

# Willow Springs Worship

September 29, 2024. 9:30 am.

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## Welcome and Call to worship

Sing the Story #190 Anna Zehr

**Songs** - Ellen Davis Zehr

**Children's time** – Connie Kauffman

**Scriptures** – Romans 13:8-14,  
1 Corinthians 13:13

**Sermon** - Hour Glass:

Love the Priority of the Moment

Remain in Love

**Songs**

**Sharing/Pastoral prayer**

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

**Song**

**Announcements:**

We affirmed the **2024-25 Willow Springs Sunday School and Church Office affirmation ballot** last Sunday. Thanks for supporting Willow Springs with your gifts and energy!

Join Menno Haven **Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 & 2 from 8-4** for their Fall Work Days! Come volunteer, meet others who love camp and enjoy a meal. For more information talk to Deb, and sign up at [mennohaven.com/work-day](http://mennohaven.com/work-day). We'd love to see you here!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for Sept./Oct. is Aruka. Lori Christopherson from Aruka will be sharing with us next Sunday, October 6. If you would like to give to the organization, **make a notation on the memo line of a check.** Thank you all for supporting organizations ministering to many.

### **Hungry World Farm Fall Schedule:**

**October 4, 5, 11** – Pizza Nights, 4:30-7:30pm.

**October 5**, Harvest Festival, 2-5 and pizza night, 5-8. Volunteers are needed for welcome booth, parking, kid's activities, possibly a tractor driver, etc. To help, please contact Sam. 319-800-5555

**October 19**, Fall work day, 8 to noon. Lunch provided.

### **NEW! HWF Sunday Brunch**

**October 13, 20, 27** 10am to 1:00pm with Fall Leaf Forest Tours following brunch.

Thanks for all the wonderful support from Willow Springs for HWF over these 7 years!!!

Free lecture recommended by the Elders — in person and livestreamed: **How to Challenge**

**Christian Nationalism: Building Peace in an Age of Extremism**, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6–

7 p.m. CDT Kern Road Mennonite Church, 18211 Kern Road, South Bend, Indiana.

The event will also be livestreamed. Drew Strait, PhD, Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, will share insights from his new book, Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism Learn about why Christian nationalism is a threat to democracy and the church's witness, and how faith communities can counter political idolatry, radicalization and violent extremism. <https://www.ambs.edu/learn-now/what-is-christian-nationalism/>

**Thanks again for our Congregation/Pastor journey for the last 33 years!** You are a special people of the Spirit gathering together as Willow Springs. The Lord will go before you in the pastoral search!

I will be taking a break for the month of October and then begin as an IMC Conference Minister on November 1, 1/4 time.

Thanks so much for the retirement love gift from you all! I've use some of it to buy a large photo of the Willow Springs building and begin saving for a dream trip to Ephesus and the Island of Patmos where John wrote The Book of Revelation. Love in Christ, Cal

## **CALENDAR**

**September 30** – Cal retires from full time ministry. **October 8** – AMBS Chistian Nationalism Onlione Lecture.

Please begin to use [WillowSpringsMenno@gmail.com](mailto:WillowSpringsMenno@gmail.com) for church emailing

**Sending:** Sing the Journey #159

**Sending Song:** The Lord Lift You Up

VT#832

Online giving option:

<https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

#### Romans 13:8-14 Love Fulfills the Law

**8** Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. **9** The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

#### The Day Is Near

**11** And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. **12** The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. **13** Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. **14** Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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