



FROM YOUR PASTOR

Easter greetings and blessings to one and all! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Christ the Lord is Risen, He is not here – go and tell the others! It is with these glorious hope-filled words I greet you and your family on behalf of Freshwaters Church!

As I pondered what to write about for this monthly newsletter, it hit me that I have been preaching a lot from the text Acts 16:25-29. I am sure there are those who are reading this article, are wondering – “what again, Kevin?!?!?! – you need to get some new material; you are like a LP that is stuck in one spot.” For those who might not know – back in the day, LPs that were scratched would just replay the same spot over and over again. But please bear with me there is a critical point I am trying to make in relation to Easter that I think you will appreciate. Paul and Silas were stuck in prison for doing something good; they freed a poor slave girl from demonic possession and for their trouble they were beaten and imprisoned. They were just living out what Christ did. Jesus after all what did he do? He lived his ministry of sharing God’s love of healing people from sin, brokenness, and despair, and for his trouble –

Sermon Series

Red Flag Penalty

April 06
Bitterness

April 13
**Palm Sunday
Arrival To Shouts
Of Praise**

April 20
**Easter Sunday
The Chains Of
Death Are Broken**

April 27
UMW Sunday

he was arrested, beaten, imprisoned and executed. Now here is the cool Easter part – in Matthew 28:2 we read *There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.* And in Acts 16:26 *Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose.* In both these cases we see God shaking open these prisons that held Jesus, Paul, and Silas. Now please understand – I am not saying that violent earthquakes that we see on the TV news that cause massive destruction, pain, suffering, and death are acts of God. The things we see here in scripture were powerful transformative awesome focused moments of God right there in those places – lives were saved, made whole, blest. Jesus was free of his tomb! Paul and Silas were free of their prison thanks to God’s power and love! And from that other lives were saved, changed, blest, souls fixed for heaven – just read on! And so can you be – we are part of that amazing story too!

So what I want to ask you today – what are your prisons that hold you? – bitterness, anger, addictions, resentments, past pains, disappointments, hopelessness, anxiety, fear? – we all have things that seek to chain us, imprison us – the point of Easter is that nothing in Christ can hold us back! The message of Easter – the chains are broken, the door is open, the tomb is open, the grave cannot hold you, the prison cannot hold your spirit anymore! You are free! Get up! Rise! He is Risen, because what – because of Him – so are you! Happy Easter! Amen.



Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
The War In Ukraine / Gaza	Those Struggling With Addiction
Future & Vision Of Freshwaters	Our Nation
Gary H	Celeste H
Sandy W	Muriel W
Norma H	Alec V
Mag D	Rachel G



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP

**5:30 PM SUPPER
6:30 PM WORSHIP**

Wednesday, March 5 - Wednesday, April 9

FRESHWATERS UMC

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers start March 5 and run through April 9 at 5:30pm. Please sign up (outside Fellowship hall) to bring a soup, bread, or dessert! **Wednesday Lenten Worship** starts March 5 with Ash Wednesday at 6:30pm, and runs through April 9. During these Wednesday night services we will reflect on a hymn that was written about the sacrifice of Jesus.

LENT

a season of preparation

Soup Supper at 5:30 pm

Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday, A Journey I Must Take - March 05

And Can It Be That I Should Gain - March 12

O Sacred Head Now Wounded - March 19

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross - March 26

Were You There - April 02

The Old Rugged Cross - April 09

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7:00 PM



Confirmation 5-6 pm and Youth Group 6-7 pm at Pastor Kevin's House on Sundays. There we will bless one another, play games, learn, and have fun! Contact Pastor Kevin for more info or if you have any questions at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail. 13822 2nd Ave N Zimmerman, MN 55398.

April 20 – No confirmation or Youth Group



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.

The Epic Easter Trivia Show – Kids will experience the Easter story as never before as they become contestants in the ultimate game show to discover the **ULTIMATE** Final Answer!

