



Freshwaters UMC

February 2024

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings and blessings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! Welcome to February 2024! My family and I pray that your New Year has gotten off to a good start!

As I write this newsletter article it is January 15, and the deadline for the newsletter beckons. When you receive this newsletter it will be the beginning of February, and the season of Lent will not be far behind. This year we will celebrate the beginning of Lent on Valentines Day which I think it is rather neat. The season of Lent is about the journey of Jesus to the cross where he gave all for our sake in the name of loving us despite our sins. As scripture says "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; this proves God's love for us." Jesus gave all for our sake in the name of love, even while our lives are messy. He knows us all intimately, he offers us the gift of eternal life, he does not force us to accept it, he offers us the opportunity to start again, and he opens to the promise of heaven. These are just a few of the reasons why I love Jesus Christ.

Sermon Series

Living the Future, Today!

February 04
Time With God

February 11
A Change Of Direction

While We Wait...

February 18
What Do We Want To Be Known For?

February 25
How Should We Live?

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1/9/24 Freshwaters Board Meeting

Present: Michele E, Linda O, Gene S, Karen O, Andrew H, Kevin F, Mark B, Scott L

Absent: Darren W

Kevin started the meeting with Scripture and prayer.

1 Financials-Michele reported FW is in the black as Net Income for Jan-Dec 2023-this is great news!!

Michele made a motion to 'sweep' the Edward Jones Growth Account to withdraw earnings to be applied to the Gerth Property account, but still maintain the Principal of \$500,000 in the Growth account. Gene 2nd to open for discussion. Motion passed.

2 SPRC-Gene reported that Jenna made a list of key tasks she does in her role, in preparation of unexpected absence or vacation. Board discussed who would be the person to fill in for Jenna in these circumstances.

3 Trustees-Andrew reported there is an issue with the Lift door. Trustees approved to get the door fixed-Board agrees & approved. Upcoming projects in 2024: New lights in the Fellowship Hall, Sidewalk, Hallway brickwork. It was decided that the Monitor for inside the Sanctuary will come from Worship funds. Andrew will connect with Joel on casting Service from You Tube vs Facebook. Michele recommended changing the phone service from VOIP to a new phone Service-this will enable paying Federal payroll taxes and using the church's phone number for continuity and ease in passing the Treasurer position thru the future years. Approval via Andrew(Trustees) was given to Michele to pursue this change to the extent it did not surpass current telecommunication expenses by 'much' or, at least, within reason. AND, if that required new telephones; the item will be open for discussion of any additional expense(s) via e-mail back to the Board.

4 Linda inquired with the Board about interest in an Annual Board Retreat for planning short and long term goals. The Board agreed and are tentatively setting aside April 20, 9am-12 noon. Scott has graciously agreed to host the Retreat at his home.

5 Michele inquired if a new Church Credit Card could be obtained. A new credit card will be obtained with the church's name instead of a persons name-Michele will follow up on this. Also Scott made a motion to add Michele as an authorized person on both Edward Jones accounts, Gene 2nd, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.


Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Oudekerk

The season of Lent is an opportunity for us to reflect on that awesome love, and for us to fall in love with him all over again.

There are many opportunities for you and your family to experience that love. On Wednesday evenings we will have soup at 5:30pm followed by worship at 6:30pm. We will have the pastoral round robin once again, so you will have the chance to listen to area pastors share with you the Gospel message. The focus will be on the word "community" and what it can mean in a variety of contexts. Sunday morning worship we will have a message series that will explore 1st and 2nd Thessalonians as we consider the question "while we wait" for the return of Jesus. Of course there will be wonderful worship by our talented team of musicians and Sunday school by our awesome volunteers. The invitation to you, your friends, co-workers, classmates, and family is come and be refreshed!

