



**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.*

**April 7, 2024**

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**No Worship Service at Salina Mennonite Church**

***“Out Beyond to Worship” - Worship at the Church of your Choice***

**Transitional Exercise:** This Sunday, April 7 will be *“Out Beyond to Worship”* A Sunday for the whole church to go to a church of their choice, large or small, traditional or contemporary, as a way of expanding our world and see how others worship and hopefully make some connections. The questions were handed out last Sunday and emailed earlier this week for people to take with them to reflect on and observing as they worship in a new place. What people learn will be brought back to the group the following Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the transitional meeting 9am in the fellowship room.

**Offering:** Since we are not meeting Sunday, you are welcome to mail in your offering for April or hold it until another Sunday. The offering plate will be on the counter by the mailboxes in the fellowship room on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Needs Fund:** If you would like to donate to the Special Needs Fund, a basket will be there also. Normally we collect on Communion Sunday, however, it was overlooked. Please note on your check that it is for Special Needs.

**Upcoming Events**

Sunday	April 7	Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus	4pm
Wednesday	April 10	MCC Plant Sale – Zerger’s	Noon to 7pm
Thursday	April 11	Load Plants for MCC Sale – Zerger’s	8am
Fri/Sat	Apr. 12-13	Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson	
Sunday	April 14	Transitional Conversations/Exercises	9am
Wednesday	April 17	Board Meeting	6pm
Sunday	April 21	Sunday Worship	10am
Sunday	April 21	Potluck	11:20am
Saturday	April 27	Dinner with the Amish	5pm
Sunday	April 28	Transitional Conversations/Exercises	9am
Sunday	May 5	Sunday Worship	10am
Wednesday	May 8	Worship Committee	5pm

## Worship Totals

2024	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
3/31	Zoom 2 Church 34 Total 36		\$455.00		\$455.00

## 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](mailto:luannyutzy@gmail.com)

**Transitional Conversations/Exercises:** April 14th and April 28th will be Sunday mornings dedicated to transition work/conversations for the whole morning from 9-11. We will meet in the fellowship room behind the sanctuary. There will be no regular worship service on these Sundays.

**MCC Plant Sale:** Plants for the MCC sale will be loaded at Zergers at 8 a.m. on April 11. We could use a helper or two. There will be plants for sale on Wednesday, April 10, from noon until evening (dark) at the Zerger home. Plants will not be priced; donations will be for MCC. Following are the plants available:

1. Eggplant
2. Celebrity tomato
3. Blue wild indigo
4. Smooth milkweed
5. Red Robin tomato (dwarf, for container on patio).
6. Butterfly milkweed
7. White Swan echinacea
8. Marquis grapes

**Spring Spruce-Up,** a community wide clean-up day hosted by local charities and the City of Salina. Join other volunteers on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 am to noon. The flyer for the event is on the back table.

## 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.

**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.

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus:** April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton, KS. Also on April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4pm, Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS.

**Western District Conference:** During this Easter season, give thanks for the living presence of Christ embodied by WDC congregations within their local communities.

## **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale:** April 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the United States, will find a way to participate.

**Mennonite Church USA:** "Do we know what it means to remove chains?" asked Joanne Gallardo, co-conference minister for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference at Mennonite Church USA's 11th Hope for the Future conference on Feb. 9-11. Gathering in Dallas, Texas, 70 Black, Indigenous and people of color considered the theme, "Breaking Chains, Mending Walls," which centered on Isaiah 58. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/breaking-chains-hftf24](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/breaking-chains-hftf24)

**Mennonite World Conference:** Please pray for our neighbour Haiti. The first country in the region to become independent, its early development was stymied by punitive reparation payments and ostracization. Today, it is one of the poorest countries in the world where frequent disease, violence, and internal displacement make life very difficult for most residents. Pray for the church struggling to live out the gospel of peace in challenging conditions.

—submitted by William George Broughton, MWC regional representative for the Caribbean

**MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace!** Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at [mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace](https://mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace)!