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September 2014



Dear Willow Creek Presbyterian Family and Friends,

I am writing this on Monday morning, just after my boys have gone off to the first day of school this year. Connor, a sophomore, caught the school bus at 7:10, and Jack, a senior, drove off shortly thereafter. I took pictures. I always take pictures ☺ For me taking pictures not only helps me take my memories with me to share with others or as a personal pick-me-up in low times, but it also seems to emphasize the moment in my mind the way a movie director emphasizes a moment in time in freeze-frame. As I scroll back through my recent pictures, I see the moments that stood out to me as important, the events which are making up my life. I see little Kaylee enjoying the music of Papa Les, kids playing games and the “old folks” enjoying table fellowship, a church both at work serving and nurturing one another. I see our youth team having fun and doing mission work, people worshiping at the beach, visual prayers and worship arts at an evangelism conference, and a family on vacation. I am thankful for all of the wonderful summer memories and for the new beginnings of the school and church year!

When I scrolled back through my pictures, I also found a “selfie” I took after my biopsy when I was waiting for Matt to pull the car around at OSF. Tomorrow, Matt and I will be off to UW Madison for an appointment with my surgeon. I am anxious to know more about my diagnosis (breast cancer) and treatment. I am not yet sure if or how long I may need to take off after surgery, but my hope is to work throughout treatment. I will keep Session, the church office, and the prayer chain updated with any news. Here are a few of the scriptures I have been reading about healing: Isaiah 41:10-11, Psalm 121, Mark 11:22-26, Philippians 2:13, and James 5:13. I may have read some of these with you when you were sick, and I ask now that you would read and pray these scriptures with me. I believe God has already begun the healing process. I also still have that picture I found through Google Images, the one I mentioned yesterday in the sermon of the cave/grotto near Caesarea Philippi. As Jesus taught his disciples just before beginning his journey to Jerusalem that last time, the Church is built on the solid rock of faith...and even the Gates of Hades will not overcome it!

This is not at all what I had planned for our journey together, but I trust that God is making a way where there is no way. Rather than being disappointed that I cannot immediately bring to you some of the things I learned at my evangelism conference, I will be excited to share some of what I learned and begin to cast a vision for healing, growth, change, and Christian hospitality here at WCPC! As we approach our third anniversary together (9/12), I look forward to taking the pictures of our lives together in the next year!



**HELPING RENEW LIVES
THROUGH
REMEDIES (WAVE)**

I think I can safely say that here at Willow Creek Presbyterian Church we are interested in the programs supported by REMEDIES: Domestic Violence, Gambling and Substance Abuse, to the extent that we provided a check for \$250.00 and another for \$211.00 (raised via individual contributions) for this worthy cause. This money will go to treat adult and adolescent outpatients. ***Thank you for your support for this community project serving Rockford and Belvedere!***



Baby Angel Closet



That is what Love Inc. calls our Babies In Need Closet. MMS is working with Love Inc. to help families in need. We will fill a GAP. We will be open to clients on the first Tuesday of the month. This month we had three clients.

Love Inc. works as a clearing house. When there is a need, people can call them and they direct them to the agency that can help. It might be food, health care, gas, and in our case, baby supplies. Love Inc. completes a form with information regarding needs and sends it to us after setting a time for an appointment. We fill the needs as best we can.

If you see coupons for baby supplies and have no need for them; diapers, wipes, baby wash, diaper rash cream, formula, please cut them out and bring them to church. If you have baby supplies that your children have outgrown we would love to have them. Gently used clothing, strollers, even car seats have been requested. If the car seat is still useable and safe we can use it. We will not buy used car seats from a thrift store because we can't be sure that they are safe, and new ones are quite expensive. If you might want to purchase any of the needed supplies; diapers in all sizes are always needed. We do have a good supply of size 1, all others would be appreciated. Bottles, formula, onesies, are some of the requests in addition to the diapers.

Several years ago PW sponsored our Babies in Need Closet and it was quite active. We worked with the health departments in both Winnebago and Boone Counties. They did the screening for us and picked up the items to give to the mothers. We still have quite a few things left from those days. But will need to replace what we give out.

Paper shopping bags with handles are nice to pack the items in. If you have any that you are not using we would appreciate them also. They can be any size. Some needs are small and others are bigger. All have needed diapers and that takes a good sized bag.

Thank you to Deanne Anderson for your service. Deanne was our church cleaner who recently resigned. We wish her well. **Please welcome Doris Pacek** to fill the position. Doris currently cleans the Preschool rooms.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

A *Season of Peace* is a four-week pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals.