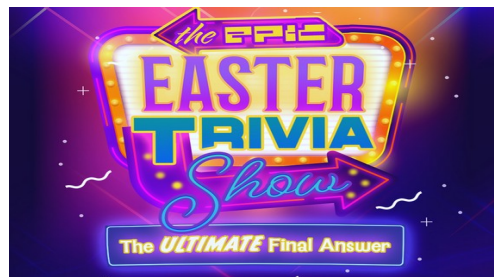
April 06 – Mark 14:12-72; The Last Supper and Jesus Arrested

April 13 – Mark 15; The Death Of Jesus, and Luke 24:1-12; The Resurrection

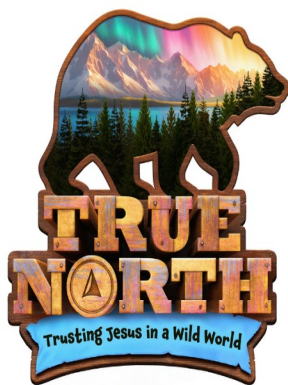
April 20 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Prayer Warriors – Prayer is a conversation with God. It is not about saying the right words; it's about speaking from your heart then listening to what God has to say.

April 27 – 1 Chronicles 29:10-20; Davids Prayer



Princeton Community VBS Presents



When: Sunday, July 27 - Thursday, July 31

Who: 3 year olds - incoming 6th graders

Time: 5:30 - 8 pm

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church

401 8th Ave S. Princeton

EARLY REGISTRATION BY APRIL 23RD

Scan the QR code to register and/or volunteer!



VBS is coming on July 27-31st. Hosted by Freshwaters UMC, Trinity Lutheran, and Immanuel Lutheran. VBS will be held at Immanuel Lutheran this year! Register by April 23rd for an early registration discounted price. Many volunteers are needed to help with stations, crews, set up, take down, dinners, etc. Register and/or sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR Code.



Faith Fest '25: We have fundraisers coming up at: Fore Seasons Golf Course, Tuesday, May 20th from 5-8 PM and Pizza Barn, Tuesday June 10th from 5-8 PM. Everyone come out and support FF'25! We also need volunteers at the Golf Course event. Contact Myla if you are able to volunteer for this event. Both events would mean chatting with customers about FF, serving water, cleaning tables as needed. No taking orders or serving drinks.

Our biggest fundraising event will be held on Saturday, May 31st at Eternity Church. It includes a full pulled pork dinner, dessert and beverage, comedy provided by comedian Jon DeBoer and a silent auction. Comedy/dinner tickets will be sold in advance with limited seating: \$40/individual; \$75/couple; \$25/children under 12. Door prizes will be drawn throughout dinner. Everyone who attends will receive one ticket for the door prize drawing. Extra door prize tickets will be on sale at the event. Doors open at 3 PM, dinner will begin serving at 4:30 PM with comedy show at 6:30 PM.

Please check out our new website at: faithfestmn.org for the latest information or contact Myla at mylatolmie@rocketmail.com or 651-955-3877 for more information.

Connections Memory Cafe: A gathering for those with dementia/alzheimers and other memory loss diseases and their care partners to connect with others over refreshments and fun activities in a relaxed environment.

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the North Civic Center, 503 N 9th St, Princeton from 10:00-11:00 am. No reservations or cost. Questions? Call 763-290-2228

*Connections
Memory Cafe*

Freshwaters Church Sale

112 7th Ave N, Princeton
Saturday, April 12
9am - 3pm

Quilts, Crafts, Bake Sale,
and More

\$5 Lunch - Hot Turkey
Sandwiches, Chips, Pickle,
and Dessert

Complimentary Beverages
and Cookies

FREE Spring Drawing



The proceeds of this sale go to mission projects and church projects, so it would be greatly appreciated if people would donate items such as baked goods, home canned goods, craft items of all kinds, and the quilters will have sewn items such as quilts, runners, wall hangings, etc. We also welcome anyone who would like to help set up on Friday April 11 from 1-4 PM and help the day of the sale. We can make this a fun time!! If you have questions, call Char Sullivan at 320-282-1944.

