



FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings and blessings dear friends of Freshwaters! Grace and peace be upon all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I hope you are all doing well and are enjoying the beginnings of your summer vacation!

This past weekend we celebrated the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit with the Feast Day of Pentecost and the blessing of our 5 Confirmands. It was a great day and I know we are all proud of the testimonies of our confirmands as they shared their faith stories with us. It was a powerful worship service with music, ancient ceremony, and different languages being spoken. Thank you to everyone who made that day so special! My prayer is that from this day we felt the movement of Holy Spirit calling all of us to recommit ourselves to the call of Christ to go out to make disciples of our friends and families. The work of the church is not complete until the day when Jesus comes back in glory and power! And by the look of things we still have a lot of work to do, so lets get to it!

In the summer things slow down, but church is still happening. We have a great new message series in July called Help Me God where we will look at how God can help us find healing with our hurts, help us find our faith,

Sermon Series

Help Me God

July 06
To Find My Purpose

July 13
To Heal

July 20
To Get My Faith Back

July 27
To Fix My Finances

help us with financial peace, and to find purpose in our lives. These things are very relevant in our spiritually turbulent and uncertain times. Then in August we will explore Love with the series called Love Has a Name, which is a much needed topic in our fractious time. So I would encourage you to invite a friend or family member to come to worship this summer!

We are also going to be working on finding a new office assistant and children's ministry director. Jenna as you may already know will be finishing her work in August, so we are beginning the search. I will be meeting with the Sunday School volunteers in July to start working on the Fall schedule so we can at least get that in place. Jenna did a great job building a foundation and we want to continue that awesome momentum! We ask you to be in prayer as we look for the right persons to fill these critical ministry positions. And we are grateful to everyone who helps make ministry happen at Freshwaters!

Lastly I would just like to encourage everyone to continue to come to worship, and to encourage your financial gifts in the summer! I know that the economy has put the bite on everyone, and it has put the bite on us as well. Going into the summer slump behind on giving is not a good situation, but that is our present reality. If you are able to give, great; if you are not – then pray for God's good provision for Freshwaters! God bless and keep you! Pastor Kevin



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	Those Affected By Severe Weather Across Our Nation
Bobbie & Gary H	Paul & Sandy W
Finnegan	Celeste H
Norma H	Scott L
Mag D	Rachel G
Gene S	Pettitt Family
Nova	Lusche Family
Oudekerk Family	Our State, Nation, & World



Youth Group News – Freshwaters and Eternity Church will be sharing a youth pastor/leader. This will be a trial relationship to see how this goes. Eternity Church, like ours, has a small youth group and has hired a part time youth group leader. *The youth will meet during the summer 12:00-1:30 pm all Sundays at Eternity*

Church – except Father's Day (June 15) and August 10 when the Youth Director's sister is being married. Eternity Church is extending this invitation to us with no cost to us. The purpose of the group is to build Christian youth fellowship and relationships with one another. Our Freshwaters Youth can and will have youth activities within our congregation from time to time, to foster relationships already built through confirmation and youth.



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.

July 06 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER

July 13 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER

July 20 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER

July 27 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER

HELLO SUMMER

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 BASEBALL
 BERRIES
 BOATING
 CAMP
 FIREWORKS
 FISHING
 FLIPFLOPS
 FRISBEE
 GARDEN
 GOLF
 GRILL
 ICECREAM
 LEMONADE
 PARADES
 PICNIC
 POOL
 ROADTRIP
 SAND
 SHORTS
 SPRINKLER
 SUNGLASSES
 SUNSCREEN
 SUNSHINE
 SWIM
 VACATION
 WATERMELON

Wednesday July 9th 6 pm Sunday School Organizational Meeting – The purpose of this meeting is to plan out the Fall 2025 schedule, pick out the curriculum, assign tasks, organize the Christmas program date, organize our planning meeting schedule, and most importantly – see/ask if someone is willing to assume Children's Directors Role for the Fall 2025.....



Princeton Community VBS Presents



When: Sunday, July 27 - Thursday, July 31

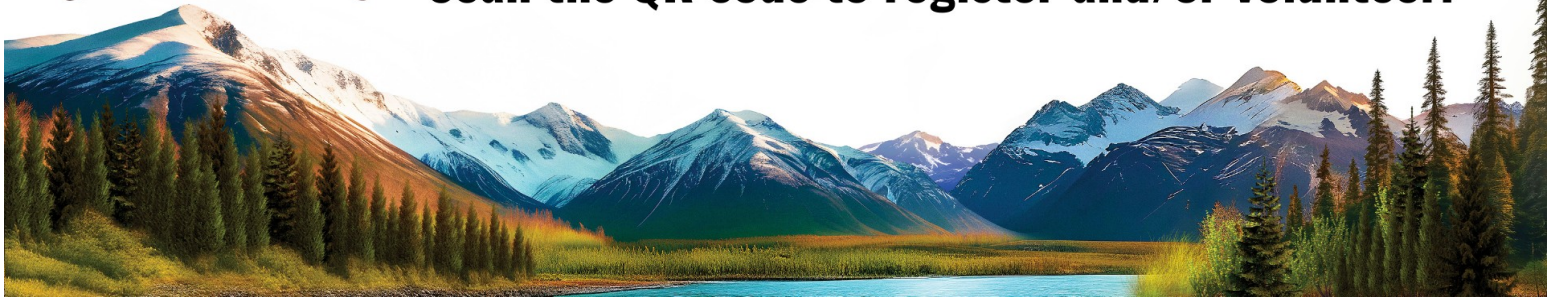
Who: 3 year olds - incoming 6th graders

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.

