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Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle
7300 Belvidere Road, Caledonia, Illinois 61011

May 2016

Few concepts are more muddled than identity and purpose—*who* I am, as opposed to *why* I am. The same can be said about a church's missional identity and purpose, terms that can mean anything or sometimes nothing at all. This presents quite the challenge—a challenge of words/language and imagination! Today's secular culture has fostered in our language and our imagination a kind of materialistic spirituality. It can be subtle. Religious and spiritual words are used, but the language turns our focus to activities of the church or to the benefits people receive. God is implied, but is that enough, especially in a culture defined more and more by a theology that is deist, moral, and therapeutic?

A core concept of a missional perspective is God has the mission, and God's mission has the church (paraphrased from one of our New Beginnings lessons last Fall). We do not have to go searching for identity and purpose, or even catchy words or mission statements ("A Faith Community, Growing Together, Sharing the Love of Christ" has and will continue to describe us well, I hope!). Rather, our task is to gain clarity about God's mission in the world and God's particular purposes for us within that mission.

This requires an act of faith: to believe God is truly present and at work, in each of our lives, in our lives together here, and in our wider neighborhood or community! God is at work through our celebration of Word and Sacrament (worship) to develop the body of Christ (community) and the work of God (mission) that sends the body of Christ into the world. God has a purpose in gathering, growing, and sending us out again!

When I came to this congregation, it seemed to have grown dispirited, to have lost touch with its sense of purpose. Years ago it had chosen not to purchase the Argyle school and to focus ministry where we are as an act of faithfulness. The faithfulness to that vision had grown weary, however, as the focus turned inward to surviving and keeping everyone happy. Looking forward to beginning my sixth year here in September, and having been deeply blessed by my time with you so far, I ask you now to turn from asking, "Why did we do this or that?" or "How might things have been different now, if only...?" to asking, "Why did God birth us here in the first place?" Let's turn our attention away from ourselves and back to God, and to the privilege of serving God's purposes. The hands of God have created this community of faith; God's Spirit grows and develops us together, that we may be the hands and spirit of God widely sharing the love of Christ!

The common refrain is that money follows mission. Missional identity and purpose are acts of vision: to see God at work among us, to know our purpose, our privilege, our Calling to serve. We are here to love one another as Christ has loved us (fellowship); we are here to grow and change and learn together (discipleship); we are here to share the love of Christ (mission)! I believe people increasingly are drawn to an identity and purpose that loves and develops and then turns the congregation out into the world. In a world of secular spirituality, the language of God's forming and sending stands out in a sea of bland secular jargon, and is absolutely captivating!

God's Spirit is at work in us. God's mission is at work through us. Christ's love is at work in the world through us. The Bible says, "We have been sent to speak for Christ" (2 Cor 5:20). We are the messengers of God's love and purposes to the world, won't you join us? It is said that when there is clarity and passion about God's mission, strong financial stewardship follows. So, let's get clear and passionate and put our lives to work for God. Let's each give of our time, our talent, and our treasure as we give our church to God's mission and purpose!

Pastor Judith



We thank all who have signed up to host Fellowship on Sunday mornings. We hope you will also help us provide refreshments on the blank Sundays. When you are baking at home, bake extra for the church. We will “Bank Baked Goods” in the freezer (labeled & dated) and get them out for Fellowship whenever we have a blank Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP RECOGNITION

ABOVE and BEYOND the CALL of DUTY recognizes individuals, couples or groups that serve God through Willow Creek Presbyterian Church.



Nominations forms can be obtained on the welcome stand outside Fellowship Hall near the Education Wing. Completed nominations can be deposited in the box on the welcome stand. Nominations can also be made directly to members of the Mission, Membership and Stewardship Committee (David Ensminger, Pat Nortch, Delores Hall, Jim Hall) or Pastor Judith. The Stewardship Recognition award was recently presented to Kim Reid and Loren Buffington. Congratulations!



Mission & New Beginnings

One leg of the New Beginnings was to get us out into the community. Willow Creek is planning to have a booth at the GPS Farmers Market this summer. The market opens May 26 and runs through September 22, that is a Thursday from 3 – 7 p.m. We hope you will want to be a part of this “adventure” either by supplying produce from your gardens, baked goods, plants, soaps, or other homemade items. Since this will be a first time experience for all of us, we thought we could learn (and possibly host a market here in the future) from the GPS people since their Market is established and successful. We hope you will plant an extra row of something in your garden, perhaps bring some berries, breads, etc. They even have live music from 5-7 p.m. and hot food. It could be an afternoon/evening out. There will be opportunities to man the booth as well as come to shop. GPS is located on North Second Street in Machesney Park, about ½ mile north of 173. We need to begin to plan now, May is just a wink away. If you have any questions, ask Pastor or one of our elders. **Please watch for sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall!** Thank you!



