Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 WORSHIP

Prelude singing Call to worship Worship in song

Children's time

Scripture: Jeremiah 3:11-18

Sermon: The Shepherd's Role by Krista Dutt

Songs

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Announcements

Sending

We walk forward, eyes fixed on the horizon.

Our hand is on the plow tilling new rows.

We will plant the seeds of faith,

We are good farmers,

We've prepared the ground,

The rocky soil is broken

The clay soil is mixed with loam,

The deer paths are wasted by the plow,

We are ready to plant,

Go therefore, sow the good seed, God will bring forth the harvest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes: Age 3 – 7th grade (basement) Youth & Adult class: Sharing from Krista Dutt

Special thanks to Krista Dutt for sharing with us in our worship and joint adult Sunday school class. Krista works as the Program Coordinator for Chicago and Church Relations Associate for Illinois with MCC Great Lakes and lives in Chicago.

The plastic bank passed during the offering time is for coins (50 cents or so). This symbolizes our desire to combat world hunger. Proceeds are divided between MCC hunger projects and the local food pantry.

Next Sunday, August 7: We will join the other churches of Tiskilwa at the West Park at 10:30 am for worship. Bring a lawn chair or sit at the picnic tables in the pavilion. There will be no worship service or Sunday school in the Willow Springs building.

Mennonite Women will meet Thursday, August 4, 9 am in the church basement. Bring a sack lunch, bring a friend, and join us for a time of service and fellowship. Our project for the months of August and September is **school kits**. Pick up a bag with list of items needed on the "Mennonite Women" table.

Church board meeting, Thursday, August 4. 7:30 pm in the home of Cal Zehr. Faith sharing by Ellen Davis Zehr.

Thanks for filling out the 2016-17 Sunday School and Church Office Worksheet. If you did not fill one out yet, please do so today and place it in Cal's box. Extra copies can be found under the mailboxes.

Congratulations to Jenna Zehr and Kevin Prahl in their wedding held yesterday in Elkhart, Indiana!

Again and again, "Thank You" for your generosity for the bathroom/drainage project, giving over \$18,000! At the same time, our normal budget giving is lacking about \$7,500 with one month remaining in the fiscal year. We have three offerings left in August and need about \$16,000 to cover budget and \$13,800 additional to cover our target to give to other organizations like Menno Haven, MDS, IMC, WUNT, etc.

Menno Haven is having a Back to School party Tuesday, August 9 for people to enjoy the grounds one last time before school starts! The gym, climbing wall, and swimming pool will all be available. You may come early and have a picnic on your own, then stay for an evening meal and s'mores provided by Menno Haven to close out the day. A fee of \$7 for individuals (\$20 family cap) will help cover equipment use and food.

CALENDAR

August 28 Early Willow Springs worship, 8:15 am
Bureau County Fair Worship service, 10 am
August 29 Open Table meal – Willow Springs provides vegetable