



AUGUST Freshwaters UMC 2025

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings and blessings dear readers of the Freshwaters Current, God bless you and your families! I pray that all of you are enjoying your summer and that you have been able to take some time to rest and recharge yourselves.

Knock knock! Who's there? Fall! Fall who? – well there is no funny punch line here; as this is the August newsletter – this is a little reminder that Fall is coming! Yes it is coming! It is coming insanely fast! Before we know it we will be ramping back up to our busy Fall schedules with to school, Sunday School, sports, evening activities, and of course the holidays over the immediate horizon. I don't want to freak you out with what is coming, but rather to take stock of the days which we have. We have such an insanely rapid paced world, but we don't have to be! Take time to worship God, take the time to slow down and breathe, pray, read the scriptures or a good devotional book. Spend time with God, with your family, or a friend. Slow down and appreciate the life God has given you.

I do wish to highlight some things that are coming up in the month of August and September. We will be welcoming a new office administrative assistant Lisa Hakes! Jenna Jenson will be training in this new person and of course will

Sermon Series

Love Has A Name

August 03

**The Person In
Front Of You**

August 10

**Love Stays When
Everyone Else
Leaves**

August 17

**Love Notices The
Unnoticeable**

August 24

**Love Pulls Up A
Chair**

August 31

**Guest Speaker
Linda Olson**

be a helpful resource should this person have any questions. Jenna has done such a great job in her 3 years in the office and as Children's Ministry director. We are so proud of her great work! Now she will be joining her family in worship to be refreshed and recharged.

Speaking of our children's ministry, I met with our Sunday School teachers and we are working together to build a curriculum, a schedule of volunteer teachers and assistants, and exciting other things to make it a great year for our kids! WE ARE EXCITED! So make sure to circle September 14th on your calendar as FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!! I will be leading my Bible Study again – we will be picking up at the Book of Psalms; and I will be leading a Men's Small Group. The Youth Group has been meeting with Eternity Church as a collaborative venture and that seems to be going well thus far. We will continue to see how that plays out over the Fall.

Linda Olson is leading a Women's Small Group Band. Roger Leider is leading the Men's Group which does great activities; there is the United Methodist Women's group; the Quilters group. You can get involved in worship whether you can sing or help with changing decorations and banners. Or help with hospitality ministry, welcoming people at the door, handing out programs, or serving treats! The Fall will be awesome! Lets invite people to experience it!!
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
Our State, Nation, & World	Paul & Sandy W
Lestina Family	Bobbie & Gary H
Kay P	Jim L
Mag D	Rachel G
Gene S	August M
Nova	Norma H
Celeste H	Finnegan
Tina V	



Youth Group News – Meeting at Eternity Church every Sunday 12-1:30 pm (except August 10 – NO YOUTH GROUP). Fall schedule TBD.



FRESHWATERS KIDS



volunteers we have, but we could use more as it helps spread out the load! Many hands make light work! So the water is warm, jump into the pool! It's a great ministry to be involved in!

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.



Pastor Kevin's Men's Small Group – September 18 6-7 pm

This will be a group where we will gather to check in each week for prayer, mutual encouragement, we will watch a video from Right Now Media have discussion and prayer. Please contact Pastor Kevin if you are interested 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY

When: Beginning September 17

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



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

Pastor Kevin will be teaching "Historical Perspectives" Tuesdays and Thursdays at the University of Northwestern this coming 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!

Jingle Sunday is August 17th (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.



MEETING

Meeting for our local outreach team will be held following service on Sunday, Sept 21st. Please join us if you are looking to get more involved in our local outreach. We will be discussing current and upcoming opportunities to reach out and support people in our community.

Thank you Jenna Jenson for your great work for Freshwaters Church! Jenna's last official day will be August 14th – We will bless and celebrate her ministry in worship on Sunday August 10th and reception afterward. Please join us as we celebrate Jenna's good work and pray for her in her future work at the Princeton Schools.



We welcome Lisa Hakes to Freshwaters Church as our new Office Administrative Assistant. We are so glad that she comes with great experience in the area of church admin work. We look forward in getting to know her, and her getting to know us.

