Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America (MTAL), as they compile their devotional book for 2024-2025. Pray that God's spirit will guide the team of volunteer editors and designers as they work with submissions from more than 300 Women.

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 has named two peacemakers, Jonathan Kuttub and Sydney Leah Bontrager, as the 2023 Bring The Peace award winners. The denomination gives the award to a Legacy Peacemaker and a Young Peacemaker each year. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/news/23-btp-winners.

Menno Snapshots: Yujin Kim, a communications associate for Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, reflects on the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement and how separation and longing are part of her family narrative, shaping her identity and motivating her to work for peace. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/belonging-in-peace.

Menno Snapshots: Doh Nay Kaw attended Mennonite Church USA's convention in early July with her youth group of Whitehall (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church. She wrote a poem as an expression of her experience of self-searching at MennoCon23. Read the poem here: mennoniteusa.org/who-am-i.

Menno Snapshots: Violence pervades some children's Bibles, but The Peace Table, Shine's new storybook Bible, provides a peace witness, while providing thoughtful prompts concerning more violent passages. Read more about Chrissie Muecke's experience as part of The Peace Table's Team here: mennoniteusa.org/peace-witness-paths.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Anabaptist Mennonites around the world.