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## FRESHWATERS UNITED METHODIST www.freshwatersumc.org Join us In-Person or Online on Sundays at 9:30 AM!

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# FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings dear friends, sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus! Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas to you and to your friends and family members.

I had no idea that it was going to snow last night, so it was a surprise to wake up to see that we had about 2 inches of snow on the ground. Winter has finally arrived and it looks like winter will be staying for a while. On the drive in you can see it is a time of relearning how to drive in slick conditions with people spinning their wheels; realizing that they have to start to break a little earlier; and to slow down. Arriving at the church, it was still snowing and with that there was a guiet hush. Hove that guiet sound that snow brings. I remembered one day when I was in college, and it was snowing. Everything was muffled and quiet; with the exception of the "crunch, crunch, crunch" of my foot steps in the fresh snow as I walked to class. In those moments I think of that scripture from Psalm 46, "Be still, and know that I am God." We live in a world filled with noise - both literal and figurative. Our minds are noisy with things to do, problems that we are struggling with, and the like – and all we would like is for a

# Sermon **Series**

## **CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST**

### December 4

Angels We Have Heard On High

#### December 11

Chosen Too Christmas Program

#### **December 18**

O Come All Ye Faithful

December 24 Silent Night

December 25 Joy To The World moment of quiet.

A moment of quiet – this is what we need! The fancy word for that is "Sabbath" a moment of quiet rest so that our minds and hearts can be still and to reconnect with God. We do not do a very good job of resting our minds, hearts, and souls. Do we take moments of quiet rest? What is the first thing you do when you wake up, do you turn on the news or check your phone? What is the last thing that you do when you go to bed – turn off the TV and check our phone? Perhaps rather than jumping straight away to the phone, news or TV, we take a moment to be quiet, to be still and to experience God. Take a moment as you pour your first cup of coffee to enjoy the steam rising from the cup, take time to feel the warmth of the cup, take time to enjoy the aroma. If you walk outside take a moment of breathing in the fresh air, listen to the sound of nature: if a snowflake falls on your coat take a moment to look closely at it before it melts away. Open your Bible take in each word – one at a time, listen to the words in your mind as they are written upon your heart.

This is a busy time of the year, make the choice to take a moment of quiet each day! Your soul will be blest by this time of nourishment, especially as we approach the Birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ! May God bless each of you with the gift of peace, joy, hope, and refreshment! Amen!

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER**

Our Nation &	Those Who Are
Those Who Are	Mourning The
Sick, Hurt, And	Loss Of Loved
Suffering	Ones
Lylias H	Joyce M
Norma & Barry H	Becky G
	Val V



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, Betty Oliver, Joyce Mulder

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

# Freshwaters Single Board Minutes November 8, 2022

Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00. Present were Linda Olson, Susan Kettlehodt, Ryan Purdy, Phil Lingle, Darren Wesloh, Scott Leistmen and Kevin Fox.

The agenda was approved.

We discussed the replacement of the air conditioning unit next summer. Due to the unsettled stock market, Scott recommended taking gains from our growth account at this time and placing them in a cash account to be used in the near future. A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Phil to liquidate \$25,000 from the Growth account and place in a cash account for use on air conditioning upgrades this spring. The motion passed.

A gift of stock was made to the church earlier this year. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Darren to liquidate the Makesson stock and place the funds in the general fund of the church. The motion passed.

The slate of church leadership and committee members was introduced. A motion by Scott and seconded by Ryan to approve this list was passed.

Susan presented a preliminary budget, which was discussed. After some modification, the final 2023 budget was presented. Phil made the motion to approve the budget, seconded by Scott and the budget was approved.

The Church conference will be on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. The next Board meeting will be on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Phil Lingle

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

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

December 01	Bernie W	December 14	Tyler S	December 23	Heather M
December 02	Kelly H	December 15	Leo F	December 23	Karen O
December 02	Carla L	December 16	Kurt N	December 27	Darla S
December 06	Salinger C	December 17	Hans S	December 28	Emily S
December 07	Betty B	December 19	Dawn G	December 29	Jeff B
December 07	Kim N	December 20	John R	December 29	Mathew K
December 07	Sharon R	December 21	Sierra R	December 30	Mark B
December 10	Don T	December 21	Sulyvan CH	December 30	Mag D
December 11	Steve W	December 21	Dustin W	December 30	Judy H
December 12	Sam T	December 23	Carol F	December 31	Jim H



#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

December 02 Peggy & Mark Z

December 05 Larry & Val V





We are presently serving Princeton Middle, Intermediate, and Primary Schools, along with Zimmerman Middle/High School, and Westwood Elementary. Your donations and contributions ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE for struggling children and their families! Thank you for your continued support of this very important outreach program.

