

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.

October 4, 2026
Season of Creation:
God's Shalom for Our Common Home

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Welcome Annelle Claassen

Land Acknowledgement (on back page)

Prelude *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Charles Rigoulot

Call to Worship

Leader: Listen. Creation is singing!
Listen carefully. Creation is singing a song of joy and peace.
People: We are created beings, all of us—
born of a creator who inspires us to work together
to regenerate life in every part of our common home.
Leader: Listen. Creation is singing a song of joy and peace,
healing and transformation, that we can embrace as our vocation.
All: Together, let us celebrate the eternal promise of an eternal God
— the promise of shalom.

Hymn *All Creatures, Worship God Most High (vs 1-4)* Voices Together 81

Greet those around you

Storytelling Annelle Claassen

Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Voices Together 177

Words of Confession

Leader: God of transformation
All: We still wait for your healing.
We still feel overwhelmed by the brokenness
in our lives and in our world.
Leader: We confess that we do not always
live as salt of the earth or shine with your light.

All: Sometimes we forget your hopes and dreams for us.
Sometimes we forget to celebrate the gift
and embrace the responsibility of being alive
in this time and place.

Scripture *Isaiah 55:12–13; Matthew 5:13–16*

Sermon *Singing with Creation* Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Hymn *Creation Is a Song* Voices Together 181

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news!
You will go out with joy and be led back in peace.
God is already at work, restoring soil and soul.
All: We turn to God and we are embraced
with loving-kindness and compassion.
Let us join in creation's song!

Celebration of Communion World Communion Sunday

Hymn Come to the Table of Grace Voices Together 461

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Touch the Earth Lightly* Voices Together 145

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

Benediction

Leader: Creation is bursting with life and sound that have inspired our songs this morning.
As we go from here, may we extend the celebration,
knowing that our worship, like God's shalom, is not bound by space or time.
May God's mercy take root in our lives, so that we might be transformed
together with all of creation as a witness to God's steadfast love.
All: May we boldly proclaim the news of God's inbreaking shalom
upon 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

Wednesday	October 7	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	October 11	Worship Service – Pursuing God's Justice in a Thirsty Land - 1	10am
Wednesday	October 14	Deep & Wide/SMC 2.0	6:30pm
Sunday	October 18	Worship Service - Pursuing God's Justice in a Thirsty Land - 2	10am
Sunday	October 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:20am
Wednesday	October 21	Church Board Meeting	5pm
Sunday	October 25	Worship Service - Pursuing God's Justice in a Thirsty Land - 3	10am

Worship Schedule

2026	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	PowerPoint	Greeter	Pianist
Today	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Annelle Claassen	Annelle Claassen	Gerald Funk	Lori Schmidt	Donna Burnett
Next Sunday	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Lynn Newcomer	Tom Claassen	Miles Weathers	Mandy Ediger	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2026	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
9/27	28		$1800.00		$1800.00
Totals			Rent $375.00 $4760.00	Insurance – Roof - $31,816.17	$36,951.17

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.

Special Needs Fund: It has been our tradition as part of the sharing table to have a special offering. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation. A basket is on the back table, or you may designate it on your regular offering check.

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.

The SMC Board would like to remind everyone to contact the Trustees directly for any building or financial concerns. **The Trustees** are Butch Stucky, Lynn Newcomer, and Mark Krehbiel. Thank you.

Blessing Box: We encourage everyone to bring non-perishable items to replenish the food reserves.

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.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for participants and leaders in the Faithful Response Immigration Gathering in Texas beginning today, as an ecumenical event co-sponsored by a variety of church groups including WDC to build skills and relationships to respond to the current crisis of immigration detention and deportation.

Bethel College's 2026 Fall Fest is Oct. 14-18, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 17, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Tabor), the musical The Spitfire Grill by James Valcq and Fred Alley, an artist and exhibit reception for Professor Emeritus of Art Bob Regier, and a 75th-anniversary celebration of the Bethel-Wuppertal student exchange. See the complete schedule here - https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/

Mennonite Church USA: *Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit*
Join Mennonite Church USA on Nov. 6-7 in Leola, Pennsylvania, for "Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit," a two-day gathering to explore faithful responses to war, political polarization, nationalism and violence through an Anabaptist lens. High school youth attend free when accompanied by a youth pastor or sponsor. Learn more and register here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/

Mennonite Mission Network: On August 26, Nepal experienced a severe flood that resulted in severe damage to buildings and infrastructure, as well as the deaths of several thousand people, many of whom are still missing or unidentified. Pray for the people of Nepal who have lost their homes and loved ones.

