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Greetings and blessings to you dear readers of the Freshwaters Current. I pray that you and your family are blessed with love, joy, hope and peace that comes from our relationship with Jesus Christ!

When I walk about our neighborhood I can see which places have sprinkler systems and places that do not. We have one at our home, but we do not use it because it is expensive, so my yard looks very dry. Of course the places in my yard that are in the shade or the places that have the drain pipe are green. I have not seen the fields, but I heard that the corn is looking rather thin. This past Sunday we rejoiced that we received some rain, but we acknowledged that we need a lot more. The point is – we need rain to refresh the dry ground. I invite you to put that on your prayer list if you have not already done so.

The dryness that we see at present is a poignant metaphor for the current spiritual conditions of our culture, country, and world. People are burned out just like the grass! People are exhausted from tightened financial situations, our broken governmental institutions, a culture that has gone totally off the deep end, children lost in smart

Sermon Series

What Say You Jesus CONT.

July 02

Show Me The Money

July 09

Wise And Foolish Builders

July 16

Laborers In The Field

July 23

Unforgiving Servant

July 30

Persistent Widow

FRESHWATERS UNITED METHODIST
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Join us In-Person or Online on Sundays at 9:30 AM!

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320-267-0233

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phones and social media, and with the 24/7 news cycle there is always a new scandal, crisis, incident to be angry or anxious about. Just like the dry grass that needs much needed rain to become lush and green again, so too do people need the refreshment of God's love, grace, forgiveness, and Holy Word. My question is how is it with your soul? Is it refreshed green, lush full of abundant life; or is it dry, brittle, dusty and broken? Indeed this is an important question for all of us to ask because it is easy for the Christian to have their faith become dry and dormant. It is easy to become worn down and dried out! I know – I have been there in those spiritual dry times. How can we share the faith when our faith is empty?

This is not to sound cliché or simplistic but our faith is refreshed through a couple of key things – prayer – daily prayer, daily connection to a God who is madly in love with you; God's Holy Word that challenges us, encourages us, inspires us, directs us; Christian community and connections – we are not designed for isolation but relationships; and lastly worship – praising God together with songs and inspiring stories from scripture! These are the places we can refresh tired weary souls so that we can share with others who are also weary and dry. Freshwaters is the place of connection to the refreshing living waters of God so that you can be the sprinkler systems of God's grace to all those you meet! I am praying for your souls my friends that they too may experience the refreshing rain/reign of God's love! Amen

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
Our Nation	Canada Fires
Karen & Terry A	Joyce M
Becky G's Son-Mike	Celeste H
Tim K's Father- Jacob	Kay P's Son-Mark



Let's bless our Seniors who are home bound or in a long term care facility. Why not pay them a visit, give them a call or send them a note to let them know you're thinking of them!

Muriel Walker, Betty Oliver, Joyce Mulder

- In attendance: Kevin F, Linda O, Susan K, Darren W, Gene, Ryan P, Myla T, Trevor B
- Pastor Kevin opened with a prayer

Financial Report:

- Still doing well in comparison to last year, but no longer operating in the black.
- Linda shared a report from Scott L indicating funds from the Freshwaters Growth account were successfully transferred into our Edward Jones account, and that Freshwaters had its fees waived.
- Linda O motioned to supersede a motion made on October 10, 2020 to allow any earnings over \$500,000 in the Freshwaters Growth Account to be used by the church with the board's approval, disregarding the use of dividends only as specified in previous motion. Darren W seconded. Motion carried unanimously to supersede the original motion.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

- Linda O spoke with Pastor Bob H regarding the city's selling of the parking lots between 6th and 7th avenues, respectively (parking lot used by Trinity, the Congregational Church, and Freshwaters UMC, as well as the Food shelf). He has put a petition together to submit to the Princeton City Council during the next city council meeting on Thursday, June 22nd. Gene S will be a representative of Freshwaters at the city council meeting. Gene S also indicated the only lot Freshwaters would be interested in is Lot 10, but it would have the potential to be quite costly over time to maintain and repair. This matter will be brought to the congregation on Sunday, June 18th to get congregants' signatures for Gene S to bring to the city council meeting next week.

- In related news, Roger will reach out to Mr. Gerth regarding the future sale of his property.

SPRC:

- Freshwaters has begun using background checks for our children's programming volunteers.

