



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.

September 21, 2025

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Annelle Claassen

Prelude

Come Into His Presence

arr. Lynn Baird

Call to Worship

Words for Worship 2 #39

Leader: Come let us praise our God.

People: We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

We will sing praises to our God our whole life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in worldly monarchs,
in whom there is no help.

**People: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob
and the God of Jesus,**

Leader: who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever;

**People: who brings justice for the oppressed;
who sets the prisoners free.**

Leader: The Lord will reign forever.

All: Let us gather together to praise our God!

Hymn

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Voices Together 428

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Butch Stucky

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

Voices Together 540

Scripture

Phillipians 3:1-11

The Message

Sermon

Knowing Jesus

Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Hymn

Jesus, Be the Center

Voices Together 584

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Hymn

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

Voices Together 568

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn	<i>Somlandela (We Will Follow)</i> 2X with Percussion Instruments	Voices Together 566
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."</i>	
Benediction		Words for Worship 227

Gather in the Fellowship Room for Potluck

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	September 21	Potluck – Meet and greet Pastoral Candidate	11:20am
Wednesday	September 24	Garden Time	6:30pm
Sunday	September 28	Sunday Worship – Our Faith Stories	10am
Sunday	September 28	Congregational Meeting	
Wednesday	October 1	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	October 5	Sunday Worship	10am

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Sermon	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
September 28	Our Faith Stories	Tom Claassen	Carolyn Funk	Gerald Funk	Lee Walker	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
9/14	Zoom 1 Church 21 Total 22		\$760.00		\$760.00

Local Announcements

Pastoral Care: During this time, we are without a pastor, the Board will try to fulfill that role of Pastoral Care. During September, 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.

Pastor Candidate Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Tammy Duvanel Unruh preaching
- Potluck following the service at approximately 11:00 a.m.
- A get to know Tammy time of informal question and answers from approximately Noon until 1:00.
- Tammy meets with the Board and a Trustee to review benefits and salary immediately following the conclusion of above activity.
- Please attend in person or by Zoom so you will be better able to vote on September 28 by absentee ballot or in person whether to affirm Tammy as our next pastor. Absentee voting instructions will follow.

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 September/October 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 people to arrive at 6:15 and stay for about an hour. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table for you to indicate your willingness to participate! Thanks for considering this opportunity.

Amish Meal: Our next Amish meal has been set for November 15th at noon. More details to follow.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for leaders and participants in the Voices Together mini-webinar hosted by the WDC Resource Commission coming up on September 30, as they share ideas, resources and inspiration for meaningful worship and music (<https://mennowdc.org/wdc-affinity-group-forums/>).

Mennonite Church USA: Sandra Montes-Martinez, Western District Conference associate conference minister, emphasizes the importance of accompanying immigrants and sharing God's love through action in her Menno Snapshots blog. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/love-and-action

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with members of the Bolivia Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Pray for them as they set goals and plan for the future.

MCC: QUILTERS CORNER IS HAVING A FALL SALE on Friday, October 3, from 4:00 – 7:00pm and Saturday, October 4, from 8:00am to noon at the MCC Central States Warehouse, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, Kansas. Come and shop ALL things quilting! SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE: Husqvarna-Viking Designer Epic 1 sewing and embroidery machine with many, many accessories - \$4,500. Contact person for this item is Charlotte Wenger: wengercd@gmail.com All proceeds support MCC work around the world for relief, development, and peace.

WDC Affinity Group forums: The WDC Listening Process has highlighted common themes and concerns shared by congregations, inspiring ideas for helpful resources from WDC! As one way to follow up, WDC will periodically provide Affinity Group forums for interested congregational members and leaders to engage a particular topic together. For the first forum, the WDC Resource Commission will host a Voices Together mini webinar via zoom on September 30 at 7:00-8:30 pm, featuring Joanna Harader and Cynthia Neufeld Smith. Joanna is a pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church and writes worship and devotional resources. Cynthia is a musician and retired pastor, and served on the Voices Together hymnal committee. The focus of this webinar will be worship resources and music that nurture all ages, including kids! Bring your questions about music and/or worship resources in Voices Together. There will also be time to share some great ideas about how your congregation has used Voices Together to create life-giving worship! We hope to see you on Zoom, but the webinar will also be recorded and posted on the WDC website.

Everence® announces fall webinar series for 2025

Everence® Financial will host a three-part webinar series starting in September. In this series, you'll hear how Everence® can help you make important financial decisions that reflect your faith values.

Specific topics will include:

- Women, Wealth and Well-being: Creating confidence through the discomfort
- Charitable Giving: You know why. We know how.
- Annuity Basics

The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions.

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Mennonite World Conference: Religiosity is widespread nonetheless godliness is scarce. In-depth Bible study and Christian education is now needed more than ever before, so that young Christians in the faith would be able to withstand the pressures of the charismatic awakening and steady their faith and growth in the knowledge of Christ Jesus.

—submitted by Africa EC members

Mennonite World Conference: Please continue to pray for Myanmar after the earthquake on 28 March 2025. Pray for a holistic recovery for people who were injured, and for rebuilding of all the infrastructure. Pray for the government and the local communities together to work hand in hand across all sectors to restore hope and livelihood, witnessing to Christ's love and peace in challenging times.