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 The Credo board and future candidate's that will be benefit from our weekend retreats would like to thank you for your generous donation.
 Because you have donated we can invite more people that are struggling with addiction to attend a chain breaking weekend.
 Thank you,
 ILLINOIS CREDO RECOVERY

May 15 is Pentecost. Let's all wear out flame colors of red, yellow, orange and the like to celebrate this important day of the Church Year.



Choir Rehearsal:

Sunday, May 1, 15, 22, 29 @ 8:30 am
 Chancel Choir Sings for Worship May 1, 15, 22, 29

Young Peoples Choir Rehearsal:

Sunday, May 1 @ 11:00 am & May 8 @ 9:15 am
 Young People's Choir Sings for Worship May 8

Willow Creek Youth Group

Sun, May 1, 1-3pm – Games & Lesson
 Sat, June 4-5, Time TBD, Lock-In
 July 18-23, 2016 – PYT



Jack and the collection of pins traded from other youth around the globe.



Skyler at one of the pre-worship rallies. Are you in God's hands?



Jack, Sara & Skyler enjoying the youth hangout space.



Help them GO! PYT is a life giving, life changing, faith moving experience! As the world changes, society shifts – and the church expands – the need for vibrant young Presbyterians grows. Help your young people **GO** to the next great place in their faith! Donate now to help offset the \$700+ cost per individual.

NOTE: We'll spend the night at Stronghold on **July 18th**. PYT is for high school age youth, incoming freshmen to graduated seniors.





Mariners

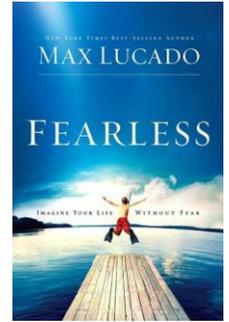
Tuesday, May 10 @ 11:30 am at the Stockholm Inn
Jim & Delores Hall hosting

Study Group

Wednesday, June 8

6 pm to 8:30 pm (come for as long as you can) @ Mary's Market
We've decided to take a break from meaty biblical, or historical, or theological books and read something spiritually uplifting.

We plan to discuss the full book together in June, and then pick our next book to read. Come join us, even if you haven't been able to read the book.
The fellowship and conversation is **energizing!**



Martha Ruth Circle

Tuesday, May 24 @ 9:30 am
at the home of Delores Hall; Sue Brick will conduct the lesson



Church Office Closed
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30



Summer Office Hours

Effective Tuesday, May 31
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 am to Noon



WCPC Operating Statistics March 2016

Expenses exceeded revenues by an average of \$4,771.22 per month for the 1st quarter of 2016. At this rate, the Church will need to rely on invested assets every 5-6 months to meet daily operations.



WCPC Operating Statistics March 2016

Income	8,431.00
Expenses	<u>12,612.00</u>
Excess/(Deficit)	(4,181.00)

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME and EXPENSE
 Actual vs Budget
 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

		Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES:				
	Contributions - General	35,025	25,655	(9,370)
	Contributions - Special	338	180	(158)
	Other Income	1,331	2,163	832
	Endowment	-	-	-
	School & Event	125	-	(125)
	Total Revenue	36,819	27,998	(8,821)
EXPENSES:				
MINISTRY OF:				
	Personnel	29,472	28,048	1,424
	Christian Ed & Youth	1,344	1,271	73
	Music & Worship	901	745	156
	Member & Stewardship	300	380	(80)
	Building & Grounds	12,012	11,843	169
	Session	1,416	25	1,391
	Deacons	50	-	50
	Missions - Budgeted	300	-	300
	- Unbudgeted	-	-	-
	Total Expense	45,795	42,312	3,483
	Change in cash from operations	(8,976)	(14,314)	(5,338)
OTHER:				
	Dedicated Accounts, Pre-School & Liabilities	-	3,440	(3,440)
	Net Cash Transfers To/(From) Investments	-	-	-
	Change in cash since January 1, 2016	(8,976)	(17,754)	(8,778)



