

Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:30 am

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Meeting ID: 474 345 0556 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship – Pam Kaufmann

Call to worship VT#866

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Marilyn Eigsti

Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 31

Sermon - Gideon Presentation: Expanding the Body of Christ one Church at a Time by Warren Searles

Song

Sharing/Pastoral prayer After prayer times “Lord, in your mercy” respond with “hear our prayer.” - Ellen Davis Zehr

Announcements:

The Willow Springs Discernment Committee has asked **Dale Bachman to serve as an elder**. The Elder Job description and a sample affirmation ballot were posted in the bulletin board on 2/4/24. His name will be presented next week for congregational affirmation.

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for February is Gideon's International. If you would like to give to the **Gideon's, a special offering will be collected TODAY**. Thank you all for supporting organizations connected to Willow Springs.

Our church building needs a new roof! We plan for a new steel, hidden fastener roof to last for decades to come! If you would like to help with the project, please mark your check – Building Fund.

Willow Springs Retreat

Saturday evening, February 24

5:45 pm Gathering

6:00 pm Puerto Rican Supper - Please sign up.

Fellowship – table games, collage/color, cards, music, conversation, puzzles, children's activities.

Evening Prayers - *Anabaptist Prayer Book*

Sunday morning, February 25

9:30 am Worship – Morning Prayers, *Anabaptist Prayer Book*

Fellowship – table games, collage/color, cards, music, conversation, puzzles, children's activities.

Lunch – Sandwich and Salad Carry In Meal

The retreat concludes after lunch.

Goals: Fellowship, Eat together, Anabaptist Prayer Book worship.

CALENDAR

February 8 Gideon's Sunday
February 8 -18 Cal and Carol vacation
February 11 Ash Wednesday/Lent begins
February 18 First Sunday of Lent
February 24/25 Willow Springs Retreat

Sending: #1059 Go in peace!

Online giving option: <https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Unity and Diversity in the Body

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Love Is Indispensable And yet I will show you the most excellent way.