Willow Springs Worship

May 26, 2024. 9:30 am

zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4743450556

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

Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship – Carol Zehr

Call to worship: Sing the Story #189

Prayer SS#197

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Connie Kauffman

Scriptures — Mark 12:28-34, 1 Cor. 13:1-13

Sermon - "_____is patient and kind."

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

After prayer times "Lord, in your mercy" respond with "hear our prayer."

Song

Announcements:

It is time to renew our group subscription

to Anabaptist World, the denominational periodical. If you currently receive it, your subscription for the coming year will continue unless you tell me otherwise. If you don't currently receive it, consider placing your name on the list. It's a great publication for keeping up with all aspects of Mennonites and other Anabaptists. Please let me know by June 9 if you would like to receive it. The church pays for your subscription. -- Marilyn Eigsti

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for May is Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center If you would like to give to MH, **make a notation on the memo line of a check.** Thank you all for supporting organizations ministering to many.

Our church building desperately needs a **new roof** sooner than later. We plan for a new steel, hidden fastener roof to last for decades to come. Hopefully it will be installed in August! Take a look at the visual on the bulletin board for the giving project progress. THANK YOU!

CALENDAR

May 27 MH Rally Day/Annual mtg

Sending: Sing the Journey #159

Sending Song: The Lord Lift You Up VT#832

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

John Mark 12:28-34

The Greatest Commandment

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

- 32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."
- 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.
- 1 Corinthians 12:31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.
- 1 Corinthians 13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness

comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.