



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 6, 2026
Season of Creation:
God's Shalom for
Our Common Home**

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Welcome

Lori Schmidt

Land Acknowledgement

(on back page)

Prelude

Great is thy Faithfulness

William Runyon arr. Zach James

Call to Worship

Leader: Listen. Let all who are thirsty, come.

Listen carefully. Let all who are thirsty, come.

People: We are thirsty, all of us—

the young, the old, the trees, the soil,

the creatures that fly, crawl, and swim—all of us,

sharing a common home and seeking abundant life.

**All: Together, let us seek and find ourselves,
in God's story of shalom.**

Hymn

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Voices Together 9

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Annelle Claassen

Creation Activity

Hymn

O Let All Who Thirst

Hymnal Worship Book 495

Words of Confession

(based on Psalm 36:3–9)

Leader: Source of nourishment and life:

All: We come to you in a spirit of humility,

aware of the many ways in which we have failed to act wisely or do good.

Leader: Our world seems committed to a path of destruction:

perpetual economic growth that depends on resource use and extraction

without respect for the limits of our shared planet,
or the inherent value of your creation.

***All: We have bought into a myth of scarcity, taken more than our fair share,
competed over your gifts, and accepted a global reality
where many of your children are hungry and thirsty.***

Leader: We know in our hearts that this is not your way,
and yet we struggle to find a better path.

Scripture	Isaiah 55:1–2; Matthew 7:7–12	Common English Bible
Sermon	Coming to the water	Tammy Duvanel Unruh
Hymn	Come to the Water	Voices Together 35

Words of Assurance

Leader: God of abundance, your love is limitless.

***All: Your mercy reaches out to the universe,
your faithfulness to the skies.***

***Your righteousness is like the highest mountains;
your justice is like the deepest oceans.***

Leader: Yet in your greatness, you still care for the “least of these:”
the most vulnerable among us, the tiniest of creatures,
the living systems that our economy would count as insignificant.

All: You provide enough for all of us to flourish.

Leader: We cannot manufacture this kind of love.
We cannot buy this kind of satisfaction.

***All: Let us invest in your dream for the earth, labor for your kin-dom.
We hunger and thirst for your justice as we come to your table—
a communion feast for all creatures.***

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Hymn	The Kingdom of God (2X)	Voices Together 799
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Community Life – Announcements

Hymn	The Peace of the Earth Be with You (2X)	Voices Together 838
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The Lord’s Prayer	Pray using the words “sins” and “those who sin against us.”	
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Benediction

Leader: Abundant life is all around and within us.

As we go, may God, the wellspring of that life,
nourish and sustain all of us who inhabit this common home.

***All: May we embrace God’s shalom in all its fullness
for the sake of this earth, our common home. Amen.***

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday	September 13	Worship Service – Dawn Yoder Harms	10am
Wednesday	September 16	Church Board	5pm
Sunday	September 20	Worship Service	10am
Sunday	September 20	Potluck	11:20am

Worship Schedule

2026	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	PowerPoint	Greeter	Pianist
Today	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Lori Schmidt	Annelle Claassen	Carolyn Funk	Tom Claassen	Donna Burnett
Next Sunday	Dawn Yoder Harms	Tom Claassen	Annelle Claassen	Miles Weathers	Mike Matson	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2026	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/30	27		\$75.00		\$75.00
Totals			\$3640.00	\$172.67	\$3812.67

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.

Creation Activity: Today we start a new worship series - *Season of Creation: God's Shalom for Our Common Home*. During this Season of Creation, we are encouraged to spend time appreciatively outdoors in creation. Actively honoring the sanctity of God's Creation. It invites us to tend to our relationships with creation in preparation for worship. Each week we will be given an activity and a reflection leading up to the next Sunday, bringing our experiences and elements of creation into the worship space. These items could be shared by being collected, reflected on, or photographed and brought to Sunday's service. **For next week** – take pictures of an outdoor space with plants, animals or people. Submit photos to Carolyn by Thursday or Bring Photos Sunday. A Reflection Sheet is on the back table.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: – Pray for participants of all ages who will gather this Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS, for Art, Improv, and Lego are Worship, Too – a WDC Kids Meet Christ event for parents, children, leaders, and anyone who wants to see what is possible when all ages are fully engaged in worship!

Mennonite Church USA: Webinar on journaling and wellness

Join The Corinthian Plan on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. ET for “Journaling: Writing Toward Wellness.” Well-being specialists Anne Blackwood and Ruth Johnston will explore journaling as a practice for well-being, psycho-spiritual health and spiritual growth.

Register for the free webinar here: <https://bit.ly/4wHS1tX>

- Download a slide (PDF) for congregational announcements: <https://bit.ly/3SxN8pd>

Mennonite Mission Network: South Sudan has been experiencing escalating conflict, ecological disaster, economic decline, widespread displacement and mass immigration, which has created immense stress for the small country. Pray for immediate support for the South Sudan Mennonite Church and other organizations to be able to provide basic food items to vulnerable households.

Mennonite Central Committee is evaluating, working with local partners, and responding to recent disasters, please join us in supporting: Nepal flooding response: MCC is responding to the impact of deadly flooding in Nepal. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, supplies and trauma support to those in need. We welcome your donations. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/nepal-flooding
Colombia earthquake: MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/colombia-earthquake

Land Acknowledgement: In our desire for God's shalom, we choose to embrace all who inhabit our common home. At the same time, we are confronted with hard truths rooted in broken histories. We acknowledge that “we are related to the earth and all its many creatures with inseparable lines of connection,” but those relationships are fragile. We acknowledge that “we are gathering today on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples.” Including Kaw or Kansa, Kiowa, Osage, Pawnee, and Arapaho. For settlers and newcomers, worshiping here comes with “specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with the Indigenous hosts on this land.” Shalom is no small task. We give thanks to Creator, and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations. We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and worship here, as we witness the reconciling movement of the Spirit and seek to live into right relations with our Indigenous neighbors and all of creation. We recommit ourselves to God's vision of shalom for our common home and for all who inhabit it.