Freshwaters April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9 AM Quilters	2 - 5:30 PM Soup Supper - 6:30 PM Lent Worship - 7 PM AA Meeting	3	4	5 9-10 AM Faith Fest Meeting
6 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun School - 6 PM Youth Group	7 7 PM Boy Scouts	8 - 9 AM Quilters - 12 PM UMW Mtg	9 - 5:30 PM Soup Supper - 6:30 PM Lent Worship - 7 PM AA Meeting	10	11	12 9AM-3PM Spring Sale Single Board Retreat & Meeting
13 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun School - 6 PM Youth Group	14 7 PM Boy Scouts	15 9 AM Quilters	16 Newsletter Deadline - 7 PM AA Meeting	17	18 7 PM Good Friday Worship	19
20 HAPPY EASTER - 9:30 AM Worship Fellowship Hall reserved	21 7 PM Boy Scouts	22 9 AM Quilters	23 7 PM AA Meeting	24 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	25	26
27 UMW Sunday - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun School - 6 PM Youth Group	28 7 PM Boy Scouts	29 9 AM Quilters	30 7 PM AA Meeting			



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

April 06 – **Donuts & Coffee**

April 13 – **Potluck – Bring A Snack Or Treat To Share**

April 20 – **NO COFFEE HOUR**

April 27 – **Harvala Family**

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

Ushers

April 06 – **Stoeckel Family**

April 13 – **Jean T & Michele E**

April 20 – **Sorenson Family**

April 27 – **Lingle 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

Sunday

Wednesday

April 02 – **Jim H**

April 06 – **Daniel F**

April 09 – **Isaac J**

April 13 – **Jim H**

April 20 – **Scott L**

April 27 – **Daniel F**

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

Sunday School Teachers

April 06 – **Hailey N & Alex F**

April 13 – **Jenna J & Amanda P**

April 20 – **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

April 27 – **Christina R & Kait A**

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

VOLUNTEER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

03	Tyler S	12	Kim J	17	Jenny M	23	Chuck Y
04	Isaac J	12	Allison M	18	Amanda P	28	Tim V
07	Lynn H	14	Bob L	19	Ruby F	29	Cassidi J
08	Chip F	15	Amber E	19	James F	29	Sharon S
10	Heidi L	16	Sayla C	19	Tom S	30	Ken K
11	Kathy H	16	Richard P	20	John T		

HAPPY Anniversary

07	Ken & Linda L	15	Keith & Joanne M	26	Tom & LeeAnn S
08	Brad & Tracey H	19	Paul & Sandy W	28	Mark & Nancy B
08	Mike & Kim J	21	Kelly & Aaron S		

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

3/10/25 Single Board Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Scott L.

1. Meeting Agenda was approved.
2. Meeting Minutes from 2/11/25 Board Meeting was approved Electronically.
3. Linda Started the meeting off with a prayer.
4. Pastor Kevin led us off with a prayer to lay the foundation of determining a path for the future growth of our church. Pastor Kevin will provide additional information before the next meeting for us as a board to review and set forth a plan.
5. Michele issued the financials electronically for the board to review. Michele asked that the board review the combining of certain funds and the renaming of these accounts to better clarify these accounts. Andrew asked that we table this until the next Board meeting.
6. Scott issued the Investments Electronically for the board to review.
7. Gene reported that the SPRC had no new issues at this time.
8. Andrew reported that the Trustees will be investigating the Attic and closing the Church for a day to rid us of the annoying Bees. He said they will be replacing the lights in the Elim Room in the near future.
9. Karen asked if the Church would be interested in donating to the Zimmerman High School Graduation party that will take place in June. It was mentioned that the Quilters have donated to the Princeton Graduating class in the past.

Next Meeting will be April 12th.

Gene Motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Bob second it.

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume May 7th and continue until June 4th. We will then take a break for the summer and resume in the fall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY WILL
RESUME ON
WEDNESDAY MAY 7.



AA – Recovery group meeting Wednesdays – 7-8pm Fellowship Hall led by Jake Brander.... Glad to have them here, let us be in prayer as this awesome ministry takes place within these walls!

We are seeking donations of food items or financial contributions to help us in our efforts to feed children on free or reduced lunches. This is a great ministry of connection between our congregation and the schools in Princeton and Zimmerman.



Jingle Sunday is April 20 (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.

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