

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 12, 2023

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Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude To God Be the Glory arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

Hymn Summoned by the God Who Made Us Voices Together 1

Storytelling

Scripture A Sampling of Biblical Songs

A Soundtrack of My Life

| Hymn | Gott ist die Liebe, vv. 1&2 in German | Voices Together 158 |
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| Hymn | I Owe the Lord a Morning Song, vv. 1&2 | Voices Together 496 |
| Hymn | To God Be the Glory, vv. 1&3 | Voices Together 84 |
| Hymn | In Christ There Is No East or West, vv.1&3 | Voices Together 390 |
| Hymn | We Are One in the Spirit | Voices Together 387 |
| Hymn | Thy Word Is a Lamp | Voices Together 398 |
| Hymn | Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord | Voices Together 131 |
| Hymn | Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace, R,v1,v2,R | Voices Together 719 |
| Hymn | Will You Come and Follow Me, vv.1,4,5 | Voices Together 540 |
| Hymn | When Pain or Sorrow/Hold On | Voices Together 612 |
| Hymn | Beauty for Brokenness | Voices Together 712 |
| Hymn | Holy, Holy, Holy | Voices Together 137 |

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Hymn Lord, Listen to Your Children Voices Together 682

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn The Lord Bless You and Keep You Voices Together 846

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

| Sunday | November 12 | Birthday Celebration | 11:15 am |
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| 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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| 11/5 | Zoom 7 Church 31 | | | |
| | Total 38 | \$2,750.00 | Special Needs Fund \$40.98 | \$2,790.98 |

Local Announcements

Birthday Celebration - Everyone is welcome to come to the upstairs fellowship room immediately after church to celebrate Christina's birthday. Cake, ice cream, nuts, water, and lemonade will be served.

Committee Reports: Please turn in your committee reports for the upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 3rd after Worship. If I could have them by November 26th, that would be helpful so that I can have time to add them to the ongoing church reports. You may either email to salinamennonite@gmail.com or leave in my mailbox located in the fellowship room. Thanks, Carolyn

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

M&M Project Update: WE DID IT!! We did it, friends! Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the Spring! **So, what's next?** That's a good question! One thing is for sure: We don't want to stop the ball now that it is rolling! Camp is still in need of money for maintenance. We need to make sure we have the facilities working well so we can continue to be a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God. Please consider giving to Camp Mennoscah and/or the M&M Project on **Giving Tuesday** - this year on November 28 - or as part of your end-of-the-year giving. Let's not just finish the M&M Project strong - let's finish the year strong! Checks can be made to Camp with "M&M" in the memo line, or you can give your gifts online. *Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah*

Western District Conference: – Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, and for those who are considering a call to ministry, that they would be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in times of change.

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 Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.

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 <u>Prayers for Mennonite Education</u>.

Mennonite Church USA: Shelley Buller, executive assistant to the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, has announced her plans to retire at the end of 2023, after 46 years of dedicated service to the denomination. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/shelley-buller-retire

Mennonite Church USA: Joel Shenk, pastor of Toledo (Ohio) Mennonite Church, describes how he learned blacksmithing as part of his personal peace witness and how his conference and congregation have joined him in this work. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/peace-witness-anvil

Mennonite World Conference: Ethnic or religious nationalism influences people to marginalize or even act violently against those who are outside their group. This is especially happening now in the USA, India and Indonesia. We pray for Christians to open their eyes to the harm of such philosophies. We pray for wisdom to counter such philosophies with truth and grace.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for those who are persecuted and those who lack justice; for those who are going through difficult times of crisis, like those in Eastern DR Congo. M23 rebels have committed unlawful killings, rape and other wire crimes in the region. Churches and homes have been destroyed. Pray for a de-escalation of violence. Pray for emotional healing for those who have been affected, both as victims and as perpetrators.

MCC: In the midst of increased violence and devastation in Gaza, MCC-partner Al-Najd Developmental Forum (Al-Najd), is focusing its energy on how they can best aid their neighbors. Despite the incredible danger around them, Al-Najd has distributed bedding and emergency food rations to more than 230 families. Learn more about MCC's response in Palestine and Israel and how you can support our local partners working in Gaza.