Mark Your Calendars EVENTS



2016 Willow Creek Summer Camp – Monday, June 27th - Friday, July 1 Opportunities for Everyone!

Pre-K	(ages 4-5)	Vacation Bible School
Elementary	(Grades 1-5)	Stronghold Day Camp
Middle School	(Grades 6-8)	Local Mission Tour
High School	(Grades 9-12)	Summer Camp Crew



Sunday, July 24, 2016
Worship in the Park
Rock Cut State Park
Lions Club Pavilion
(Handicap parking available)
A potluck picnic will be planned afterwards.



Sunday, September 18

Kirkin' o' The Tartans

Contact Lucas Greenlee if you would like to be a part of the Planning Committee





SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PENTECOST **Sunday, May 15**



BECAUSE WE CARE SO DEEPLY FOR THEM

We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but also our very lives because we cared for you so much.

—1 THESSALONIANS 2:8

VOLUNTEERING WITH YOUTH GROUP INSPIRES IDEA FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NONPROFIT

BECOMES AN EDUCATOR WORKING WITH LOCAL AT-RISK YOUTH

TRIENNium SOLIDIFIES CALLING TO A LIFE IN YOUTH MINISTRY

SHARE GLADLY & SHAPE OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

Give to the Pentecost Offering, and you help provide opportunities for our young people to forge a deep and lasting faith on which to grow and build their lives.

40% stays with your congregation » Developing and supporting programs for children at risk, youth, and young adults in your own church and community

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) » Providing opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service

25% goes to Ministries with Youth » Helping to guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word

10% advocates for at-risk children » Supporting vital ministries to improve education and provide a safe haven for children across the globe



Matsiko World Orphan Choir

will share cultures and stories through song and dance at

Third Presbyterian Church

1221 Custer Ave.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

At 7:00 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

www.matsikochoir.com

May 2016 All Church Calendar

Sun 5/1	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Children K-8 th and Adult)
	10:00 am	Worship with Traditional Communion; Chancel Choir Sings
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Young People's Choir Rehearsal
	1:00-3:00 pm	Youth Group
	5:00-6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Wed 5/4	11:00 am	Preschool Sing
	7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Session Meeting
Thur 5/5	Noon	Pastor-Stateline Clergy Lunch
Sun 5/8	9:15 am	Young People's Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Children K-8 th and Adult)
	10:00 am	Worship; Mother's Day; Youth Recognition Sunday; Young People's Choir Sings
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	5:00-6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Mon 5/9	9:00 am	Mission/Membership/Stewardship Meeting
Tue 5/10	<i>11:30 am</i>	<i>Mariners</i>
Wed 5/11	<i>7:30-9:30 am</i>	<i>Pastor Coffee Shop Hours @ Caffeined in Roscoe</i>
Thur 5/12	1:00 pm	Deacon Meeting
Fri 5/13	3:15-5:45 pm	Girl Scouts Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
Sun 5/15	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship; Pentecost Sunday; Mission of the Mth-Pentecost Offering; Chancel Choir Sings
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	5:00-6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Mon 5/16	---	Pastor Study Leave 5/16 thru 5/22
Tue 5/17	8:00 am	Buildings & Grounds Meeting
	6:00-8:00 pm	Grief Support Group
Thur 5/19	---	Last Day of Preschool
Fri 5/20	---	Streamer Submission Deadline
Sun 5/22	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship; Chancel Choir Sings; Pulpit Supply-Phyllis Mueller
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	5:00-6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Tue 5/24	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Martha Ruth Circle – Delores Hall Hosting</i>
Wed 5/25	<i>7:30-9:30am</i>	<i>Pastor Coffee Shop Hours @ Meg's Daily Grind on McFarland</i>
Fri 5/27	3:15-5:45 pm	Girl Scouts Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
Sun 5/29	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Children K-8 th and Adult)
	10:00 am	Worship; Chancel Choir Sings
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	5:00-6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Mon 5/30	---	Memorial Day Office Closed
Tue 5/31	---	Summer Office Hrs Begin; Tue, Wed, Thurs, 8:30-noon
	6:00-8:00 pm	Grief Support Group

There is so much need and suffering in the world today, many barely have time to take care of themselves, much less give their time away. "Give time to the community! I hardly have time to clean my house, mow my lawn, or take my kids to their events." It sounds like the cliché reaction we have to anything that seems difficult, even impossible to do. "Save money for my retirement? I don't have any money to spare." "Workout? I have been running around all week, that's my workout." Many of us have likely uttered at least one such excuse over the years and may yet use one in the future. "Write an article for the Newsletter? I don't have that kind of time." That one may have been uttered by more than one of us when the deadline reminder appeared in our inboxes recently.

