



FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings and blessings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; grace and peace be unto you and your families!

After the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, he spent time with the disciples preparing them to receive Holy Spirit for the next critical phase of ministry – of taking the Gospel into the world. Jesus ascended back to the Father, and they waited in Jerusalem as they were told to do. There they prayed, they learned, they ate together, they shared stories of faith, they cared for one another, they worshipped; it was not like they were doing nothing while they wondered and waited. Of course we know that on Pentecost – Holy Spirit – the third and most mysterious part of the Triune God poured down upon the gathered disciples. They were so filled with the power of God that they were able to speak the languages of the people who were in Jerusalem. Suddenly the disciples were able to communicate to a world wide audience. It was so surprising to everyone that some joked that the disciples were drunk with too much wine. Thankfully Peter was able to clarify with strength, faith and conviction as to this amazing occurrence! God was moving; God was empowering them to share the awesome life-saving

Sermon Series

Wind And Fire

May 04

Who Is Holy Spirit

May 11

Spirit Within Us

May 18

Spirit Of Unity

May 25

Spiritual Gifts - Recognition Of Graduate Owen O -

message of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth!
 And dear, friends – that Holy Spirit mission continues to this day in us – in our congregation called Freshwaters!

In these days, I ask you to join with me and the leadership of the church in prayer for Holy Spirit to be poured out upon us so that we are empowered to speak in the language and to the culture that surrounds us. As an example, my son Daniel who will be turning 15 this summer speaks in the language and culture of his age group. It is hard to understand at times, and Ildiko and I have to ask him to translate for us. It might be funny to listen to but it makes it clear they have a language and culture that is their own. Younger generations are informed and influenced by their phones and by social media whether we like it or not. This is their culture! The challenge as Christian people is having missionaries filled with Holy Spirit power and love who can engage and speak into that culture the convicting message of Christ. Believe me the hunger is there! Our young people are desperate for meaning and purpose; they long to know that they are loved and designed by a God who knows them intimately; and saved from sin and death by Jesus Christ who offers them eternal life. The challenge is having the right voices and people who can speak their language, engage their culture with authenticity and genuineness. I have told our own Freshwaters youth group – I might not be able to speak the language, I might not know the music, I might not know the culture, but at least what you see in me, is what you get; I am authentic.

My friends, pray for Freshwaters everyday – that Holy Spirit will wash over us, that we can be authentic, genuine, loving, engaging, caring, sharing the love of Christ to the people of Princeton and beyond! Come Holy Spirit, Come! 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
Bobbie & Gary H	Paul & Sandy W
Finnegan	Muriel W
Norma H	Alec V
Mag D	Rachel G
Gene S	Scott L
Celeste H	Lusche Family
Oudekerk Family	Mostad Family

BIBLE STUDY

When: Wednesday Nights
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: Freshwaters UMC

What: A Journey Through The Bible; each week we will discuss one book of the Bible alternating between the Old Testament and the New Testament

Who: Led by Pastor Kevin, open to anyone and everyone



Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume May 7th at 6-7 pm and continue until June 4th. We will then take a break for the summer and resume in the fall.



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 May 18 (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.

Thank you to our Meals Ala Car Drivers in April – Phil & Sue L, Rich & Char S, Mark & Nancy B, Scott & Jackie L, and Isaac & Jenna J. This ministry is not possible without volunteers and it makes such an impact for those who receive meals. Thank you!



Thank you to all our Sunday School teacher volunteers for all the great work that they did this year! You are helping shaping the lives and faith of our children so that they know Jesus!



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.

Youth Group will conclude for summer on June 1st.



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.

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, David's Prayer

May 04 – Acts 4:23-31, The Room Is Shaken

May 11 – 1 Samuel 1:1-20, Hannah Prays For A Son

May 18 – Matthew 26:36-46, Jesus In The Garden Of Gethsemane

May 25 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER



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



Scan the QR code to register and/or volunteer!



Hosted by Freshwaters UMC, Trinity Lutheran, and Immanuel Lutheran. VBS will be held at Immanuel Lutheran this year!. 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.



Confirmation Sunday is June 8th! We celebrate the confirmation in the Christian faith of Daniel F, Evelyn H, William H, August M, and Elliott S. Continue to surround them in prayer that their faith may grow and strengthen in the course of their lives.

