

FRESHWATERS

Real. Refreshing. Relationships.



October 2023

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings dear sisters and brothers in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May the blessing and peace of Holy Spirit be upon you and your friends and families.

We are off and running! We have enjoyed the beginning of Sunday School with children being present in worship and then making their way excitedly to learn about Jesus! We love when they are there in church! They add so much to worship and believe me they keep me on my toes during children's time. Bags of blessing will be starting again where we help bless the hungry children of Princeton and Zimmerman. Youth group is going well! We are watching a video series, we play games, and we enjoy sharing with one another about life and faith. There are small groups – one on Wednesday night at Linda Olson's house, and there is a study happening immediately after worship on the Roman world. We cannot forget the awesome work of our worship team and the community of love, laughter, and care that our quilters have with one another. Worship attendance has been around 105 people with in person and online attenders. We still have room, keep praying for that one person or one family, and invite them to experience our amazing worship and warm hospitality. We are

Sermon Series

Why It Matters -
What We Believe

October 01
Theology

October 08
Trinity

October 15
Original Sin

October 22
Jesus Christ

October 29
Grace

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Sept 12, 2023 Board Meeting

Present: Kevin Fox, Linda Olson, Gene Stoeckel, Karen Oudekerk, Scott Liestman, Susan Kettelhodt, Darren Wesloh, Ryan Purdy, Andrew Harvala

Absent: none

Guests: Kathy Stoeckel, Myla Tolmie, Kevin Orton

- Pastor Kevin led the meeting with Scripture & prayer
- Agenda was approved & one item added by Kevin-Nominations for Church Conference. Kevin reminded the Board that it is 'nominations season' again & to be thinking about potential Nominees.
- Minutes for July were approved electronically
- Financial Report-Susan reported a loss in Aug& a loss overall for the year. Bottom line has improved. Giving is up but expenses have increased.
- SPRC-Ryan reported no news.
- Trevor Brown broadcast proposal-the Board felt this is a good idea but that right now is not the time to pursue.
- Charge conference discussion (purchase of Gerth property) took place. Separate minutes sent to Board members.
- Faith Fest-Myla discussed that Faith Fest will be 6/1/24, venue-Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds, has been reserved. This event will be geared towards children & youth/young adult. Music, raffles/drawings, etc. FW is providing a budget & other local churches will be participating as well. An insurance rider will need to be obtained for this one day. Myla is encouraging people to sign up to help lead or serve on various Committees.
- Trustees Report-Andrew reported that a new Copier was purchased through Amazon for the FW Office & is being used. We own the new machine. The previous copier company, Marco, needs to pick up the old machine. Also, a billing discrepancy remains with Marco which Jenna has followed up with them on. Waiting on an update.
- Linda made a motion to adjourn, Gene second, All approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Oudekerk

Please note: Committee Minutes are drafted and approved by the committees and the church office does not make changes beyond formatting.

striving to offer real refreshing life-giving relationships in the person of Jesus Christ.

One major development in the life of our congregation is the approval of a plan to purchase the Phil Gerth property which is on the south side of our property. The funds to pay the down payment come from the interest and earnings from the funds from the sale of the Zimmerman campus. The far-reaching plan is to turn that property into a parking lot, and develop the space into a common area and perhaps a new updated entrance. I am excited about this project because it affords us the opportunity for hospitality and welcome. As many of you know during the winter we have huge snow drifts and icy sidewalks which can be a challenge for many people young and old. Having a parking lot and a newly developed entry can help mitigate that problem. The first step is to get the property paid for, and then working on plan to see this vision realized. This of course will take time and money. Scott Leistman on behalf of the Single Board detailed on Sunday September 17, 2023 on ways we can fund this project. We hope and pray for the economy to bless the Zimmerman fund with growth, but we also are looking for individuals to step forward to help. You are welcome to contact members of the Single Board if you have questions or if you would like to help in this exciting forward move of our congregation.

Exciting things are happening in and through the people of Freshwaters! God is stirring us, and I pray that this will spread beyond into the homes and families of our area that they may know how much God and we love them!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
Our Nation	Bernie W
Rich S	Jim L
Elaine M	Bob L
Becky G	Chuck V
	
<p>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!</p> <p>Muriel Walker and Betty Oliver</p>	



**ANNUAL HARVEST ROAST BEEF DINNER
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25**

Make plans now for our annual Harvest Roast Beef Dinner to be held Wed., Oct. 25. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, Oct. 1. We are returning to one continuous serving time. Takeouts will still be available the entire time. Delivery is also available but only by advance request and is limited to the Princeton area.