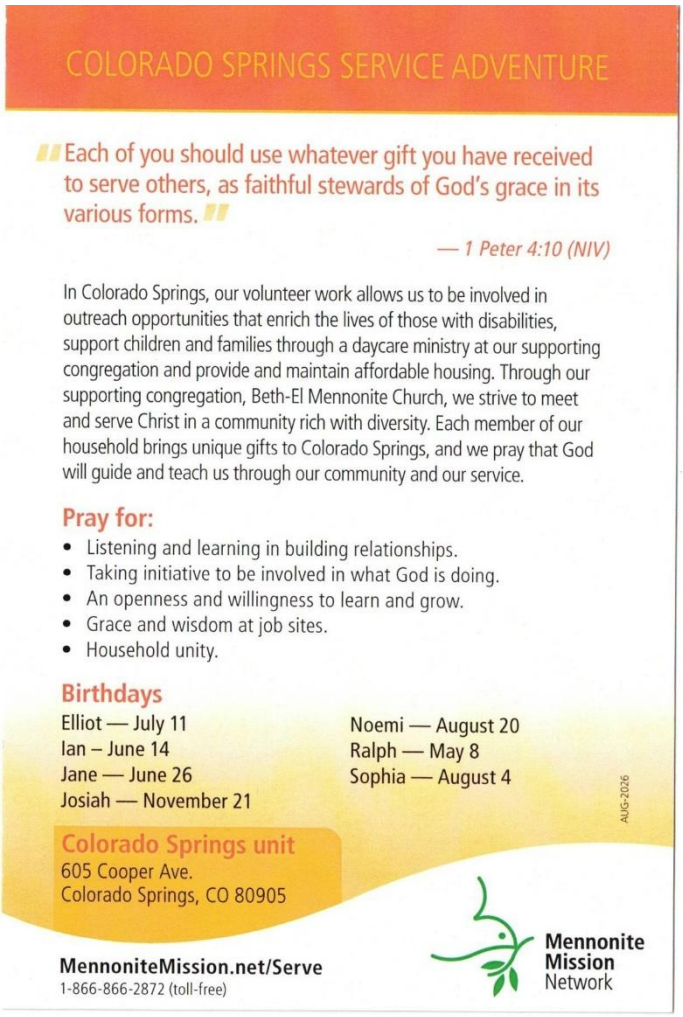
Mennonite World Conference: We pray for people who have been detained by immigration enforcement in the United States, including families that have been separated after the arrests. We pray for the violence to stop, for families to be reunited, and for a fair process to be honored.
—Linda Dibble, United States, MWC Executive Committee

MCC: Sign up to participate in the Conscientious Objection: understanding the legacy and what it means today webinar, Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. CDT/6 p.m. MDT. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register at mcc.org/co-today and contact beckyteiwes@mcc.org for more information.

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.

From Ian Thomson: *To Salina Mennonite Church, I hope you all have had a good year since I left for Service Adventure. I Thank you for all the donations you have given. Thank You for praying for me and I thank you for all the support you give me. Without your guidance I would not have gone to service Adventure. May God bless you and all that you do.*





How to Give to Support Ian Thomson's Service Adventure!

Ian is serving with Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure program in Colorado Springs. His placement is at **Our House – Bright** Futures – a day habilitation program and residential services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Ian joined to "better understand what I can do to serve God," and he is eager to "better understand what God has planned for me and learn how to live outside of my family."

Ian asks for prayer as he begins living away from his parents for the first time, that his placement will be a good fit, and that he finds common ground with his unit.

If you'd like to support Ian financially: Go to mennonitemission.net, click on the green Donate button, then click on the green Give button – located under the blue and white peace dove logo and follow the instructions for a one time or recurring gift.

Thank you for supporting Ian!