

Willow Springs Worship

October 6, 2024. 9:30 am.

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Welcome and Call to worship

Voices Together #854 – Anna Zehr

Prayer # 976

Songs – Ellen Davis-Zehr

Open My Eyes #732

There is a Balm in Gilead #647

Children's time – Connie Krabill

Scriptures – Luke 4:14-44

Sermon/Input – Arukah Institute of Healing

Lori Christopherson

Song

Will You Come and Follow Me #540

Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

Song

Announcements

CALENDAR

October 8 AMBS Christian Nationalism Online Lecture

October 11 Mennonite Women 9:30 am

October 13 Input by Dennis Zehr

October 16 Church Board meeting

October 20 Input by Phil Kaufmann

Sending – VT# 904

Sending Song – Sent Forth by God's Blessing VT#812

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for Sept./Oct. is Arukah. Thank you to Lori Christopherson from Arukah for sharing with us today! 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 11 Pizza Night, 4:30-7:30pm.

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 live streamed: **How to Challenge Christian Nationalism: Building Peace in an Age of Extremism**, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6–7 p.m. CDT 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/>

Illinois Mennonite Heritage Center's fall meeting is Saturday, Oct. 19, 10:00 am with the focus of Mennonites and War II: WWII and Vietnam. Fellowship meal to follow. Everyone is welcome!

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 used 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

If pastoral care is needed, please contact an Elder: Dale Bachman, Ellen Davis-Zehr, Pam Kaufmann, or Elvin Krabill

Anna Zehr will be putting together the worship sheet and checking the WillowSpringsMenno@gmail.com account. Please send emails to be forwarded to the church this address. If you are not receiving these emails, let Anna know.

Luke 4:14-44

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. **15** He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."^[f]

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

23 Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

24 “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. **25** I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. **26** Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. **27** And there were many in Israel with leprosy^[g] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. **29** They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. **30** But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. **32** They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, **34** “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

35 “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” **37** And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

Jesus Heals Many

38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. **39** So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. **41** Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. **43** But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” **44** And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.