

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 22, 2024 Advent 4 Embodying God's Spirit

Prelude

Still, Still, Still

Candlelighting

Reader 1: Mary was told that she would be the mother to the promised Messiah.

Reader 2: And she responded, "I am the Lord's servant.

Let it be with me just as you have said."

Reader 1: With the courage of Mary, we can accept the journey ahead of us.

Reader 2: But we do not need to walk it alone.

Reader 1: We need the support of others.

Candlelighting (four Advent candles are lit)

***All: With Christ as our center, we join hands with others,
walking together on the journey.***

Storytelling

Annelle Claassen

Community Life – Announcements

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayers of the People ending with the Lord's Prayer

Play

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

Written by Susan Wojciechowski, Illustrated by P.J. Lynch

Cast:

Jonathan – woodcarver – Pete Smucker

Thomas – a young boy – Aaron Ediger

Widow McDowell – Amanda Ediger

Narrators: Annelle Claassen and Carolyn Funk

Musicians: Lori Schmidt, Quinn Kathrineberg,

Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Annelle Claassen

The following songs will be played or sung during the play:

Please be ready when announced. No power point will be used.

<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Flute and Viola Duet
<i>Now the Heavens Start to Whisper</i>	Duet with Piano
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> (Congregation sing first verse only)	Voices Together #249
<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i> (Congregation sing first verse only)	Voices Together #210
<i>What Child is This</i> (Congregation sing first verse only)	Voices Together #267
<i>To Us a Child of Hope is Born</i> (Congregation sing first verse only)	Voices Together #259

Benediction - (please stand)

May Jesus be nurtured, and born, and grow in our lives
 so that he would find a home with us,
 we would be at home with him,
 and the world would be blessed
 to see and know and love this Jesus—God-with-us. Amen.

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

Tuesday	December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7pm
Sunday	December 29	Christmastide Worship in Scripture & Songs	10am
Tuesday	December 31	New Year's Eve Game Night	7-10pm
Sunday	January 5	Sunday Worship – Epiphany - Communion	10am
Wednesday	January 8	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	January 12	Sunday Worship – Sermon Refection	10am

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2024	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
December 29	Worship in Scripture & Song	Tom Claassen	Annelle Claassen	Annelle Claassen	Ted Zerger	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2024	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
12/15	Zoom 1 Church 25 Total 26	\$660.00		\$660.00

Local Announcements

Pastor Luann's Office Hours will be limited the next two weeks: 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.

Carolyn will be in the SMC office Thursday, December 26th to finish the Bulletin, please have any announcements for the bulletin to her by Thursday morning.

Our Christmas Eve Service is at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24. You are invited to bring a song, instrumental offering, or reading to share during the service and Christmas goodies to share afterward.

New Year's Eve Game Night: Everyone is invited to come to a New Year's Eve party. Tuesday December 31, at the church, from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. Bring your favorite games and snacks to share. Lori

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 Jan/Feb Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for all WDC congregations as they celebrate the birth of Jesus and share the good news of God's will for peace on earth.

Mennonite Church USA: Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for the MC USA Archives, provides helpful archival tips for those interested in preserving their family history. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/archival-tips

Mennonite Mission Network: As we enter the week of Christmas and remember Jesus' birth, millennia ago, in a land crushed by oppression, join Mennonite Mission Network in looking for the surprising ways that the Prince of Peace is being born in our own fractured communities today. Let us continue to pray and act in ways that build peace.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for India's present political situation. Churches be strong in faith as they lead by living out love in their communities despite divisions and polarization.
—submitted by Vipin Bansiar, Zion Church CG State, India