

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 27, 2025

Salina Mennonite Church

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Annelle Claassen

Prelude Breathe on Me, Breath of God

arr. John Innes

Call to Worship

Hymnal Worship Book 671

Leader: O God, we come seeking you in our worship together.

We come to you for truth because we are untrue. We come to you for strength because we are weak. We come to you for wisdom because we are unwise.

People: Move in our midst; show us your truth, your strength, and your wisdom, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

Voices Together 57

Greet those around you

Storytelling Ted Zerger

Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God Voices Together 737

Scripture *John 20 : 19-31*

Reflection Questions from Lent

Hymn The Risen Christ Voices Together 565

Community Life – Sharing Community Life – Prayer

Hymn Spirit of the Living God Voices Together 740

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Move in our Midst* Voices Together 827

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

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26 Voices Together 826

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

Sunday	May 4	Sunday Worship – Anabaptist 500	10am
Wednesday	May 7	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	May 11	Sunday Worship – Lectio Divina	10am

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Speaker	Worship	Storytelling	Zoom	Greeter	Music
		Leader		PowerPoint		
May 4	Tammy Duvanel	Mike Matson	Tom Claassen	Miles Weathers	Vera Zerger	Donna Burnett
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Worship Totals

				Offering
2025	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
	Zoom 0			
4/20	Church 17			
	Total 17	\$450.00		\$450.00

Local Announcements

Pastoral Care: During this time, we are without a pastor, the Board will try to fulfill that role of Pastoral Care. During May, if you have a need of pastoral care of any kind, Vera Zerger is the person to contact. Her phone number is 785-577-6669.

Carolyn's Hours: I will be working Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons from my home and Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings at Church.

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 May-June Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

The **2025 Project Salina** campaign officially kicks off on May 1! We are now collecting money for Project Salina through the month of May. The agencies that benefit from Project Salina are the Emergency Aid Food Bank, the Salvation Army, the Salina Rescue Mission, the Ashby House, DVACK and newly added Salina Grace. Find more information at www.projectsalina.com
Place your cash or checks written to Salina Mennonite Church in the jar on the back table.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray that WDC congregations may be renewed by the power of Jesus's resurrection, boldly proclaiming the Good News and embodying Christ's love, reconciliation, and justice mission in their communities and beyond -WDC Church Planting Commission

Save the Date for the Kids Meet Christ Launch Events! Western District Conference invites you to celebrate and learn more about the new grant-funded worship initiative Kids Meet Christ on Saturday, May 3, from 11am-3pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS both in-person or virtually. Come join the conversation about reimagining worship to fully engage children. In-person participants will be the first to receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship! This is for anyone! (worship leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers, anyone who is passionate about children).

Conversation on Immigration Concerns: Is your congregation seeking to learn more about current immigration issues, discern forms of action and advocacy, or offer solidarity and support for members of the immigrant community? WDC will host a zoom gathering for pastors and interested church members on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30-8:30 pm to provide updates, information and resources, and an opportunity to connect with each other around these shared concerns. Guest presenter Esmeralda Tovar-Mora, Executive Director of Hutch in Harmony and founding member of the Kansas Immigration Coalition, will join us to focus particularly on resources in the Kansas region. To receive the zoom link, please contact WDC at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300 by noon on April 28.

For additional resources, also see the WDC website: https://mennowdc.org/immigration-justice-resources/; resources from Mennonite Church USA: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/immigration-resources-advocacy/; and resources from Mennonite Central Committee: https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/disaster-response/support-immigrant-neighbors

Mennonite Church USA: The refrain, "We have been here before," echoed throughout the Hope for the Future Conference at Goshen College, held Feb. 28–Mar. 2, 2025. This annual gathering for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) leaders within MC USA celebrated resilience, honored the past and envisioned a future grounded in justice and hope. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hftf25-30-years-anti-racism

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Kikubya Mennonite Church in Uganda, whose building was severely damaged by floods, and for the 15 families who lost their homes and/or crops. Bishop Simon Okoth asks for prayer and resources, as the church tries to carry on its ministries to its members, many of whom fled from violence in Rwanda generations ago. Despite their limited resources, Mennonites are also hosting people fleeing from violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for our country Zambia that rain will continue for better growth of maize and to have enough water for Kariba dam hydro electricity generation. Hunger is real since Zambia depends on maize for our Nshima.—Hajila Kissinger