Freshwaters August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Day Of Kindness 10-1
3 - 9:30 AM Worship - 12 PM Youth Group At Eternity Church	4 7 PM Boy Scouts	5 - 9 AM Quilters	6 7 PM AA Meeting	7	8	9
10 - 9:30 AM Worship	11 7 PM Boy Scouts	12 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	13 7 PM AA Meeting	14 Jenna's Last Day!	15	16
17 - 9:30 AM Worship - 12 PM Youth Group At Eternity Church	18 7 PM Boy Scouts	19 9 AM Quilters	20 - Newsletter Deadline 7 PM AA Meeting	21	22	23
24 - 9:30 AM Worship - 12 PM Youth Group At Eternity Church -2 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved	25 7 PM Boy Scouts	26 9 AM Quilters	27 7 PM AA Meeting	28 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	29	30
31 - 9:30 AM Worship - 12 PM Youth Group At Eternity 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

August 03 – **Michele E & Jean T**
August 10 – **Church Picnic – Hot dogs provided, please bring a picnic side to share**
August 17 – **Brander Family & Grandkids**
August 24 – **Liestman Family**
August 31 – **Hohlen Family**

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

Ushers

August 03 – **Liestman Family**
August 10 – **Claassen Family**
August 17 – **Gist Family**
August 24 – **Thompson Family**
August 31 – **Sullivan 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

August 03 -
August 10 -
August 17 – **Daniel F**
August 24 -
August 31 – **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

August 03 – **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
August 10 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
August 17 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
August 24 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
August 31 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kevin at 651-414-1132.

VOLUNTEER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

01	Angela H	06	Rhonda M	12	Tom M	23	Rosie E
03	Chester B	06	Kevin W	13	Char S	27	Hank F
04	Presli A	06	Cade W	16	Ildiko F-G	29	Westley L
04	Larry V	08	Rodger G	16	Benjamin M	30	Evelyn H
05	Tim D	09	Mike J	19	Lori V		
06	Mike M	12	Ellie C	20	Audrey S		

HAPPY Anniversary

03	Kevin & Ildiko F	13	Kevin & Kathy W	20	Hank & Carolyn F
04	Jeff & Heather S	14	Lori & Paul V	26	Randy H & Linda A
06	Gary & Karen M	18	Rich & Char S	28	Bob & Rosanne B

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

July 8, 2025 Single Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Andrew Harvala, Linda Olson, Gene Stoekel, Michele Elifrits, Scott Liestman, Bob Laskowski.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Linda Olson.

Minutes of June 10, 2025 meeting were approved electronically.

Prayer and Scripture: Shared by Linda, Hebrews 3:13 Encourage one another daily!

Discussion was held on if any of the board is feeling burnt out? The feeling was that none of the board members present were feeling burnt out. But there was encouragement for everyone to step forward and volunteer for something no matter how small. The other thing of frustration is communication. When called, texted, or emailed, please respond.

Financial Reports: Michele reported that we are about \$10,000 down from last year at this time, of which \$3000 is less giving and \$7000 is increased expenses. Pastor Kevin has sent out a letter to the congregation to please increase giving as this could become serious soon.

Investments: Scott reported that the accounts are all up at this time and it was decided to let everything continue to compound for a while. Some CD interest will come due in October that will continue to fund the Parking Lot account.

SPRC Report: Gene reported that they are interviewing 5 applicants out of 19 applications. They feel they have some very strong applicants and hope to have someone hired to replace Jenna by August 1st so they can train with Jenna for 2 weeks before she is done on August 15th.

Trustee Report: Andrew shared that the new water heater is now installed and that Brian McMullen is finishing up the electrical hook up. Thank you Brian! \$10,000 was taken from the endowment account to pay for the new water heater. The motion to take the \$10,000 was done electronically a couple weeks ago as it could not wait until the board meeting. We have been blessed by good markets to allow us to take some moneys.

New Business: Linda has challenged all the board members to start a small weekly groups. And it doesn't have to be the board members, anyone can start a small group. There is a resource available through "Right Now Media" that will help guide you in the topics and process to get started. The most successful churches have thriving small groups.

Adjournment: Motion by Gene, 2nd by Linda. Passed.

Minutes submitted by Scott Liestman

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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