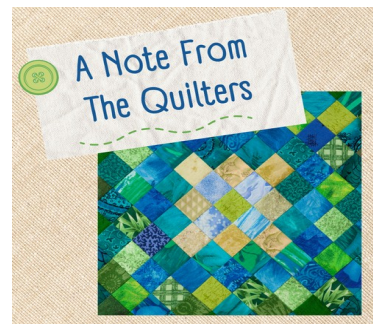


We are serving dinner each night before VBS so we are looking for donations of fruits, chips, veggies, etc. We are also looking for donations of some station supplies like pipe cleaners, beads, glue, etc. Sign up sheet will be outside Fellowship Hall and the online link will be posted on Facebook. If you are interested in helping but don't want to go shopping, we are also taking monetary donations! Thank you for your help making this another successful VBS!

Connections Memory Cafe

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

Just a note from the Quilters Group. We have a budget of \$8,610.00 this year. This budget is funded by the sale of items displayed in the Fellowship Hall and our craft sales. These items are "For Sale" not for the taking. We have had items disappear. The \$8,610.00 is for missions locally and through our district. Please put your money in the cash box or give it to the office. Thank you.



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!

Jingle Sunday is July 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.



Pastor Kevin on vacation June 18 – July 3. While Pastor Kevin is on vacation, Pastor John Talvitie will be on pastoral care emergency call in the event of any emergencies, should they arise. Pastor Talvitie served in Chaplaincy at Elim Home and has also preached here at Freshwaters and Elim Oasis (now Open Circle). His phone number is 763-389-4718.

Jenna J – Stepping Down as Administrative Assistant and Children's Ministry Director. Jenna has been a great servant leader of Freshwaters over the past 3 years. She has felt the call of God to serve in other areas, and we wish her well in that calling. She will continue to serve until August. We will recognize and bless her in an August Sunday service! In the meantime – let the search begin! The SPRC will meet soon to begin to work on developing probably two positions – an office assistant and a children's ministry director. We ask you to begin praying as we start the important task of filling these critical positions!



Freshwaters July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Kevin On Vacation		1 9 AM Quilters	2 7 PM AA Meeting	3	4 Happy Independence Day	5
6 - 9:30 AM Worship - 12 PM Youth Group At Eternity Church	7 7 PM Boy Scouts	8 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	9 - 6 PM Sunday School Mtg - 7 PM AA Meeting	10	11	12
13 - 9:30 AM Worship - 12 PM Youth Group At Eternity Church 1-7 PM Alec V Reserved Fellowship Hall	14 7 PM Boy Scouts	15 9 AM Quilters	16 Newsletter Deadline - 7 PM AA Meeting	17	18	19
20 - 9:30 AM Worship - 12 PM Youth Group At Eternity Church	21 7 PM Boy Scouts	22 9 AM Quilters	23 7 PM AA Meeting	24 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	25	26
27 - 9:30 AM Worship - 12 PM Youth Group At Eternity Church VBS at Immanuel Lutheran	28	29	30	31		



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

July 06 – **Elliott Sisters**

July 13 – **BRING A TREAT OR SNACK TO SHARE**

July 20 – **Deb F / Peg WZ / Jean W**

July 27 – **Stoeckel / Henchen / Orton Families**

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

Ushers

July 06 – **Jean T & Michele E**

July 13 – **Sorenson Family**

July 20 – **Lingle Family**

July 27 – **Purdy Family**

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

Sound Board

July 06 – **Scott L**

July 13 – **Jim H**

July 20 – **Daniel F**

July 27 – **Joel C**

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

Sunday School Teachers

July 06 – **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

July 13 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

July 20 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

July 27 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

VOLUNTEER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

02	Scott A
02	Lanora C
02	Sandy W
03	Jolie C
07	Nancy R
08	Elliott S
09	Lylias H
11	Pearl B

11	Nora F
12	Nita L
14	Lillian S
16	Spencer C
18	Roger L
19	Dana B
19	Dennis T
21	Terry A

21	Joan S
23	Jim B
24	Daniel F
24	Joanne M
26	Jeff S
27	Jenna J
28	Joe L
28	Anna P

29	Tina V
30	Ben K
31	Norma G
31	Greysen P
31	Diane W

HAPPY Anniversary

02	Phil & Sue L
07	John & Connie T

12	Jenny & Brian M
13	Gary & Bobbie H

22	Dennis & Joyce T
27	Wanda & Larry M

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

06/10/2025 Single Board Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Gene S., Bob L.

Meeting started with a guest from Open Circle. Matt Crawford presented a request for updating their desired needs they wish to implement for the Elderly clients.

Andrew and Linda will review and clarify Freshwaters requirements and receive any issues Open Circle may have.

1. Meeting minutes from 5/12/25 were approved electronically.
2. Meeting agenda was received electronically.
3. Linda called the meeting to order.
4. Pastor Kevin lead us off with a prayer.
5. Investments- Scott issued investment reports.
6. Andrew motioned that we donate \$2000 dollars from our Missions account to donate to Open Circle for their required updates. Second by Scott and motion passed.
7. Financials- Michele issued financial reports indicating Donations are down and expenses are up.
8. SPRC- It was stated that the SPRC is sending out an ad to find a replacement for Jenna who is stepping down from her duties as Church Secretary.
9. Trustees- Andrew reported that he is taking bids for the demolition of the Gerth Property to start sometime in May of 2026.
10. Linda asked that we start reviewing and set up a plan of action to meet the goals we made for the future of our church- Each member is to review and come up with suggestions at the next meeting.
11. Andrew motioned and was seconded by Linda to adjourn the Meeting.

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