So what if no one volunteered? Stop by your local grade school with an eye for volunteers and you will see them all over the place. They help create a positive learning environment for the students and help teachers teach all hours of the day. They make sure the kids get to their classrooms, serve as homeroom hosts (we used to call them room moms), help children with arts and crafts or science or math, read or even listen to children read books in the library. Volunteers also help the children at lunch and recess, not to mention behind the scenes help with copies for teachers or stuffing folders for families.

At museums they are there taking tickets, giving tours, or hosting events. Hospice vigil volunteers sit with people close to death, making sure no one dies alone. Volunteer truck drivers collect donations for the Salvation Army or pick up families for MELD support groups. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers are everyday citizens appointed by judges to speak on behalf of children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. There are even popcorn volunteers who swoop in to make popcorn for residents of an assisted living center,, which can be set up in almost any area of town, on any day of the week.

Volunteermatch.org is a website whose sole purpose is to find people and match those people to volunteer positions in the area. The site will help you match yourself to the type of volunteering needed. In the Caledonia area there are 130 postings for volunteers needed as of Thursday, April 14th; in Rockton, 167, just put in your town or zip code!

Why should you volunteer? It's simple. If for no other reason, it's a nice thing to do. Making popcorn for some folks to enjoy some night after work could make their day!

Volunteering Matters!!

It's not just about being nice, there are actual, factual benefits to volunteering. And as you read these benefits, think about how they are true not only for individuals, but for groups or organizations (like our church) that get active in helping others. Here are the Top Ten Benefits of

Volunteering (UC, San Diego):

- #10: It's good for you.** Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards. Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns, relieving stress. Moods and emotions, like optimism and joy, strengthen the immune system.
- #9: It saves resources.** Volunteering provides valuable community services and increases the budgets for other local improvements. The estimated value of a volunteer's time is \$15.39 per hour.
- #8: Volunteers gain professional experience.** You can pad your resume with actual experience, test out a new career, or remain active and in the loop if you've retired.
- #7: It brings people together.** As a volunteer you assist in uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal, building camaraderie and teamwork.
- #6: It promotes personal growth and self-esteem.** Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.
- #5: Volunteering strengthens your community.** Volunteers support families (daycare and eldercare), improve schools (tutoring, literacy), support youth (mentoring and after-school programs), beautify the community (river and park cleanups)
- #4: You learn a lot.** Volunteers discover hidden talents and increase self-worth. Working with local non-profit agencies, they learn about our government and local resources available to solve community needs.
- #3: You get a chance to give back.** People like to support community resources that they use themselves or that benefit people they care about. Christians like to share what they've been given, go where they are directed, and do what Christ calls them to do.
- #2: Volunteering encourages civic responsibility.** Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it. Volunteering is a commitment to following Christ into our own Community.
- #1: You make a difference.** Every person counts; in serving, we often find our true purpose!

VOLUNTEERING MATTERS CONTINUED

Ever find yourself saying, “Kids these days have no respect for anything”? If you’re one of the people thinking the next generation is going to be nothing but trouble, just remember some likely said the same things about you.

Battalion Chief Tom Aaker, of the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Department, used to help his grandmother volunteer for the Harmony Circle. They would decorate, host, cater, and clean up wedding receptions at the local hall. They charged only for the cost of food and decorations; the rest of the services were donated. This was a wonderful ministry that allowed folks with little expendable income to celebrate with families and friends. Many in the community used Harmony Circle for receptions, banquets, retirement parties, and so forth. The cooks (including Aaker’s grandmother) were excellent chefs--the master chefs of their time, and they volunteered their time from beginning to end. Donations were encouraged. Any donations received went to help the local food bank, also run by this group. Additionally, most of the events had food left over which could be served in local soup kitchens.