Other News:

- **Church Directory:** 30 families have had pictures taken by Jeff S. Make up session on June 27th at Rum River Park.
- **Faith Fest:** Myla T brought updates regarding Faith Fest. Will take place Saturday, June 1, 2024. Noon-6:00 or 7:00 at Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds, with a focus on children, youth, and young adults; all in the community are welcome. Myla has rented a booth at the Mille Lacs County Fair to spread information and garner interest in Faith Fest. If you're interested in volunteering to work the booth, reach out to Myla and/or stand by for a website with sign-ups. Myla is seeking approval from the board for FUMC to cover the cost of the rental of Mille Lacs County fairgrounds until the necessary funds can be raised. Looking at getting a line item in the budget so that all money can go into that line item and all expenses come out from that. Gene S motioned, and Susan K seconded approval of moving forward with Faith Fest plans, and finances running through FWUMC.
- Next meeting is July 11, 2023
- Motion to adjourn by Susan K, second by Gene S.

BIRTHDAYS

July 01	Breanna J	July 14	Abe W	July 24	Joanne M
July 02	Scott A	July 16	Spencer C	July 26	Jeff S
July 02	Sandy W	July 16	Marian G	July 27	Jenna J
July 03	Jolie C	July 18	Roger L	July 28	Joe L
July 07	Nancy R	July 19	Dana B	July 28	Anna P
July 08	Elliott S	July 19	Dennis T	July 29	Kris H
July 09	Lylia S	July 20	Linda M	July 29	Tina V
July 11	Pearl B	July 21	Terry A	July 30	Ben K
July 11	Nora F	July 21	Hailey D	July 31	Norma G
July 12	Nita L	July 21	Joan S	July 31	Greysen P
July 14	Lillian S	July 23	Jim B	July 31	Diane W
		July 24	Daniel F		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ANNIVERSARIES

July 02	Phil & Sue L
July 07	John & Connie T
July 12	Brian & Jenny M
July 13	Gary & Bobbie H
July 22	Dennis & Joyce T
July 27	Larry & Wanda M

Happy Anniversary!



Thank you quilters for continuing to do your monthly drawing! To enter the drawing, simply fill out the slip in Fellowship Hall next to the quilt for that month. Drawing will be held the last Sunday of the month. List of past winners is located by the drawing slips!

Jingle Sunday is July 16th (3rd Sunday of the month). Bring your loose change and "jingle"! All money raised goes towards our Bags Of Blessing program providing food for kids in our Princeton and Zimmerman schools.



Day of Kindness 2023 - We are teaming up with Immanuel Lutheran and Crystal Cabinets to collect and supply free school supplies during the Day of Kindness. We are collecting notebooks, folders, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, highlighters, dry erase markers, markers, erasers, Kleenex, and other school supplies. **Supplies are due by August 1st**

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Thank you to those who have sent their information into the office, and thank you Jeff Sorenson for spending the time taking pictures for us! Jenna is currently working on putting everything together and will keep us posted.



Pastor Kevin and his family will be on vacation visiting family in Hungary from July 31 - August 21. Rev Kevin Schill will be on pastoral emergency call during that time – he can be reached 651-925-6874. There will be guest speakers and a hymn sing – schedule TBA.



We had so much fun this year in Youth Group! We will not be meeting this summer but will be back together in the fall! Be sure to keep your eyes open for info as it gets closer. Have a safe and fun summer!

What a year for our Freshwaters Kids Sunday School! So much fun, laughter, learning, and wonderful memories! We will not be meeting during church for the summer but will resume our concurrent schedule in the fall! Be sure to keep your eyes open for info as it gets closer. Have a wonderful and safe summer!



Freshwaters July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	3 7 PM BSA	4 Happy 4th Of July!	5	6 Library Reserved 9:00 - 4:30	7	8
9 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	10 - 6 PM 4-H -7 PM BSA	11 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	12 Jenna out of the office	13	14	15 Fellowship Hall reserved 11:00 - 5:00
16 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	17 7 PM BSA	18 9 AM Quilters	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22
23 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	24 VBS 5:30 - 7:45	25 9 AM Quilters	26	27 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	28	29
30	31					

Regular Sunday Worship
In-Person and Streaming LIVE at 9:30 am

FRESHWATERS

Refreshing Relationships with God and Others

REAL people who worship the living God in Spirit and in Truth.

Scripture Reference - John 4:24

EMBRACING God's written word as a guide for life.

Scripture Reference - Psalm 119:105

FILLED with the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reference - Ephesians 5:18

RESPONDING with prayer and love to hurting people.

Scripture Reference - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

EMPOWERED to share our faith walk with everyone.

Scripture Reference - Acts 1:8

STEWARDS of God's gifts.

Scripture Reference - 1 Peter 4:10

HOSPITALITY and acceptance to all persons wherever they are in life.

Scripture Reference - Hebrews 13:2



Can you help mow our church lawn? We need volunteers to mow and trim to keep our church lawn looking nice. See available dates on the volunteer page of the newsletter and contact Tina V if you are able to help!

