



## 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.*

**September 24, 2023**

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### Lighting the Peace Lamp

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	arr. <i>Philip Bliss</i>
<b>Gathering Prayer</b>		Voices Together 862
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>We Are People of God's Peace</i>	Voices Together 797
<b>Storytelling</b>	<i>Let My People Go – Exodus 7 to 12</i>	
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>What Does the Lord Require of You?</i>	Voices Together 207
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Long Arc of Justice</i>	
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	Voices Together 705
<b>Community Life – Sharing &amp; Prayer</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Longing for Light</i>	Voices Together 715
<b>Community Life – Announcements</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	Voices Together 847
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Sending Prayer</b>		

### 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 27	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	October 1	Sunday Worship with Communion	10:00 am
Wednesday	October 4	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Thursday	October 19	Church Board at Zerger's	7:00 pm

## 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
	Zoom 4				
9/17	In-Person 19		\$7710.00		\$7710.00
	Total 23				

## Local Announcements

### New email addresses:

Administrative Assistant's new email address: [salinamennonite@gmail.com](mailto:salinamennonite@gmail.com)

Pastor's new email address: [pastorsalinamennonite@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsalinamennonite@gmail.com)

Church correspondence can be emailed to Carolyn at [salinamennonite@gmail.com](mailto:salinamennonite@gmail.com).

Please email announcements for the bulletin by Wednesday evening.

**Volunteer for 2024:** Please turn in your volunteer forms by October 1. The forms are on the back table.

**World Communion Sunday:** Next Sunday, October 1, we are observing World Communion Sunday, a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church. We'll eat bread from a variety of countries and drink grape juice. Those joining on Zoom can prepare their own bread and juice. Everyone who chooses to follow God's ways is welcome to participate. As part of sharing the table, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** We are called as Jesus's followers to share our experience as God's people and the transformative work of the gospel of Jesus in our lives. We pray for church plants and congregations exploring partnerships to do missions together in Western District Conference.

**Everence® September Workshop: Social Security and retirement income:** Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, Sept. 28, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Wheat planting means fall is here:** The second happening of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites coming to the U.S. in 1874 is a Planting Turkey Red Wheat with Horses event just west of the Moundridge Museum on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Three teams of horses will show up to work the planting project starting at 8:30 a.m. and an old tractor will deliver the wheat to the drills. Drinks will be available. The Moundridge Museum will be open to visitors, and the Farmers Market will have plenty of produce to sell.

**KMRS QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE** - October 13-14, 2023, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-3, at MCC, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, KS. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282

**Open to new participants:** Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin again in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at [aaratzlaff@yahoo.com](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com) or 316-619-4580 for more information.

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for a couple who has spent decades ministering in the Middle East, where they are part of a media team that works at “transforming lives with unstoppable hope.” Pray for them and the 16 full-time animators, multiple trainers who help people share the good news with their neighbors, and a social media team of three Arabic women who address issues like human trafficking and child brides.

**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:** Engage with the MC USA Archives and meet the new archives coordinator, Olivia Krall. View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/slide-archives-engage](https://mennoniteusa.org/slide-archives-engage)

**Mennonite Church USA:** In the wake of the U.S. sending cluster bombs to Ukraine, Titus Peachey, who currently serves on the steering committee for the Cluster Munition Coalition, reflects on his experiences dealing with cluster bombs in Laos and calls Mennonites to witness against war makings. Read more of his experiences here: [mennoniteusa.org/cluster-bombs-witness](https://mennoniteusa.org/cluster-bombs-witness)

**Mennonite World Conference:** Dear brothers, we ask you to pray to the Lord about our situation in Cuba. It is almost impossible to live here. There is an extreme lack of food, medicine and everything else necessary for survival. The population is really suffering: there are barely enough medical staff to treat people in the hospitals; there are no first-aid supplies either; children don't have enough to eat; people are starving to death in the streets. A mass exodus is underway, even to Haiti. Many people die on the journey, while others want to try to leave, but lack the resources to do so. There are no smiles or joys left in my city, only drawn faces. Only God knows how to solve this problem. Please pray for us.

—*Beatriz Mendez Vidal, Concilio Menonita en Cuba, president*