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FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings dear friends in Christ Jesus, may you all be blest as you receive this month's newsletter – the Current. Welcome to the very month of May.

As a pastor I am asked on occasion what I might think about this or that current event, political or social issue. I am happy to share what I might think, what I believe, what I know – and this comes from what I have accumulated through time, experience, research, and knowledge. At the end of the day, what is most important to me as I share my thoughts is – am I in alignment with the teaching of scripture? Speaking for myself – I believe in God as the author of life and the creator of the universe. I believe in His Son Jesus Christ who the Father sent to redeem the world from sin. I believe that Jesus is coming back to crush Satan, evil, death, and sin once and for all. What guides me is the teaching of God's Word – the collection of 66 books into the volume we call "the Bible." "Thus saith the Lord" means something to me. If the Lord declares something to be good and holy – holy and good it is. If the Lord declares something to be sinful, evil and wrong; sinful, evil and wrong it is. To me there is no nuance or equivocation – if this is what God said for us, then it is despite what the world/culture might say. I

Sermon Series

Burn The Ships!... Breaking With The Past

May 05
**Pastor Kevin On
Vacation, Guest
Speaker John Lloyd**

May 12
**Mother's Day
Letting Go Of What I
Knew**

May 19
UMW Sunday

May 26
**Letting Go Of
Grudges**

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

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Faith Fest '24 Update: It is now time to begin signing up for the various committees to help at Faith Fest '24. The committees are:

Food – 10-15 people – in shifts (includes assisting 4-H as needed, set up, clean up of grounds during event)

Set-up/clean-up – 25-30 people (includes setting up tents/canopies in various areas, assisting areas with tables, chairs, garbage cans, water coolers/ice, help-

ing carry food to 4-H bldg. if used, setting up grills if needed

Security/parking – 10 people – in shifts (includes assisting Mille Lacs Sheriff with security on the grounds and a security table at the entrance.) Coolers, diaper bags and back packs will be allowed but must be searched. All attendees will need to sign a waiver of liability also.

Entertainment – 4 – 6 people (includes helping to set up the stage for the live entertainment and guest speakers, announcing in between entertainment events, announcing free drawing winners,

Silent Auction – 4-6 people (in shifts) includes set up, assisting people with questions; closing and tabulating bids, collecting bids and clean up at end of event)

Merchandise sales – 6-8 people in shifts (includes set up; and working with POS credit card machine, collecting funds, assisting customers and clean up)

Community Resources – 1-2 people – (includes directing resources people where to set up; they have their own equipment and are told to do their own set up)

Prayer area – 1-2 people – (includes assisting pastors with set up and clean up)

Children's activities. 8-16 people (Each of the large tents will take at least 8 people to set up – the tents are 20 x 20; set up tables and chairs as needed.

Guest services – 2-4 people in shifts – (includes set up, clean up and answering any questions, handing out programs, handing out drawing tickets and wrist bands to children, writing phone number on wrist band of parents in case of lost child, handing out bags for children's crafts, will be set up next to the security table at entrance,

Floaters – 5-10 volunteers – will "float" around the venue to assist at any time as needed, answer any questions for attendees, other misc. duties as needed

ALL volunteers will receive a FREE purple Faith Fest t-shirt.

We need the following donations:

Paper towel and toilet paper tubes

Tissue paper any color

Empty water bottles

Small and large paper plates – plain white

Misc. yarn any color

A tub will be placed in the narthex for your donations. Thank you to all who can help with the donations.

look to Jesus and what he had to say and how he reflected upon the Word; Jesus had that authority because he was and is "the Word made flesh, who dwelt among us." (John 1:14) For me, the Bible is the great source of objective Truth and guidance in a world that is filled with all sorts of "truths."

This position is not easy because we live in a culture that is filled with all sorts of feelings, opinions, truths, half-truths, misinformation, disinformation. Sadly we live in a culture where we do not know what is true, or at least be unwilling to stand up for what is truth. Interestingly when one looks at the Old Testament prophets we can see that they were struggling with the very same thing. They witnessed the people of Israel and Judah turn from truth to idols, the ways of the world, pagan practices and worship. This was displeasing to the very God who brought them up out of Egypt in freedom and liberty to the land that was promised them. God raised up the prophets to speak the Truth to his wayward people, call them to repent and to return to the worship of the One True God. For their trouble, the prophets were harassed, punished, and scorned because they stood upon God's Word to declare that the nation and culture had gone astray.

God sent Jesus Christ as his Word made flesh to make a way for us to repent from sin so that we might experience eternal life. God wants us to live in His Truth, which leads us to peace, joy, hope, stability in an unstable uncertain confused world. This is what I seek to teach and to profess as your pastor. Why? It is for the sake of love! I love you those of you who are part of this community of Freshwaters – and I want nothing more than to share with you God's Truth for the sake of love and abundant life. This is what motivates me everyday! God bless you all!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
Our Nation	Mexico
The War In Ukraine	Ketchel Family
Alec V	Sandy W
Celeste H	Garay Family

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

Thank you

- Thank you to Trevor Brown for your fine work as the custodian for Freshwaters! Bless you too Lindsey Brown as you came alongside to help Trevor! Your work was a tremendous blessing to the congregation and to the workers of Elim Oasis.

