



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.

November 5, 2023

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Lighting the Peace Lamp

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| Prelude | <i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i> | arr. Glenda Austin |
| Gathering Prayer | Leader: Speak to us, living God, People: as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son. Leader: so that we may live according to your word, People: through Jesus Christ our Savior <i>All: Amen.</i> | Voices Together 910 |
| Hymn | <i>New Earth, Heavens New</i> | Voices Together 377 |
| Scripture | <i>Genesis 1:14-19 & Genesis 22:1-8</i> | |
| Hymn | <i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i> | Voices Together 156 |
| Scripture | <i>Matthew 27:33-56</i> | |
| Hymn | <i>Veni Sancte Spiritus</i> | Voices Together 370 |
| Sermon | <i>Bug Light and Nuts</i> | Mike Mattson |
| Hymn | <i>The Love of God</i> | Voices Together 162 |
| Community Life – Sharing & Prayer | | |
| Hymn | <i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i> | Voices Together 297 |
| Community Life – Announcements | | |
| Hymn | <i>Go, My Children</i> | Voices Together 830 |
| The Lord's Prayer | | |
| Benediction | | |

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 – Reading the worship scripture – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

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| Wednesday | November 8 | Worship Committee | 7:00 pm |
| Sunday | November 12 | Sunday Worship | 10:00 am |
| Thursday | November 16 | Church Board at Zergers’ | 7:00 pm |
| Sunday | November 19 | Third Sunday Potluck | 11:15 am |
| Sunday | December 3 | Congregational Meeting | 11:15 am |
| Wednesday | December 6 | Worship Committee | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday | December 9 | Drop (your kids) & Shop | 10am to 2pm |
| Sunday | December 17 | Christina’s Farewell Sunday | 10am |

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 |
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| 10/29 | Zoom 1 Church 16 Total 17 | | \$550.00 | | \$550.00 |

Local Announcements

We grieve the death of Eldon Epp, credentialed minister in WDC, who passed away unexpectedly on October 29 at his home in Wichita, Kansas. Eldon was Chaplain at Bethesda Home in Goessel, Kansas, and served more recently as Interim Associate Pastor at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita since August 2023. He was a member of the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee. Previously, Eldon served in pastoral ministry at First Mennonite Church (Ransom, Kansas), Salina Mennonite Church, Ames (Iowa) Mennonite Church and Manhattan (Kansas) Mennonite Church.

Eldon’s memorial service is planned for Sunday, Nov 5. A graveside service at Buhler Municipal Cemetery will be at 2:00pm followed by a memorial service at 3:00pm at Buhler Mennonite Church (220 West Ave B). Visitation is planned for Saturday, Nov 4 from 4:00-7:00pm at Buhler Mortuary. Memorials can be made out to Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

Obituary Link: <https://www.wigginsfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Eldon-Epp/#!/Obituary>
 Memorial Service Live Stream Link: <http://www.youtube.com/@BuhlerMennoniteChurch>

Anabaptist World - Our annual group subscription to *Anabaptist World* is up for renewal. The yearly discounted rate is \$39. Any changes or additions need to be made by the end of November. The current list is on the back table. Please make any additions or subtractions or changes to the form or email Carolyn – salinamennonite@gmail.com

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: – Pray for WDC’s Israel Palestine Task Force, and for WDC congregations that are engaged in advocacy for peace and justice for all who suffer war and violence.

Gaza Update: **Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN)** will host a Zoom conversation Saturday, 11/11, 9-10 am with Tareq Abuhailima. Email wdc@mennowdc.org to get the Zoom link. Tareq grew up in Gaza City and is the current graduate assistant at Bluffton University’s The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center. Before beginning his graduate education at Bluffton University in January 2023, Tareq previously worked at Youth Vision Society in Gaza City as a project manager and served as MennoPIN’s “Twinning with Gaza” Initiative Coordinator. He recently presented a seminar at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City and at our WDC Annual Assembly. He will share about his experience of growing up in Gaza and give an update on the disastrous human toll of the current war. Tareq recently learned that his sister was killed in the violence. He asked that this event not be postponed.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Johnstown Service Adventure unit, which is made up of Elias Wolff, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Marie Haller, as well as unit leaders Josh and Stef Musser and their children, Jacob and Noah. Pray for a harmonious household, deepening faith and service that reflects God’s love through clinics, Head Start, school and after-school programs.

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: Mennonite Church USA has launched “Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence,” an initiative to bring awareness to the complex issue that intersects with poverty, racism, discrimination, criminal justice, education and the environment.

Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj

Visit the initiative page here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence

Mennonite Church USA: Katie Graber, Anneli Loep Thiessen and Sarah Kathleen Johnson share a glimpse into the new resource, Guide to Voices Together Songs and Resources with Connections to Indigenous Communities in Canada and the United States, which was recently released by the Voices Together team. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/connecting-communities-voices-together

Mennonite World Conference: Colombia is experiencing a revival of dedication to God's work, and we ask prayer that new servants will join this work every day. May the churches unite in a common vision. May our churches in Colombia find unity as we are divided into three regions that prevent us from thinking together and planning how best to work in Christ's name. Please pray for the security and protection of our country in the face of ever-increasing violence. Many armed groups are taking the law into their own hands. May our leaders be in good health, for some of them are elderly and suffer from health problems, while others have no health insurance to cover their medical expenses. Finally, please pray that God will accompany us in our evangelistic activities and in the planting of new churches across the country, especially in Tolima, a department where we do not yet have a presence.

—*Juan Francisco Novoa Duque, Iglesias Cristianas Hermanos Menonitas Region Central*