

*“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus”
Philippians 4:19*

We are so richly blessed in our community with all of the support we have received thus far! Let's keep it going!

New Board Members

The last few months have been busy! In May, we welcomed two new Board Members, Dot Turek and Pastor Julia Rademacher. The addition of these lovely ladies brings us to seven Board Members of our nine available Board Member positions



Dot has lived in Monticello for four years, is married with three adult children, and is a part-time bookkeeper for a small business. She wants to serve on the board because it is a mission

that is very important to the community and she would love to see it grow.

Pastor Julia has been the pastor of Christ Lutheran church since October of 2017, first as the interim and then as their called pastor. She resides in Bloomington with her husband and



two teenage children. Julia has always had a heart for mission work and is very excited to see what God has in store for a ministry partnership with Willow Tree Missions.

Building Updates

May and June have brought exciting progress in our new building. We are delighted to announce that our flooring fundraiser was a huge success! We were able to meet our goal and purchase the flooring for the east and middle sections of our new retail space. Additionally, with the hard work of our committed volunteers and employees, both sections have been primed and painted. We truly could not have done any of this without the full support of this community!

Momentum continues to build as we prepare for roof repairs and tuck pointing, which has to be done before we install our new flooring. July 16th we will be hosting a Trivia Night fundraiser where we are hoping to raise \$10,000 towards the tuck-pointing project. This will be our first Trivia Night since the pandemic so we are thrilled to be able to do this again.

Willow “Giving” Tree Capital Campaign

The flooring, painting, and tuck pointing are all part of our larger Willow “Giving” Tree Capital Campaign also kicked off in June. With target dates of opening the new resale shop space by June 2023 and the efficiency apartments by December 2023, we are diligently pursuing various grant opportunities and developed a Willow “Giving” Tree capital campaign to help in meeting these

overwhelming one-time costs. To maintain the historical integrity of the building, while equipping it for our purposes, and meeting life safety code requirements, at this point we estimate approximately \$284,000 in renovation costs to date (see list below). Renovations have already begun, utilizing volunteers and experts, and prioritizing the most urgent items on our to-do list.

Renovation Project	Estimated Cost
Roof Repairs	\$ 81,090
Fire Alarm System Installation	\$ 47,000
Replace Furnace	\$ 32,311
Flooring	\$ 31,945
Ceiling for Main Section	\$ 24,544
Asbestos/Lead Paint Abatement	\$ 14,525
Building Signs	\$ 13,000
Tuck Pointing to Stop Water Leakage	\$ 12,750
Fire Rated Wall Assemblies	\$ 9,875
Door/Window Replacement	\$ 6,210
LED Lights	\$ 4,578
Build out ADA Fitting/Meeting Rooms	\$ 3,500
Paint Middle/Main Sections -First Floor	\$ 2,250
Total Renovation Costs	\$ 283,578

Willow “Giving” Tree Support Levels

Just as the roots, trunk, branches, and leaves work together to provide nutrients, strength, pathways, and protection to the tree, your gift will similarly impact the structure of Willow Tree Mission and its client services. Inspired by Shel Silverstein’s book, *The Giving Tree*, we believe Willow Tree can be our clients’ quiet place to rest, to climb its trunk of resources and swing toward freedom from its branches, to find solace under its leaves.... and to be at peace. Will you help Willow Tree to grow?

Leaves

Financial Contribution: \$1 - 499 and/or

Volunteer Commitment: No minimum

Branches

Financial Contribution: \$500 - 1,999 and/or

Volunteer Commitment: One hour per week

(Equivalent to 4 hours per month)

Trunk

Financial Contribution: \$2,000 - 4,999 and/or

Volunteer Commitment: Five hours per week

(Equivalent to a group of 10 working 2 hours per month)

Roots

Financial Contribution: More than \$5,000 and/or

Volunteer Commitment: Eight hours per week
(Equivalent to a group of 10 working 3 hours per month)

Donation Options:

- Mail a check made payable to Willow Tree Missions to:
100 E. Washington St., Monticello, IL 61856
 - Venmo @Willowtreemissions
 - Facebook.com/willowtreemissions
- By credit card at <https://willowtreemissions.org/capitalcampaign>

We Are Richly Blessed

Thank you for your support thus far! Willow Tree Missions could not exist without its many donors and volunteers. Our work is far from finished but we believe that together we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. For a list of the many ways you can partner with us, give us a call or visit our website at <https://willowtreemissions.org/donate>. We'd love for you to hear from you!

Why Give

Since 2007, Willow Tree Missions has offered refuge and resources to county residents who are trying to escape domestic violence. Our clients tend to have been isolated from friends and family and have little or no support system. In desperation, they often come to us with less than \$5 to their name. We would like to be able to extend that critical support beyond the crisis by offering transitional housing for 3-6 months while individuals begin rebuilding their lives.

With the purchase of the downtown Monticello building, we now have room for this housing as well as a multi-purpose space to conduct and grow community support programs. The completed renovations will also allow the resale shop to double its footprint between our current resale shop at 351 W. Monroe Street and this building. The additional revenue generated will enable growth in the essential services we are able to provide for our community's domestic violence victims and meet the annual operating budget.

We are hopeful that you will partner with Willow Tree Missions to invest in our one-time renovation needs helping us fully open this building within the next year. With your vital assistance, Willow Tree Missions can better restore hope and energy to the people of Piatt County who are desperately trying to repair their lives.