I give thanks to God for all of you who help make our congregation a wonderful place to experience God's love, mercy, grace, truth, and life! We have a great time together and it is my dream that we share that with everyone we encounter! Peace and blessings in Christ!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
Our Nation	Wesloh Family
Bobbie H	Jim L
Elaine M	Mag D
Phyllis W	Scott L's Father
	
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	

LENT

a season of preparation

Soup Supper at 5:30 pm, Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday, In Community With Our Neighbor - February 14
 Rev. Bill Marschall, In Community With Christ - February 21
 Rev. Sheri Routh, In Community With All The Saints - February 28
 Rev. Mike Pancoast, In Community With Creation - March 06
 Rev. Paul Brown, In Community With Those On The Margins - March 13
 Rev. Nick Franco, In Community Of The Kingdom - March 20



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP

5:30 PM SUPPER
6:30 PM WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 14 - Wednesday, March 20

Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship are coming! Ash Wednesday will be on Valentines Day, February 14th. We will have soup suppers On Feb 14th, Feb 21st, Feb 28th, March 6th, March 13th, and March 20th at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm. Please be on the look out for a sign up sheet to bring in soup, side, bread, or dessert to share!

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.



Jingle Sunday is February 18th (3rd Sunday of the month). Bring your loose change and "jingle"! This ministry is fun for our children and blesses our bags of blessing ministry in the schools within the Princeton and Zimmerman school districts..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 01 Sue L | 08 Lisa F | 17 Lana S | 22 Larry M |
| 03 Lois C | 08 Abby M | 18 Ryan D | 25 Ruth A |
| 03 Brandon L | 11 Alan W | 18 Dolores H | 25 Mark L |
| 04 Rachel G | 12 Michelle M | 20 Dale B | 26 Slayter C |
| 05 Rosalie J | 15 Barry H | 20 Hunter S | 26 Jason Z |
| 06 Zach L | 16 Everett P | 21 David V | 28 Audrey P |

HAPPY Anniversary!

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| 14 Daryle & Dawn G | 28 Marlys & Ron F |
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FRESHWATERS

Refreshing Relationships with God and Others

RREAL 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



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!!

Pastor Kevin is teaching World History/Western Civ at the University of Northwestern starting January 19. His schedule will be as follows – Tuesday and Thursday mornings Pastor Kevin will be at the university for office hours and then class which is at 10.30-12.10pm. Once class is over, Pastor will return to the office for the afternoon.



Coffee Hour Hosts

- February 04** - Hot Breakfast
- February 11** - Anji & Tina V
- February 18** - Stoeckel, Orton, Henchen
- February 25** - Praise Band

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

Ushers

- February 04** - Sorenson Family
- February 11** - Lingle Family
- February 18** - Purdy Family
- February 25** - Liestman Family

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

- February 04** - Joel C
- February 11, 14** - Jim H
- February 18, 21** - Scott L
- February 25, 28** - 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

- February 04** - Angela H & Amanda P
- February 11** - Ryan P & Audrey P
- February 18** - Hailey N & Alex F
- February 25** - Jenna J & Kait A

