

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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December 8, 2024
Advent 3
Anointing for Justice

- Welcome** Lori Schmidt
- Prelude** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Lewis Redner arr. Glenda Austin
- Call to Worship** based on Isaiah 61:1
Leader: Merciful One: you anoint us for justice, you call us to you.
People: Your Spirit is poured out upon us.
Leader: Yours is the way of release and restoration.
People: May your love flow through us to heal the brokenhearted.
May we declare your good news to bring hope to the poor.
Leader: You anoint us; we are yours.
People: We delight and rejoice in you.
- Hymn** *Mountain of God* Voices Together 11
- Greet those around you**
- Candlelighting** Lynn & Lois Newcomer
Reader 1: Like a cloth with frayed edges, our world leaves people on the fringes;
Reader 2: Those who aren't accepted, who don't belong;
Reader 1: The poor, the brokenhearted, the prisoners, the oppressed.
Reader 2: But God's kingdom shows us another way.
Candlelighting (first three Advent candles are lit)
All: Give us eyes to notice those on the fringes and arms to extend our boundaries, inviting all to become woven into our communities.
- Hymn** *How Many Times We Start Again* (verses 1 - 3) Handout
- Storytelling** Annelle Claassen

Hymn *Hark! The Glad Sound!* Voices Together 217

Scripture *Isaiah 61:1–11*

Sermon Nick Ladd

Hymn *Bless'd Be the God of Israel* Voices Together 223

Community Life – Sharing
Community Life – Prayer

Solo *Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song:*
Words and Music by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton Annelle Claassen &
Lori Schmidt

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* Voices Together 849

The Lord's Prayer *Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."*

Benediction

Third Sunday Potluck Follows in the Fellowship Room

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Salt and Light Study* – In the basement
- Gathering in the Fellowship Room – *Rejoice* Devotional

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	December 18	Church Board	5:30pm
Sunday	December 22	Sunday Worship – Advent 4 – Christmas Play	10am
Tuesday	December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7pm
Sunday	December 29	Christmastide Worship in Scripture & Songs	10am

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2024	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
December 22	Christmas Play	Pete Smucker	Annelle Claassen	none	Tom Claassen	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2024	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
12/8	Zoom 1 Church 24 Total 25	\$950.00	Rent \$250.00	\$1,200.00

Local Announcements

Pastor Luann's Office Hours are Wednesdays, from 1pm to 5pm. You are welcome to reach out to her anytime for Pastoral Care, Prayer Requests or just to visit – by phone or text 316-288-8897 or email.

The Offering Plate is located on the back table. Offerings can be left there or mailed to the church.

Worship Schedule: There is a copy of the 4th Quarter Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Education Agency | 2024 Advent at Home worship guide | The theme for the 2024 Advent at Home worship guide, “*Together on the Journey*,” is taken from Leader magazine. | Available in English and Spanish | Download at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/advent-at-home>

Western District Conference: Pray for refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers who are part of WDC congregations and their communities, that they would experience the presence of Christ through the gifts of hospitality and sharing together.

Mennonite Church USA: In recognition and celebration of our 15 years of service, Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan invites all interested persons who are part of an MC USA congregation to submit a health and/or wellbeing story. Learn more and submit your wellbeing story here: mennoniteusa.org/tcp-wellbeing-stories

Mennonite Church USA: Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA's denominational minister for Peace and Justice, shares God's call for us to be peacemakers in the midst of uncertainty, division and a heated election. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/a-season-of-hope

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Tanzania Mennonite Church, as they begin three days of Sister Care/Compassionate Care seminars on Wednesday. Church leaders Rev. Esther Muhagachi and Rev. John Wambura ask that we join them in praying for God's spirit to move in powerful ways, to heal trauma and broken relationships.

Mennonite World Conference: We pray for the Integrated Mennonite Church – Philippines who were struck with five super typhoons over three weeks. We pray especially for the multidialectal mountain congregation Dupax Del Norte, Nueva Vizcaya, Luzon, whose region was severely affected. Many members are low-income farmers. Their valuable farm animals were washed away or drowned in flood waters. Their houses made of bamboo or wood were torn apart. We uphold these brothers and sisters as they rebuild from their losses. We pray for the courage to remember our neighbours around the world affected by these climate disasters as we seek to follow Jesus faithfully.