September 7	<i>A Season of Peace</i> begins
September 11	9-11 Commemoration
September 21	International Day of Peace
September 25	Global week of Action against Gun Violence begins
October 5	World Communion Sunday/ Peacemaking & Global Witness Offering

Calling all ringers, Bell Choir Schedule as follows:

- Thursday, August 28, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, September 4, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, September 18, 5:30 pm, (Bell Concert Planning Committee Meeting)
- Thursday, September 18, 6:30 pm
- Sunday, September 21: Bells play for worship: "Festival Capriccio" - Kinyon
- Thursday, September 25, 6:30 pm

Contact Dianne Londo for further information 815-623-8512.



Dear Willow Creekers of all ages...do you like to sing? Would you like to sing in the choir but don't have the time to make a full commitment? How about committing for just one Sunday?

On September 28, the choir will sing the modern anthem *Pray for the People*. I would like to open up this Sunday to all who are interested in this short commitment. Rehearsals for this would be 9:15 (halfway through our regular rehearsal time) on September 7, 14 and the 28th. You don't even have to come to all of these. You can come to just one or however many rehearsals you may need to learn the music. The anthem is not difficult and has a fine Christian message and a contemporary musical feel.

Think about it. Ask me if you have any questions. Liz O'Leary

Choir Rehearsal Sundays, at 8:30 am on
August 31, September 7, 14, and 28.

Children's Choir Rehearsal on September 28 @ 11:00 am.





Sunday School will be starting September 7th. There will be an adult class, a class for 9th-12th graders and a class for Kindergarten through 8th graders. ***Sunday School classes are from 9:00-9:45 am.***

Willow Creek Presbyterian Church -

We want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your worship service on August 10th at Willow Creek. The staff was very thoughtful in accommodating us so we could concentrate on serving through music. Special thanks to Dianne Londo, who coordinated our portion of the service and made arrangements to make this a wonderful time of worship. Also, we would like to thank Tom Andrew who ran our sound for the event. Willow Creek is a beautiful church and the congregation was very kind to us.

We look forward to serving with you again.

Peace, Grace & Hope~ Paul Hieser <> <> <> <> <>



Church Office Hours – effective Tuesday, September 2, office hours will return to 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday – Friday
(Church Office Closed Labor Day, September 1)



Monday, October 6 @ 6:00 pm

Belvidere Community Building
111 W. First St., Belvidere, IL, 61008

15 Tickets have been reserved for WCPC
(Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in attending 815-885-3455)

“Nadia Bolz-Weber has probably done more than any other pastor in recent times to poke therapeutic fun at the misdemeanors and flaws of overly-churched Christianity and Christians. The passion behind her words, however, is as deeply pastoral as it is God-drenched and liberating....thus the affection as well as the respect that attend her and her work wherever she goes.”

-Phylis Tickle author of “The Great Emergence”



at what's coming to Willow Creek Presbyterian Church

Due to obvious needs, Session has approved:

1. Updating the Parking Lot (old asphalt removed, replaced with new 2.5 inch thick asphalt, and restriped) for the total of \$61,543.
2. Replacing the sidewalk in front of the church (damaged portion of the sidewalk surrounding the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall) for the total of \$4,500.
3. Repair the brick on the west end of church (chimney, west wall, and windows) for approximately \$3,500.



Session approved using money for the sidewalk and brick repair from the money market account. In addition, Session authorized using \$32,000 from gifts and bequests to cover the parking lot and is asking the congregation to raise the remaining \$30,000 through donations.

If you wish to donate to this project, please make the check payable to WCPC and note on the memo line "Facilities Project". Thank you for your support.



Celebrating a Birthday? Or Anniversary? Share your joy with the congregation. Bring Chancel Flowers. Sign-up is located in Fellowship Hall (bulletin board near the doors to the Education Wing).



