



## 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.*

### August 3, 2025

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## Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Pete Smucker

## Prelude

*Far Above the Noise of Life*

arr. Lee Dengler

## Call to Worship

Leader: God, you see us under the fig tree,  
or brewing coffee in the kitchen,  
or relaxing on the couch,

**People: and you recognize us for who we are.**

Leader: We wonder what you are up to, where you might be found,

**People: and you invite us to come and see.**

Leader: In this time of worship,

**People: move in our hearts and souls,  
give us the curiosity and the courage to come and see,  
and then to share what we have seen and heard.**

Leader: We pray in Jesus' name,

**All: Amen**

[worshipofferings.com](http://worshipofferings.com)

## Hymn

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Voices Together 141

## Greet those around you

## Storytelling

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## Blessing of School Kits

## Hymn

*The Love of God*

Voices Together 162

## Scripture

*John 1:35-39, 43-49*

## Sermon

*Come and See!*

Michelle Armster

## Hymn

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Voices Together 170

## Community Life – Sharing

## Community Life – Prayer

**Hymn**                      *All Things Bright and Beautiful*                      Voices Together 177

## Community Life – Announcements

**Hymn**                      *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*                      Voices Together 182

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

## Benediction

Leader: Share the Good News about what God is doing in the world.

Share the exciting news that God is afoot, that the world is being changed.

Share the promise that God sees us where we are and welcomes us into the circle.

**People: We have come to see, now we go to share the love of God with the world around us.**

## Christian Education

There will be no Sunday School during July and August. It will resume in September.

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday	August 6	Worship Committee	5pm
Wednesday	August 6	Garden Time	6:30pm
Sunday	August 10	Sunday Worship – Faith Stories	10am
Sunday	August 17	Congregational Meeting	9am
Sunday	August 17	Sunday Worship – Lectio Divina	10am
Sunday	August 20	Church Board	5:30pm
Sunday	August 24	Worship in the Park – Oakdale #1	10am
Sunday	August 24	Potluck-Picnic	11:20am

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Sermon	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
August 10	Our Faith Journey	Carolyn Funk	Tom Claassen	Gerald Funk	Marlene Waltner	Lori Schmidt

## Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
7/27	Zoom 3 Church 25 Total 28		\$12,210.00		\$12,210.00

## Local Announcements

**Pastoral Care:** During this time, we are without a pastor, the Board will try to fulfill that role of Pastoral Care. During August, if you have a need of pastoral care of any kind, Lori Schmidt is the person to contact. Her phone number is 785-823-0941.

**Carolyn's Hours:** I will be working Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons from my home and Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning 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 August Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

**Garden Time:** Every Wednesday at 6:30 folks will be working in the church gardens. Come and join us and get your hands dirty!

**Service Opportunity:** The SMC Board has arranged a service opportunity for our congregation at the Rescue Mission. Every second Thursday we will be helping serve the evening meal at the Mission. We will need to have 4 to 7 people to arrive at 5:40 and stay for about an hour. If you want to help clean up too, you will be finished about 7:30. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table for you to indicate your willingness to participate! Thanks for considering this opportunity.

**Congregational Meeting:** Please plan on attending a congregational meeting on August 17, at 9:00am. The Board would like some help evaluating our current efforts with Zoom and planning our path forward. One of the questions we will talk about at the meeting is: "What, if any, online outreach should our church have?" Snacks will be provided!

**MCC School Kits:** I just wanted to thank everyone who bought school supplies and who donated money for school supplies, for the MCC School Kits. I also wanted to thank Barb and Rebecca for making the bags for the school kits, for Ted, Vera, Henry, and Lee for helping assemble the school kits and anyone else who helped with the school kit project. With your incredible generosity, we were able to collect enough school supplies for 21 kits! That is wonderful! Thanks again, Lori Schmidt

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**WDC Women's & Girls Retreat:** Online registration is open for the Womens & Girls Retreat September 6-7 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. Our speakers this year are Pastor Katherine Goerzen (Tabor Mennonite Church) and Pastor Laura Goerzen (First Mennonite, Newton). Go to [westerndistrictwomeninmission.org](https://westerndistrictwomeninmission.org) for a detailed schedule, register and pay online, or print out forms to register and pay by mail. Registration is due August 29. Any questions? Email us at [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com). See you there - share the news and bring a friend!

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for congregation members, delegates, families and guests gathering next weekend for WDC 2025 Annual Assembly! Pray for God's Spirit to enliven our worship, discernment, fellowship and learning around the theme Anabaptism@500: Faithfulness Then and Now.

**Mennonite Church USA:** A spirit of hope and shared purpose marked the opening of MC USA's biennial Delegate Assembly on July 11, 2025, as more than 350 delegates gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina, to reimagine the denomination's future and approve four key measures to strengthen and equip the church. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/delegates-propel-mc-usas-forward/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/delegates-propel-mc-usas-forward/)

**Mennonite Church USA:** In response to the escalation of violence involving Israel, Iran and the United States, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz offered this litany that reminds us of God's call to peace. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/instruments-of-your-peace/](https://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/instruments-of-your-peace/)

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the youth of First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, as they begin a week-long Christ at the Border Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for the participants as they learn about the realities of migration at the Mexico-United States border and the justice that Jesus is calling them to.

**Mennonite World Conference:** Please thank God for initiatives reviving the church in Europe. Thank God for church planting and some promising renewal in theological education. Continue to pray for a revival in the church and in theological education in the European countries. Please pray that Christians may be peaceful witness, especially as they relate with communities of other faiths. Please pray for the courage to spread the gospel. Please pray for a turning from the secular idolatry of wealth and health to the living God.

—Timo Doetsch, *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Mennonitischer Brüdergemeinden in Deutschland (AMBD)*

**MCC: Know Your Rights virtual training, August 14 & 15** led by MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator Abraham Diaz Alonso. This virtual training will help facilitate information to vulnerable immigration populations. Sign up today! Reach out to [abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org), 956.904.7092 with questions.

**Everence:** Sign-up for the Everence '*Money talk for relationships*' webinar – offered Tuesday, Aug 12, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. ET. We all need to learn to talk about money, whether it's with ourselves, our partner/spouse, and/or our friends and family. Transparency about money can lead to stronger relationships and a higher level of financial health. In this webinar you will learn: Communication skills and ground rules for talking about money. Common money beliefs and scripts and how they influence financial behavior. Money management strategies that can be implemented on your own or with others. Go to [everence.com/partners](https://everence.com/partners) to register.