Aakers spent many weekends together with his grandmother decorating halls, serving food, taking out the trash, and cleaning up after the events were over. He also spent a lot of time helping out in the food bank. Learning first-hand how it feels to help others in need, young Aakers also learned that he was important, and that no matter how bad things got, there were always folks out there in even worse situations. Volunteering often leads to a feeling of gratefulness. It helps people to build a better work ethic and to understand that sometimes we have to step up and take the initiative to learn to do whatever is needed. He learned a lot of life lessons, which helped make him who he is today, an important part of our local community.

Volunteering is a key part of our social structure helping both the volunteer, the recipient of the help, and the community as a whole. Without volunteers, someone might die alone, or be unable to get to the Cancer treatment center, or fall behind in school, or maybe even go to bed hungry. There are so many needs in our community; surely everyone—young, old, and everywhere in between, has some time to spare, some part to play, some gift to give that will make the world a better place for us all.

Whether you log on to the volunteermatch.com website, or see a need and make a connection, get out and volunteer!. More importantly, if you have children, encourage them to volunteer and encourage your children’s children to volunteer if you have grandchildren—you could even

volunteer with them! If you have a friend or someone you know who feels like they are at a dead end, or a student who isn’t sure what they should do in life, or someone who is always alone and doesn’t do a lot socially, encourage them to volunteer. Don’t let words like “can’t” or “not enough (time, skill, energy)” be used as an excuse. Find time, learn new skills, volunteer with others and you will see even your energy increase. Volunteering will help the community, and it may turn out to change your life as well! Volunteer.....make a difference!

Most of the above was borrowed from an article in *The Firehouse Scene, Dec. 2015*, published by the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Protection District. Can you visualize volunteering and stewardship through your own lens? Any similarity? How can you share your time, talents and treasures through the work of your church? Can you help encourage your church to get out and take part in volunteering?

John Tesh has stated the four most important words YOU can say are, “How can I help?” Who is this John Tesh, you may ask. He is the author of *Intelligence for Your Life*. Everyone in life isn’t dealt the same hand, but we can all do something to help others; it’s our *calling*.

Jesus Christ said, “Do you love me?...Tend my flock.” And also, “Come, ...take your inheritance, ... For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”



Together, let’s build up the body of Christ and serve Christ in our community. Our COMMUNITY needs you. Our CHURCH needs you. CHRIST needs you. CHRIST calls you.... How will YOU respond; how will WCPC respond?

Stronghold - Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Come to Stronghold Summer Camp and take home memories for a lifetime! Experience singing around the campfire, learning new skills like archery and canoeing, touring the Castle, learning to work together on the teambuilding course, and making new friends. Campers also enjoy a wide variety of activities like Bible Study, hiking, arts and crafts, group games, nature study, swimming, cookouts, and experiencing God's creation first hand. You can get more information and register online by visiting www.strongholdcenter.org or picking up a brochure from the church office or by contacting Ryan Anderson (summercampinfo@strongholdcenter.org) or by phone (815-732-6111 ext. 609.)

Stronghold - Summer Staff Wanted!

Stronghold is looking to hire college age students to serve on the 2016 Summer Camp Ministry team. Do you know a student who is good with kids and is looking for a fun and rewarding summer experience? Stronghold is looking for people in your church community to be summer camp counselors and to help make summer camp a success. If you know someone, please direct them to www.strongholdcenter.org where they can download an application packet or direct them to Ryan Anderson via email (ryan@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 609

Update on AmeriCorps work at Stronghold.

Since March 11th the team of AmeriCorps NCCC workers have been working hard to help with land restoration here at Stronghold as well helping the maintenance department repair and restore some of our buildings. The NCCC team's land restoration is visible as you drive up the hill. Also the team have also completed projects such as repairing and repainting benches, sanding and painting the castle stairs and helping to refurbish the bedrooms in the Sears Center to name a few. The team will remain with us until April 22nd.

If you would like to bring a group out to help the NCCC team work on the removal of invasive plant species please email Richard Simpson (richard@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 606.

Stronghold - Stories in the Castle

Join us on May 19th as we gather for our final Stories at the Castle before Summer Camp! Stories will be read by Julie Voss (Bertolet Memorial Library, Leaf River) and will have a camping theme. Stories will be read around a Campfire and s'mores will be provided. After stories, participants will get to experience Summer Camp craft activities and camp games!

Questions? Please email Richard Simpson (richard@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815 732 6111 ext. 606

Stronghold - Ye Olde English Faire

Save the Date! On October 1st and 2nd Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center will transform its grounds into Elizabethan England to celebrate our Olde English Faire. Knights in armor and jesters will roam the grounds, entertainers will perform for you and vendors offer a range of goods for sale.