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




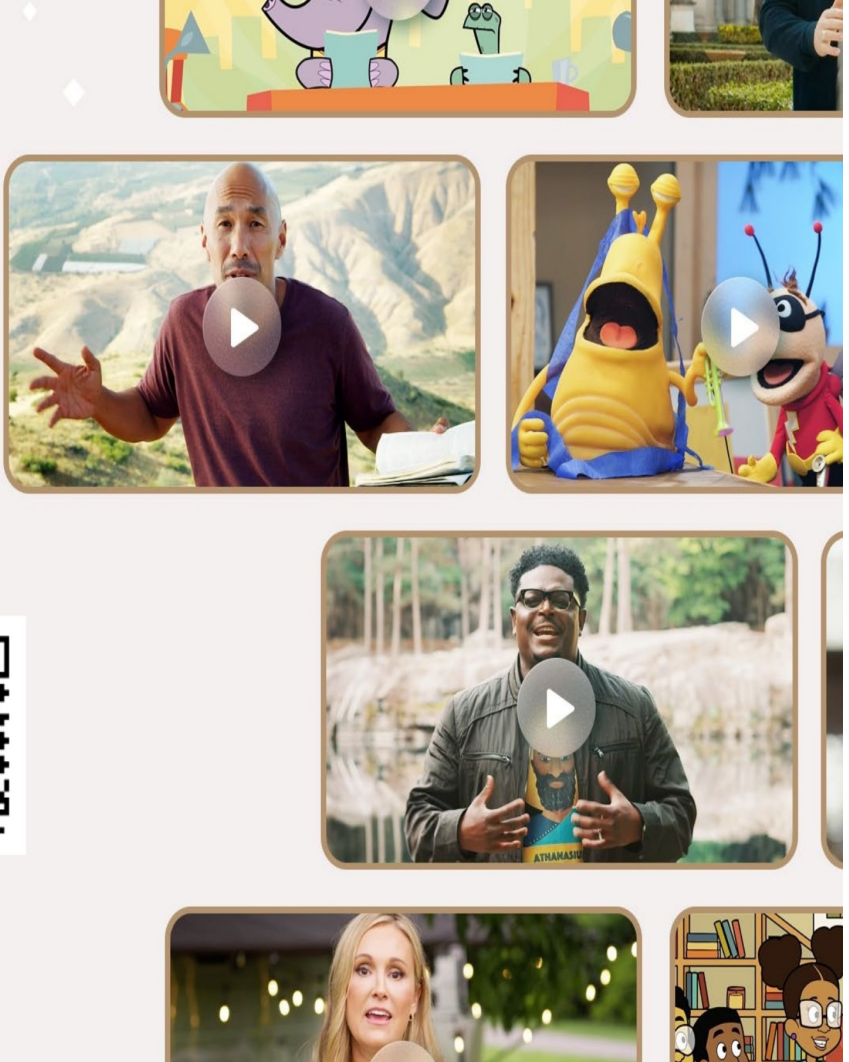
February is our month to deliver Meals A La Car! This is a great ministry to help bring food to those in our community who are home bound. If you are interested in helping deliver meals, please contact Isaac Jenson at 763-742-4583 or the office at 763-631-1185.

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February 04 - Pastor Kevin's House

February 11 - Pastor Kevin's House

February 18 - Pastor Kevin's House

February 25 - Pastor Kevin's House

Youth Group is open for all kids in 6th grade — 12th grade. We meet at Pastor Kevin's house on

Sundays from 6:00—7:00 pm. We bless one another, play games, grow in our faith, and fun. Contact Pastor Kevin for more info at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail. 13822 2nd Ave N Princeton, MN 55398



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.

February 04 - Friendly Beings, Luke 5:17-26, Healing Of A Paralyzed Man

February 11 - A Bright Light, Daniel 3:8-28, The Fiery Furnace



February 18 - Solve The Riddles, Isaiah 53, Jesus' Death Predicted

February 25 - Stick Together, Mark 14:43-50 & Mark 15:6-15, The Disciples Flee And The Crowds Say Crucify



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	5 7 PM BSA	6 9 AM Quilters	7 6:30 PM Virtual Adult Bible Study	8 Jenna Out Of Office	9	10 BSTroop 16 Eagle Court Of Honor Church Reserved All Day
11 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	12 7 PM BSA	13 - 9 AM Quilters - 6 PM Trustee Mtg - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	14 - 5:30 PM Soup Supper - 6:30 PM Ash Wed	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17
18 - 9:30 AM Worship, Jingle Sun & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	19 7 PM BSA	20 9 AM Quilters	21 - 5:30 PM Soup Supper - 6:30 PM Lent Service	22 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	23	24
25 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	26 7 PM BSA	27 9 AM Quilters	28 - 5:30 PM Soup Supper - 6:30 PM Lent Service	29		

Happy
VALENTINE'S
DAY

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