



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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Lent 5

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Welcome

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

based on Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

One: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord!' because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest."

Many: This new covenant is being offered to us.

One: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Many: Death must come before resurrection.

A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many.

**All: This new covenant is being offered to us:
to lay down our life and follow.**

One: The life-giving ways of God placed within our minds
and written on our hearts,
where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more,
where we are God's people
and God is our God.

Hymn

Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing

Voices Together 555

Storytelling

Mike Matson

Hymn

Thy Word is a Lamp

Voices Together 398

Prayer of Confession

adapted from Psalm 51

One: O God, we gather before you,
seeking your mercy.
Hear us, we pray.

Many: We confess that we sin against you.

Worship Totals

2024	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
3/10	Zoom 26 Church 23 Total 25	Rent \$200.00 \$3,950.00		\$4,150.00

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2024	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Scripture/Theme	Music
March 24 Palm Sunday	Kristin VanTassel	Pete Smucker		Christ Among Us the Way of a Servant	Lori Schmidt

Local Announcements

Pastor Luann's Office Hours: Wednesday afternoons 1pm to 5pm. You are welcome to reach out to her anytime by phone or text 316-288-8897 or email luannyutzy@gmail.com

Announcement from the Board: On the Sundays when Luann Yutzy is with us, we will be meeting from 9:00-9:50 before church for conversations and activities that invite us to think about who we have been, who we are now, and who we hope to be moving forward as a community and congregation. These sessions will initiate and center our collaborative transitional work together. Please put April 14, and April 28 on your calendars. We'll meet in the fellowship room behind the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday Service: 6pm March 28th in the Fellowship Room. Includes a simple meal: Soups, breads, fruit, cheese. Communion will be a part of the service. If you would be willing to make a soup, please contact Carolyn, 785-643-6649.

Easter Sunrise Service: 7am March 31st outside of Butch and Marla Stucky's Home, 1817 E. Schippel Road, Salina, KS. Potluck breakfast follows. Sign-up at the back table to bring your favorite breakfast items, table service provided.

Dinner with the Amish at Yoder: Saturday, April 27th at 5pm. Wayne and Marlene Waltner are gathering a group of 15 people to share an Amish meal. Details are on the separate flyer on the back table. Please contact Marlene asap if you would like to attend. 785-493-1848. Drivers are also needed.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Pray for our sister church, Iglesia Camino de Santidad (Path of Holiness Church) in Liberal KS, Pastor Moises Romero and his wife Teresa.

Western District Conference: Pray for representatives from WDC traveling to attend Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings this week, as they join with others from across the church to listen, learn and discern together.

Everence® March Workshop: Social Security and retirement income

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, March 21, 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.

Women & Girls Save the Date! Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, April 19. The schedule is: 5 - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Mennonite Education Agency has released its 2024 Lent at Home worship guide and calendar – *Christ Among Us*. Available for download in English and Spanish at the MEA website: <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/>

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that Mennonite Mission Network is offering them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA signed a letter to Congress, along with 62 faith-based organizations, asking for strengthened funding for Victims of Crime Act grants. Read the letter here: mennoniteusa.org/news/letter-funding-victims

Mennonite World Conference: One of the common challenges facing our communion of churches in North America is leadership. Six of 10 national MWC member churches in North America have undergone or will experience senior staff leadership changes in the coming year. Congregations are aging – including their leaders. We are facing a wave of pending pastoral retirements. National churches are concerned about engaging younger generations and are trying to develop emerging leaders' programs (e.g., mentorship, coaching, bi-vocational) and job networks for those interested in Anabaptist theology and pastoral ministry. We invite you to pray for current leaders, and that new leaders would be raised up to guide the church in the years to come.

—submitted by Gerald Hildebrand, MWC regional representative for North America