Tickets are \$13 for ages 12 yrs. & older, \$8 for 6-11 yrs. and free for 5 yrs. and younger.

This event requires *many volunteers* to make it a success. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be out beginning Sunday, Oct. 1. There are all types of jobs so please take a look at them and fill in where you can help. There will also be a “reverse offering” starting soon to help supply the ingredients needed for the dinner. Please watch for it. Simply take a slip with a needed item listed, purchase it, bring it back to the church and place it in totes marked for your donations. Your volunteer help and donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Start now by spreading the word! Invite your families, friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the made from scratch harvest dinner Wednesday, Oct. 25.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Oct 01 Connie T | Oct 11 Brad W | Oct 17 Phyllis W |
| Oct 03 Gloria S | Oct 12 Katie D | Oct 17 Robin Y-C |
| Oct 05 Ron F | Oct 13 Jon C | Oct 20 Wyatt M |
| Oct 05 Diana W | Oct 14 Walter M | Oct 21 Kathy W |
| Oct 07 Brad H | Oct 16 Gary H | Oct 26 Secylia C |
| Oct 07 Molly O | Oct 16 Mary V | Oct 28 Jean M |
| Oct 08 Tim K | Oct 17 John O | Oct 28 Colton S |
| Oct 10 Sarah F | | Oct 28 Alec V |

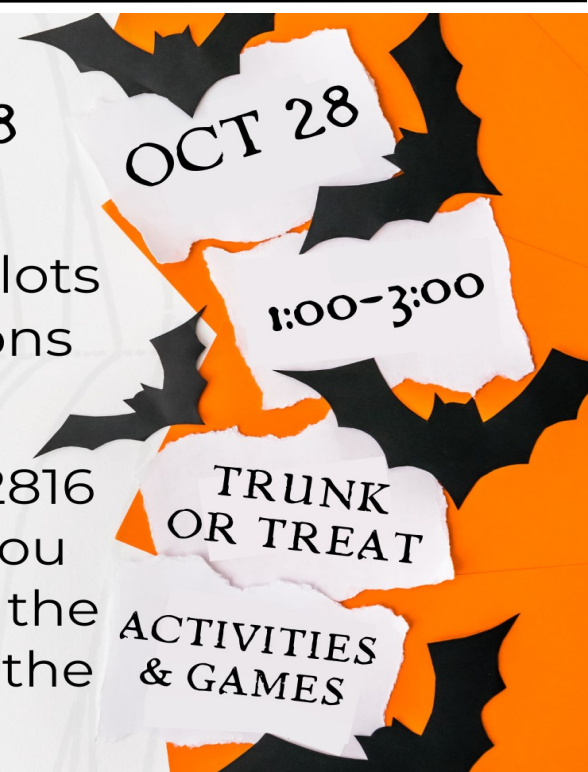
HAPPY Anniversary!

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| Oct 04 Mitch & Tina B | Oct 22 Trevor & Lindsey B | Oct 25 Ken & Susan K |
| Oct 07 Tim & Tina V | Oct 24 Alex & Ryan F | Oct 25 John & Shirley W |
| Oct 19 Doug & Kandy H | Oct 24 Rodger & Bonnie G | Oct 28 Myla & Don T |

**FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCT 28
1:00-3:00 PM**

Join us for a TRUNK OR TREAT, lots of GAMES & ACTIVITIES, and tons of FUN!

Contact Jenna Jenson 763-439-2816 or Ryan Purdy 707-225-7733 if you are interested in participating in the trunk or treat or volunteering at the games.



FRESHWATERS
Refreshing Relationships with God and Others

- R**EAL people who worship the living God in Spirit and in Truth.
Scripture Reference - John 4:24
- E**MBRACING God's written word as a guide for life.
Scripture Reference - Psalm 119:105
- F**ILLED with the Holy Spirit.
Scripture Reference - Ephesians 5:18
- R**ESPONDING with prayer and love to hurting people.
Scripture Reference - 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- E**MPOWERED to share our faith walk with everyone.
Scripture Reference - Acts 1:8
- S**TEWARDS of God's gifts.
Scripture Reference - 1 Peter 4:10
- H**OSPITALITY and acceptance to all persons wherever they are in life.
Scripture Reference - Hebrews 13:2



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

- October 01 - Harvala Family**
- October 08 - Stoeckel/Henchen/Orton**
- October 15 - Tina & Barb**
- October 22 - Deb W & Peggy W-Z**
- October 29 - Neu & Stoeckel Families**

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

Ushers

- October 01 - Gene & Kathy S**
- October 08 - Jeff & Heather S**
- October 15 - NEEDED**
- October 22 - Kim & Michele E**
- October 29 - Mark & Nancy B**

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for coffee hour, ushering, or snow removal, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Tina Vanderhoff at 763-318-5095.