We are looking to decorate our Sanctuary this spring, summer, and fall with flowers from your home gardens! This is such a fun way to decorate our beautiful Sanctuary with your personal touches! When you have flowers you'd like to bring in, please have them to the office by Friday morning so they can be placed for Sunday worship. We can't wait to see our Sanctuary in full bloom!



It's finally coming!!

We are elated to inform you that Faith Fest '24 will take place on Saturday, June, 1, 2024 at the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds. While we are primarily focusing the event this year on children, youth and young adults, this FREE community-wide event is open to all ages and anyone who feels the need to come, listen and learn about faith.

Some of the events being planned are at this FREE event are:

- ⇒ Live Music
- ⇒ Free Food
- ⇒ Prayers
- ⇒ Community Resources, Non-profits/organizations/businesses focused on providing support services:
 - Jobs
 - Housing
 - Food, clothing
 - Health and wellness (mental health, substance abuse, etc)
 - Mentorship
- ⇒ Guest Speakers
- ⇒ Activities for children, youth and young adults

In preparation for this event, we will be having a booth at the Mille Lacs County Fair, running from August 9th – August 13th. We are currently seeking volunteers to help at the booth. All those wishing to volunteer at the Fair booth will be asked to sign-up online. IF you do not have online access or are unable to access the sign-up page, please contact Myla Tolmie in one of the following three ways:

Myla Tolmie – 651-955-3877 (Call)

Myla Tolmie - 651-955-3877 (Text)

mylatolmie@rocketmail.com (email)

All sign-ups must be done by August 1st. More information on how to sign up will be coming out in a few weeks. We will be selling t-shirts, hats and visors, and have fliers and other free items to hand out. We will also have a donation jar at our booth.

SUMMER Bucket List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a picnic in the park. | <input type="checkbox"/> Make s'mores. | <input type="checkbox"/> Play with water balloons. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep in a tent. | <input type="checkbox"/> Go hiking. | <input type="checkbox"/> Read outside in a hammock. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make homemade ice cream. | <input type="checkbox"/> Eat a snow cone. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pick berries or wildflowers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build a sand castle. | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a museum. | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a movie outside. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a road trip. | <input type="checkbox"/> Go bowling. | <input type="checkbox"/> Float in the swimming pool. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a new recipe. | <input type="checkbox"/> Make slime. | <input type="checkbox"/> Do a science experiment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do a good deed. | <input type="checkbox"/> Go fishing. | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft tie-dye shirts. |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a family game night. |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Draw with sidewalk chalk. |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to a farmer's market. |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch fireworks. |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a lemonade stand. |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Run through the sprinklers. |





Trinity Lutheran, UCC, and Freshwaters are teaming up to present

PRINCETON COMMUNITY VBS!

When: July 24 - July 27, 2023

Who: 3 Year Olds through Incoming 6th Graders

Time: 5:30 pm Dinner, 6:00-7:45 pm VBS

Where: Freshwaters Church

All attendees must pre-register, and EARLY REGISTRATION IS APPRECIATED!

Registration BEFORE June 25:

\$10 per child or \$30 max per family

Registration AFTER June 25:

\$15 per child or \$40 max per family

You can order a music CD for an additional \$8

Paper registration forms are available at church on the welcome desk

Please remit payment with registration. Checks can be made out to Freshwaters, and please note VBS in the memo line.

MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - in the kitchen, decorating, Crew Leaders & helpers, Station Leaders & helpers, etc.

Please contact princetonvbs@gmail.com with any questions, or reach out to Jenna Jenson, Tiffany Elness, or Jackie Strandberg (VBS Directors)



Thank you to our volunteers and committee members!! You are acting as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, volunteering and helping your church!! Together we make our worship services a special place to be, and we couldn't do it without you!!

Coffee Hour Hosts

July 02 - Vanderhoff Family

July 09 - **NEEDED**

July 16 - Becky G

July 23 - **NEEDED**

July 30 - J Carey & A Vanderhoff

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Beverages are provided by church, we simply need volunteers to help set-up, provide snacks, and clean up!

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Tina V at 763-318-5095.

Sound Board

July 02 - Jim H

July 09 - Scott L

July 16 - Isaac J

July 23 - Isaac J

July 30 - Joel C

If you are interested in helping with the sound board on Sunday mornings, please contact Pastor Kevin at 651-414-1132.

Ushers

July 02 - Gene & Kathy S

July 09 - **NEEDED**

July 16 - **NEEDED**

July 23 - **NEEDED**

July 30 - **NEEDED**

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Tina V at 763-318-5095.

Lawn Mowing

July 02 - **NEEDED**

July 09 - **NEEDED**

July 16 - **NEEDED**

July 23 - **NEEDED**

July 30 - **NEEDED**

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Tina V at 763-318-5095.