We will celebrate the achievement of Owen O on May 25 and Lana S on June 1 as they graduate from High school and enter into a new phase of their lives. God bless them in their journey of faith and life!



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



The Men's Band – This is not a musical group, but rather a gathering of men who desire to grow in faith, in relationship with God and one another. Pastor Kevin is interested in starting one, if there are men who are interested. Please reach out to Pastor Kevin at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail.com

MAY 11 COFFEE HOUR

**CINCO DE MAYO
POTLUCK**

**PLEASE BRING A
MEXICAN THEMED
DISH TO SHARE**



Freshwaters May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Jenna Out Of The Office		
4 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun School - 6 PM Youth Group	5 7 PM Boy Scouts	6 - 9 AM Quilters	7 - 6:00 PM Bible Study - 7 PM AA Meeting	8	9	10
11 Happy Mother's Day - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun School - 6 PM Youth Group	12 7 PM Boy Scouts Jenna Out Of The Office	13 - 9 AM Quilters - 12 PM UMW Mtg - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	14 - 6:00 PM Bible Study - 7 PM AA Meeting	15	16	17
18 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun School - 6 PM Youth Group	19 7 PM Boy Scouts	20 - 9 AM Quilters - 5-8 PM Faith Fest Fundraiser at Golf Course	21 Newsletter Deadline - 6:00 PM Bible Study - 7 PM AA Meeting	22	23	24
25 - 9:30 AM Worship - 6 PM Youth Group	26 Happy Memorial Day	27 9 AM Quilters	28 - 6:00 PM Bible Study - 7 PM AA Meeting	29 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	30	31 Delton Krueger Memorial 11 AM at Blue Hill Mound 12:30 PM Lunch at Church



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 04 – **Neu/Harvala/Claassen Families**
May 11 – **Cinco De Mayo Mexican Potluck –**
Please bring a dish to share!
May 18 – **Sundae Sunday!**
May 25 - **NEEDED**

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

Ushers

May 04 – **Purdy Family**
May 11 – **Liestman Family**
May 18 – **Claassen Family**
May 25 – **Gist 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 04 – **Scott L**
May 11 – **Jim H**
May 18 – **Daniel F**
May 25 - **NEEDED**

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 04 – **Angela H & Jolie C**
May 11 – **Hailey N & Alex F**
May 18 – **Christina R & Amanda P**
May 25 – **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

VOLUNTEER

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

01	Everlie C
01	Bonnie G
01	Jean W
04	Scott L
07	William H
11	Erin T

11	Muriel W
12	Vera E
13	Joel T
15	Al M
16	Dale B
16	Ryan F
16	Richard F

16	Daxten N
17	Bruce H
18	Dave C
19	Ryan P
20	Karen A
20	Laurel C
22	George P

23	Brian M
23	Michele W
24	Doug H
26	Linda A
29	Duane K
30	Skip H

HAPPY *Anniversary*

06	Joel & Molly O
06	Darren & Michele W
13	Heidi & Joe L

19	Tim & Darcy D
21	Andrew & Angela H
25	Audrey & Ryan P

31	Chip & Wendy F

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

4/12/25 Single Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Scott L., Michele E., Linda O., Bob L., Andrew H., Mark B.

Absent: Gene S., Kevin F., Karen O.

1. Meeting minutes from 3/12/25 were approved electronically.
2. Meeting agenda was received electronically.
3. Linda called the meeting to order.
4. Financials- Michele issued financial reports indicating Donations are down.
5. Investments- Scott issued investment reports. Linda made a motion to separate the combined Youth and Missions Account into (3) Three separate individual accounts (Youth, Missions, and Bags of Blessings) to better manage these accounts. Michele second the motion. The motion passed.
6. Scott motioned that the missions account will be allotted to individual needs incidents as they arise. Andrew second it. Motion was passed.
7. Trustees: Linda reported that a small Spencer Brook parcel of land needs to be returned to the heirs of the original owners- most of the land has already been returned. The Board resolved to transfer this remaining property back to the heirs of the original owners (Janelle Meade). The official document will be signed by Linda Olson (Board Chair) and Andrew Harvala (Trustee). Scott motioned and was seconded by Mark to approve the above resolution. Motion passed.
8. The Board agreed to continue to be members of the Chamber of Commerce in Princeton.
9. Andrew motioned and Michele second to adjourn the Meeting.

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

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