Sound Board

- October 01 - Joel C**
- October 08 - Jim H**
- October 15 - Isaac J**
- October 22 - Scott L**
- October 29 - Isaac J**

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

Sunday School Teachers

- October 01 - Hailey N & Jolie C**
- October 08 - Jenna J & Amanda P**
- October 15 - Angela H & Alex F**
- October 22 - Hailey N & Jolie C**
- October 29 - Ryan P & Audrey P**

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Jenna Jensen at 763-439-2816

Thank you

Thank you to all the awesome people in our congregation who take the time to help set up, serve, and take down tables for our funerals and memorial services! You are all amazing angels who bless those who are grieving!

NOMINATIONS TIME: At this time of the year, we prepare for our annual church conference where we vote on new leadership, approve the budget for the new year, approve the pastor support package, receive reports, and to celebrate the work of our church. We are looking for persons who would be interested in serving on our Single Board, Trustees, SPRC, Missions, and Worship Teams. This is a great opportunity to share your talents, make friends, and help lead Freshwaters into the future.



Jingle Sunday is October 15th (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.

We are seeking donations of food items or financial contributions to help us in our efforts to feed children on free or reduced lunches in Princeton and Zimmerman schools. This is a great ministry of connection between our congregation and the schools. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet in the entry way.



VOLUNTEER





- Oct. 01** - The Creators Video, Games
- Oct. 08** - Apologetics, Games
- Oct. 15** - Corn Maze (if weather allows)
- Oct. 22** - The Creators, Games
- Oct. 29** - TBD

Youth Group is open for all kids in 6th

grade—12th grade. We meet at Pastor Kevin’s house on Sundays at 6:00 pm. We build our relationship with Jesus while learning Bible lessons, playing games, and having fun. Contact Pastor Kevin for more info at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail



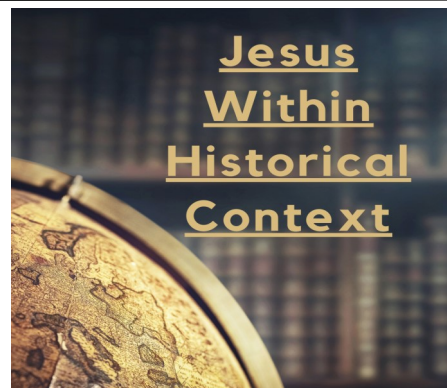
Freshwaters Kids Concurrent Sunday School is open to all kids ages 3 years - 5th grade. Everyone starts worship together at 9:30 am and the kids are dismissed to Sunday School from there.

- Oct. 01** - Genesis 39:21-23, Joseph in Prison
- Oct. 08** - Genesis 41:1-40, Pharaoh’s Dream
- Oct. 15** - Genesis 41:41-56, Joseph Put In Charge
- Oct. 22** - Genesis 42, Joseph’s Brothers Go To Egypt
- Oct. 29** - Genesis 41:1-34, 45:1-15, Joseph Makes Himself Known



Adult Bible Study held at Linda O’s house Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Linda is leading us in the Bible Study by Dr. Tony Evans using Right Now Media! Join us for discussion about our Triune God and the power of the Holy Spirit. Call Linda if you have questions or are interested in joining 612-963-8429.

Join Pastor Kevin on Sundays at 10:45 am in the Elim Oasis Classroom as he takes a historical look at the world that Jesus grew up in, that the disciples like Peter and Paul taught, and the church began to grow. He will be looking at the Rise of the Roman world as a precursor to the time of Jesus.



Freshwaters October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	2 7 PM BSA	3 9 AM Quilters	4 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study at Linda O’s House	5	6	7 9 AM - 3 PM Church Fall Sale
8 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	9 7 PM BSA	10 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	11 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study at Linda O’s House	12	13	14
15 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	16 7 PM BSA	17 9 AM Quilters	18 - Newsletter Deadline - 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study at Linda O’s House	19	20	21
22 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	23 7 PM BSA	24 9 AM Quilters	25 5 - 7 PM Roast Beef Dinner	26 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	27	28 1 - 3 PM Fall Festival
29 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	30 7 PM BSA	31 9 AM Quilters				

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