Stronghold - Like us on Facebook

Please take the time to 'like' and 'share' the Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center Facebook page. By doing so you will allow us to share our events, messages and other posts with a wider audience as well as staying informed and up to date about everything that is happening here at Stronghold! www.facebook.com/Strongholdcenter will take you straight to our Facebook page or you can search Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center.

Stronghold - 5K Run to the Castle

RETREAT! Run to the Castle by way of hilly trail and smooth gravel paths to arrive safely in the Castle courtyard.

For the second year in a row, Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center will host a 5k run for participants of all ages. This event will take place on September 3rd 2016. Mark your calendars and 'like' our Facebook page to stay in the loop!

To get all the information as it becomes available please email Chris Busker via email (chris@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 607.

Limited amounts of Stronghold Prints remaining – Help Support the Mission of Stronghold

During the summer of 2015 Maddie Witt, a long time camper and camp counselor, joined us as our first "Artist-in-Residence." During this time, Maddie produced a number of high quality paintings of various scenes around Stronghold. Three of these paintings (Campfire, Watercolor Castle and The Tower) were professionally printed onto high quality paper for you to proudly display in your home. Prints are \$30 each + \$10 shipping and handling if mailing inside the United States. Prints being mailed outside the United States will be priced on a per case basis. Please email Richard Simpson (richard@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 606 to order your prints.

Photos of these prints can be found on the Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center Facebook page.

Stronghold - Weekend Hosts Wanted

As rental business increases, Stronghold is seeking motivated and passionate volunteers serve as a liaison between rental guests and Stronghold staff about maintenance and program issues. Weekend hosts will need to be available from approximately 5:00pm Friday through 1:00pm Sunday and are asked to stay complimentary at Stronghold. If you are interested, please shadow one weekend for training. Accommodation and meals are provided. Questions? Email (info@strongholdcenter.org) for more information or call 815-732-6111

Stronghold - Birthday Parties

Do you want to celebrate your child's birthday at the Stronghold Castle? Stronghold proudly offers birthday party opportunities starting at \$175 with craft time with a member of Stronghold Staff. Questions? Please contact Diane Brainard-Jogerst (reservations@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 613.

** Please share the attached PDF file alongside this information.*

Stronghold - Castle Tours Available

Weekday evening tours of the Strong Castle are now available for only \$5 per person. Come learn about Walter Strong and his family and this wonderful piece of property. Tours are by appointment only, last for approximately 1 hour. The castle is not handicapped accessible and is spread over 5 floors. Tours should be booked through our Reservation Coordinator, Diane Brainard Jogerst (reservations@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 606.

Stronghold - The Knights Circle

The Knight's Circle is an annual giving recognition society that honors our most generous donors. If you would like to support the on-going operation & upkeep of Stronghold, please contact John Mecklenburg via email (mecklenburg1@comcast.net) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 602.

Stronghold - Craft Supplies Needed

Each year Stronghold offers arts and crafts opportunities to all of its campers at Summer Camp, Day Camp and at Community Day Camps. If you could donate any of the following items to Stronghold it would be greatly appreciated:

- Crayons (broken or whole) – use this opportunity to clear out your closets at home, work or church!
- Cardboard Tubes – the kind that come in the middle of Kitchen Towel or Toilet Paper
- Wallpaper samples – if you have recently redecorated your house and have left over rolls, offcuts or wallpaper books we would be happy to use them (and we don't care what designs they have on them)
- Fabric – any shape, size, color, and pattern we don't mind – just so long as we can recycle!
- CD's/DVD's – scratched, damaged, even cracked CD's are great for making bright, shiny craft projects with our campers. Cases can also be used to make multiple craft projects as well.

Items for donation may be dropped off at Stronghold during regular business hours any time before May 31st. Please contact Richard Simpson (richard@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 606. If you have any questions or are looking to donate supplies that aren't listed above.



CROP BENEFIT



Sunday May 1st 11am to 10pm*

* Kitchen closes at 9:00pm Music from 12:30pm to 7:30pm



Acoustic Juice
12:30 to 2:30



McMillen & Co.
3:00 to 5:00



Trinadora
5:30 to 7:30

A Day of Dining and Music to Help END HUNGER



Event details at
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