

Willow Springs Worship

May 25, 2025 9:30 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 587 984 3427

Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #922 – Eldon Eigsti

Prayer VT #1033

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Beth Gerig

Scripture – Mark 4:35-41 NRSV

Sermon – Joe Culpepper

Maybe Jesus Wants Us to Stop!

Songs – VT #286 Fierce Raged the Tempest

Sharing and prayer – Pam Kaufmann

Song

Announcements

Sending – VT #1050

Sending Song

Calendar

May 26 Rally Day at Menno Haven Camp

June 1-2 Vacation Bible School

June 4 Church Board, 7:30 pm

June 8 Pentecost Worship: VBS Day 3

June 11 Elders meeting, 7:00 pm

June 13 Mennonite Women, 9:30 am

Thank you to Joe Culpepper for bringing the message today!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for May/June is Hungry World Farm ([HWF](#)). If you would like to give to the organization, write a check to Willow Springs and **make a notation on the memo line**. Thank you for supporting organizations ministering to many.

Menno Haven's Rally Day - Monday, May 26th - Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the Menno Haven campus and facilities as we celebrate the beginning of a new summer camp season! Join us for the Summer Program Dedication at 11:00am and for a Potluck Lunch with Menno Haven providing their traditional BBQ chicken and drinks at noon. Please bring a side dish, salad and/or dessert to share and your own tableware. Zoom down the zipline, kayak or pedal boat around the lake, and/or take a hayrack ride in the afternoon. To

RSVP for the meal and for more details, go to www.mennohaven.com/rallyday or talk to our Menno Haven Rep. Deb Borys.

Monday, May 26, 2025 at 9:00am at Menno Haven's Lakeview Lodge, Association Members will be meeting during Rally Day. One item of business will be reviewing and voting on changes to the Association Constitution.

We will be having **Vacation Bible School** on Sunday and Monday, June 1 and June 2 from 9:30 to 2:00. The theme is Catch the Spirit! There will be three age group classes: PreK&K, primary/middlers, and adults. We invite the whole congregation to experience Bible School through joining us on Sunday and anyone who wishes to join on Monday as well! On Sunday we will have a sandwich, salad, and dessert **carry-in meal**. On Monday attendees should **pack a sack lunch** and bring a water bottle. Let Beth know if you will be attending. See email with additional details.

The Illinois Mennonite Conference is currently seeking a **part-time or volunteer Bookkeeper** to support IMC's financial operations. (Compensation is available for those preferring a paid role, though it may also be filled as a volunteer opportunity.) This is a flexible, remote role that requires just 10–12 hours per month and includes full training. This position plays a vital role in maintaining the financial health and integrity of the Conference, and they welcome applicants who are detail-oriented, organized, and aligned with the mission of IMC. Interested? Contact Anna Zehr for more information.

Amy Cline is looking for a good used recliner chair for her apartment. If you might be able to help her out with this need, you can contact her directly or contact Ellen or Dennis.

3/16 transitional pastor update: Pastor Phil Waite will join us in mid-July, to assist as we discern what comes next for Willow Springs. This process will require time, thought and energy. We hope all of you will be willing to put in this energy. We have work ahead of us! If you have questions about this process, please talk with one of the Elders.

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

Mark 4:35-41 NRSV

Jesus Stills a Storm

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." **36** And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. **37** A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **39** And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. **40** He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"