



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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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Carolyn Funk

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ludwig van Beethoven arr. Martha Mier

Call to Worship

The Soil and the Seed Project

People: God, may our whole lives be worship in you

Leader: God, help us understand

Your abundant mercy

And respond with worship

Offering our whole lives to you

People: God, may our whole lives be worship to you

Leader: God, renew our minds

And make us humble

As we offer our whole selves

To serve you, your church

and those around us

Sharing our gifts in community

People: God may our whole lives be worship to you

Hymn

What Is This Place

Voices Together 22

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Mike Matson

Hymn

There are Many Gifts

Voices Together 374

Scripture

Isaiah 51:1-6, Matthew 16:13-20, and Romans 12:1-8.

Sermon

The Foundation for Sharing Our Gifts

Kristin VanTassel

Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Voices Together 621

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Hymn *Rock of Ages* (Handout or Screen) Mennonite Hymnal 254

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Sing a New World into Being* Voices Together 809

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

Benediction

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Gathering in the Fellowship Room – *Rejoice* Devotional
- Scripture study in the basement

Upcoming Events

Saturday	August 29	Play Music on the Porch Day	6pm
Sunday	August 30	Worship Service – Back Lawn	10am
Wednesday	September 2	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	September 6	Worship Service – Season of Creation	10am
Sunday	September 13	Worship Service – Dawn Yoder Harms	10am

Worship Schedule

2026	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	PowerPoint	Greeter	Pianist
Today	Kristin VanTassel	Carolyn Funk	Mike Matson	Pete Smucker	Lee Walker	Donna Burnett
Next Sunday	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Annelle Claassen	Rebecca Thomson	Not needed	Lynn Newcomer	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2026	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/16	33		\$490.00	Special Needs \$42.67	\$532.67
August Totals			\$3,240.00	\$172.67	\$3,412.67

Local Announcements

Pastor Tammy's Office Hours: Wednesday's 9:30am to 5:30pm and Thursday mornings after 9:30 am. You are welcome to reach out to her anytime for Pastoral Care, Prayer Requests or just to visit- by phone or text 316-207-3472, email pastorsalinamennonite@gmail.com

Carolyn's Hours: 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.

Last Sunday's Worship: You are welcome to view last Sunday's service on YouTube. Go to YouTube.com and search for Salina Mennonite Church. Last Sunday's video is uploaded usually by Wednesday afternoon. The congregational sharing and prayer time is never recorded. The recording is paused during that time and resumed for the rest of the service.

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.

"Play Music on the Porch Day 2026" It takes place this Saturday, August 29, 2026, and is celebrated worldwide by simply going outside and playing music. Festivities start at **Salina Mennonite at 6pm** in the backyard with hot dogs and chips. We've got a great line-up of local musicians for the evening. Bring your lawn chairs!

WDC Library: If anyone is interested in getting books, fiction and non-fiction, from the Western District Library, please contact Carolyn. They have a great selection of current fiction of various genres and non-fiction books that we can have bundled and shipped to the church for a month at a time.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: – Give thanks for persons elected to new WDC leadership roles at Annual Assembly last weekend and pray for God's guidance and wisdom for them as they begin a new year of service.

Mennonite Women in Mission: IT'S TIME TO REGISTER for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Womens & Girls (ages 8 - high school) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Detailed schedule information and registration is at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org. The retreat theme is "My Time is in Your Hands" with session speakers Melissa Atchison & Audrey Ratzlaff. Girls leaders are Schyler Entz and Emily Brandt with an additional girls tie dye bandana session with Marla Sowatzky Rowe. Questions? Email mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com. Carolyn is going Saturday morning and coming back Sunday, if you need a ride!

Mennonite Mission Network: Christy Harrison, Peter Sensenig, and their three children are relocating from MontbéliardCalais, France, to Beirut, Lebanon, this month. This will be their second move to a new continent in under two years. Pray for them as they transition into their new home and say goodbye to the friends they made in France.

Mennonite Mission Network: Check it out – Ian Thomson is official as a Service Adventure Volunteer!
https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/2026-27-service-adventure-and-mvs-participants/?utm_source=Mission+Network+Subscriptions&utm_campaign=ec677011d6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6_11_2025_NB_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4c0f7be337-ec677011d6-53392013

Mennonite World Conference:

Beloved sisters and brothers,

Colombia was struck by a 7.4-magnitude earthquake 10 August 2026. It struck the Choco region with effects felt from Bogotá to parts of Ecuador. Pereira and Cali, cities with several MWC member congregations, were strongly affected. Additionally affected were a number of Mennonite Brethren congregations spread throughout Choco. Around 100 deaths had been reported at press time, with numbers expected to rise as disaster response crews deal with the damage. Please pray for our churches and for all those affected. Pray that people will react with generosity in this moment of crisis. May neighbors, rescue workers and government workers pull together across dividing lines to care for the greatest needs. May people mourn together the losses of lives, homes and livelihoods. Pray for newly elected President Abelardo de la Espriella as he deals with the disaster and its aftermath.

May our prayers move us to action.