Mariners will meet

Wednesday, September 10th at 11:30 am
Ned's Restaurant on Business 20, Belvidere



Treasurer's Report: WCPC Operating Statistics

July, 2014

Income	7,697.00
Expenses	12,474.00
Previous Month - Excess/(Deficit)	796.00

September 2014 All Church Calendar 8/26/2014

Mon 9/1	---	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
Tue, 9/2	---	First Day of Preschool for 3 Year-olds
	10:00-11:30	Angel Baby Closet Distribution (Love Inc.)
Wed, 9/3	---	First Day of Preschool for 4 Year-olds
	6:30 pm	Memorial Committee Meeting
Thurs, 9/4	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal
Sun 9/7	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School Resumes
	10:00 am	Sunday Worship with Communion
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission of the Month-Love, Inc. • <i>A Season of Peace</i> begins • Ordination of new church elder Mike Landi • Blessing of School Kits
	11:00 am	Fellowship
Mon 9/8	7:00-9:00 pm	Session Meeting
Tue 9/9	---	Presbytery Meeting (Manteno)
Wed 9/10	11:30	Mariners meet at Ned's on Business 20, Belvidere
	2:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal
Thur 9/11	---	<i>*A Season of Peace – 9-11 Commemoration Day*</i>
Sat 9/13	8:00 am	Music & Worship Committee Meeting
Sun 9/14	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	2:30-4:30 pm	Youth Group Resumes
Mon 9/15	9:30 am	Membership/Stewardship/Mission Meeting
Tue 9/16	9:00 am	Buildings & Grounds Meeting
Thur 9/18	5:30 pm	Bell Concert Planning Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal
Fri 9/19	3:30-5:30 pm	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
Sun 9/21	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Sunday Worship (Bells Ring for Worship) <i>*A Season of Peace-International Day of Peace*</i>
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	2:30-4:30 pm	Youth Group
Mon 9/22	9:00 am	Finance & Personnel Meeting
Tue 9/23	9:30 am	Martha Ruth Circle
Thur 9/25	---	<i>*A Season of Peace-Global Week of Action against Gun Violence begins*</i>
	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal
Sun 9/28	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	2:30-4:30 pm	Youth Group

Future Dates Worth Noting

October 1–Kickoff meeting for Cookie Walk @10:30 am
 October 6–Nadia Bolz-Weber, Belv. Com. Ctr @6:30 pm
 November 2–Daylight Savings Time Ends
 December 6–Cookie Walk



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE
QUEEN REQUESTS YOUR
PRESENCE AT:

STRONGHOLD'S The Olde English Faire!

During the first full weekend of October in the 2014th year of our lord, Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center shall transform from moderne retreat and meeting place to the site of the Olde English Faire. Miss ye not the occasion to frolic at our festivities!

OCTOBER 4 & 5

GATES OPEN FROM 9
IN THE MORN
'TIL 4 IN THE EVE.
THE FAIRE
CONCLUDES AT 5:30.



**MUSIC!
MERRIMENT!
CRAFTS!
COSTUME!
DANCING!
FOOD!
TOURS!**



ADMISSION

	1-Day	2-Day
Adults 13+	\$9.00	\$14.00
Youth 7-12	\$5.00	\$7.00
Children 0-6	FREE	FREE

Admission to the Stronghold Castle for an additional \$1.00
The Faire shall proceed in rain or shine!



www.strongholdcenter.org

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Stronghold's Olde English Faire depends on a dedicated crew of volunteers...like you! Would you like to join us as we make this year's Faire better than ever? Our volunteers (many who have been helping for years) help with parking, sell tickets, shuttle people and food, lead castle tours and man the food court – cooking, packing and selling. It's a fun way to be a part of Stronghold's biggest fund-raiser of the year and comes with several benefits.

To find out more, contact Loreen (815-732-6111 ext. 610 or loreen@blackhawkpresbytery.org).



Westminster Presbyterian Church Concert Series 2014-2015

2821 North Bell School Road, Rockford, IL

Ahreum Han, Organist – Sunday, September 28, 2014 @ 3:00 pm
Chicago Chamber Choir – Sunday, November 2, 2014 @ 3:00 pm
Northern Illinois University Steel Band – Friday, March 20, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
Michael Beert & Rachel Handlin – Sunday, May 3, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

Gathered in Love-Centered In Christ-Empowered for Mission

MY DECISIONS...

... the best gift you'll ever give your children!

A guide to arranging your personal and legal affairs later in life

When: Tuesday, October 7, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Where: Salvation Army, 422 S. Main Street, Belvidere, IL

Reservation Deadline: September 30, 2014 (call 815-544-9893 Boone County Council on Aging)

Seating is limited to 50.



“My Decisions” has been planned as a guide to arranging your personal, health, and legal affairs. Topics include:

- Trusts versus Wills by Attorney John Maville
- Funeral Arranging by Steve Anderson of Anderson Funeral Home
- Getting your Financial House in Order by Michele A. Griepentrog, CFA, CFP of Alpine Trust & Investment Group
- Planning Future Care, Health and Housing by Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities and Ellen Samuel, Prairie State Legal Services
- Navigating End of Life Decision Making by Tammy Christiansen, RN, CHPN, Heartland Hospice

Also, includes is a set of documents, provided by the presenters, for participants to take home and use to organize information.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
Saturday, October 18, @ 9 am, Rock Valley College



The 2014 CROP Hunger Walk is set for
Sunday, October 19, 2014.

Mark your calendars!