- Welcome Sylvia Carey who was hired to be the new custodian for Freshwaters. We are excited to have you on staff!

- Thank you to all our Sunday School volunteers who made a great year for our children's education about Jesus Christ. We thank Jenna Jenson for her passion, creativity, excitement, and organization for our Sunday School and upcoming VBS in July!

- Thank you to all our volunteers who are ushering, doing sound board, and providing coffee hour! You are all greatly appreciated and help to give Freshwaters the welcoming and enjoyable worship experience we're known for!

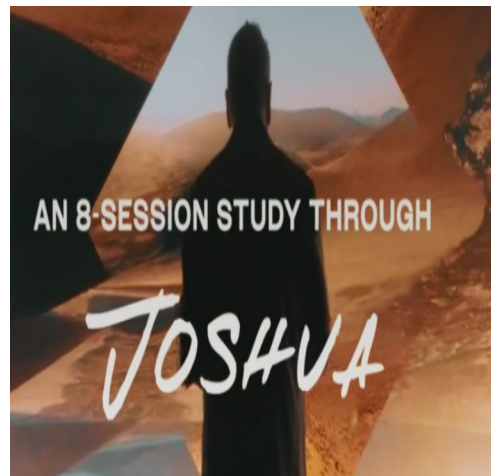
- Thank you to everyone who helped with donations and bagging of the Bags Of Blessings for our students in Princeton and Zimmerman!

Pastor Kevin will be out of town May 3rd - 5th and will be back in the office on Monday May 6th. During this time he will be attending a reenacting event in Wisconsin.



Jingle Sunday is May 19th (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..

8 WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY beginning April 3rd at 6:30 pm, held here at Freshwaters. All materials are free provided from Right Now Media. Contact Linda O if you have any questions or are interested in joining at 612-963-8429.



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No meeting minutes to share yet, stay tuned next month for April 20th Single Board meeting minutes.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 01 Everlie C | 11 Muriel W | 16 Richard F | 23 Brian M |
| 01 Bonnie G | 12 Vera E | 17 Bruce H | 23 Michele W |
| 01 Jean W | 13 Joel T | 18 Dave C | 24 Doug H |
| 04 Scott L | 15 Al M | 19 Ryan P | 26 Linda A |
| 07 William H | 16 Dale B | 20 Karen A | 29 Duane K |
| 11 Erin T | 16 Ryan F | 22 George P | 30 Skip H |

HAPPY Anniversary!

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| 06 Joel & Molly O | 13 Heidi & Joe L | 21 Andrew & Angela H | 31 Chip & Wendy F |
| 06 Darren & Michele W | 19 Tim & Darcy D | 25 Audrey & Ryan P | |



May 05 - To Be Determined
May 12 - NO YOUTH GROUP
May 19 - At Pastor Kevin's House
May 26 - NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER
 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 have lots of fun. Contact Pastor Kevin for more info at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail. 13822 2nd Ave N Zimmerman, 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.

- May 05** - Romans 8:38-39, Treasure
May 12 - Mother's Day Craft
May 19 - End Of Year Celebration
May 26 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER



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



PRINCETON COMMUNITY VBS

WHEN: July 29, 2024 - August 01, 2024
 WHO: 3 year olds - incoming 6th graders
 TIME: Dinner at 5:30 pm, VBS 6 - 7:45 pm
 Parents are expected to stay during dinner.
 WHERE: Here at Freshwaters UMC
 COST: \$ 15 per child OR Max \$45 per family
 Early registration is appreciated! After June 23, the price increases to \$25 per child or Max \$75 per family. We need many volunteers to make this year another success! We need kitchen helpers, decorators, crew leaders, crew assistants, and more! A list of requested donation items for both dinner and VBS will be coming later this spring. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Jenna J at 763-439-2816 or princetonvbs@gmail.com.

Freshwaters May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study At Church	2	3 Pastor Kevin On Vacation	4
5 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School	6 7 PM BSA	7 9 AM Quilters	8 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study At Church	9	10	11
12 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School Happy Mother's Day	13 7 PM BSA	14 - 9 AM Quilters - 6:30 PM Trustees Mtg - 7PM Single Board Mtg	15 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study At Church	16	17	18
19 - 9:30 AM Worship, Jingle & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	20 7 PM BSA	21 9 AM Quilters	22 - Newsletter Deadline - 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study At Church	23	24	25
26 - 9:30 AM Worship	27 Happy Memorial Day	28 9 AM Quilters	29	30 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	31	

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



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

May 05 - Hot Breakfast

May 12 - Pat T

May 19 - United Methodist Women

May 26 - Brander Family & Grandkids

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

Ushers

May 05 - Sorenson Family

May 12 - Lingle Family

May 19 - United Methodist Women

May 26 - 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

May 05 - Scott L

May 12 - Joel C

May 19 - Scott L

May 26 - 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

May 05 - Jenna J & Amanda P

May 12 - Angela H & Kait A

May 19 - Jenna J & Jolie C

May 26 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

VOLUNTEER