The Christmas Giving Tree is back! Each ornament has a list of gifts for a family in need this holiday season. Please sign out any ornaments you take to fulfill. <u>Unwrapped</u> gifts are due back by December 11th so they can be delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you for blessing these families this holiday season!





Final date to order Christmas flowers or donate to the cost of garland and wreaths is **Monday, December 5th.** Prices are as follows:

6" red, white, or pink, poinsettia - \$11.50 each 7.5" red or white poinsettia—\$19.99 each We will also accept donations toward the purchase of hanging garland and wreaths that we purchase every year.

Our amazing quilters want to share their talents with us, so they are holding a monthly drawing for a lap quilt or table topper! To enter the drawing, simply fill out the slip in Fellowship Hall. Drawing will be held December 1st.





#### **ADDRESS UPDATE!!**

Lylias Hodgson has moved into Fremont Village Senior Living in Zimmerman. She absolutely LOVES it and is open to visitors.

Freemont Village Senior Living 29369 2nd St. East Apt 102 Zimmerman, MN 55398



Youth Group Schedule

Dec 4 - youth helping with Hot Breakfast for coffee hour and Christmas Program rehearsal after. Youth Group at Pastor Kevin's house at 6 pm.

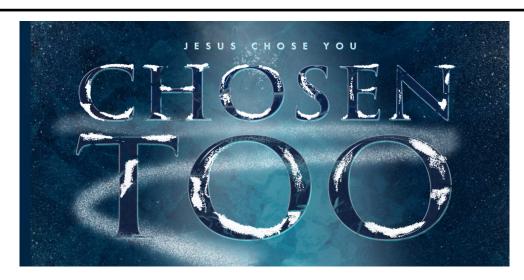
Dec 11 - Youth Group at Pastor Kevin's house at 6 pm

Dec 18 - Youth Group at Pastor Kevin's house at 6 pm

Dec 25 - NO YOUTH GROUP

Jan 1 - NO YOUTH GROUP

Jan 8 - Youth Group at Pastor Kevin's house at 6 pm



Each of us are chosen by God for a special purpose, but we must be willing to accept what God asks of us. Mary was chosen to love her son Jesus, Joseph was chosen to lead an unlikely family, the shepherds were chosen to find a Savior, and the magi were chosen to follow. All of this was possible because God chose to show his love for us by sending his Son Jesus to be our Savior. Our Freshwaters Kids and Youth Group will be diving into this 4 week lesson of our Saviors birth, and then sharing it with you for our Christmas program during worship on Sunday December 11th.

# Freshwaters December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 11:00 AM Christmas Program Practice - 6 PM Youth Group	5 7 PM BSA	6 9 AM Quilters	7 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	8	9	10 6 PM Las Posadas
- 9:30 AM Worship & Christmas Program - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6 PM Youth Group	12 -6 PM 4-H -7 PM BSA	- 9 AM Quilters - 6 PM Trustees Mtg	14	2 PM Freshwaters United Women In Faith Mtg.	Newsletter Deadline	17
18 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6 PM Youth Group	19 7 PM BSA	20 9 AM Quilters	21	22	23	7 PM Christmas Eve Worship
25 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - NO YOUTH GROUP	26 7 PM BSA	27 9 AM Quilters	28	29 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	30	31

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



After coffee hour on December 4th our Sunday School kids and Youth Group will be practicing and finalizing our Christmas program! Please bring a dozen cookies and decorating supplies to share when we are done. We will decorate cookies and watch a Christmas movie together to celebrate the season!

#### Pastor Kevin will be on vacation from December 25 -

**January 7.** Bill Radil will preach on January 1, and on January 8 we will have a Christmas Song "Sing-Along". John Lloyd will be on pastoral care call while Kevin is on vacation. John Lloyd is a pastoral lay pastor who has a full time job, so if there is an emergency he will get to you as soon as he can, but it might be in the evening. John's number is 763-670-9891

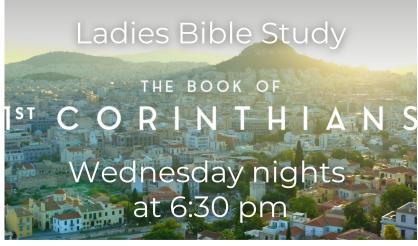




- Creative Ministries will meet during coffee hour on **Sunday December 4.**
- Freshwaters United Women In Faith will meet on **Thursday December 15** at 2:00 pm here at church.



Ladies Bible Study at Linda Olson's home continuing on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Join Linda as you walk through the teachings of 1 Corinthians by Jennie Allen. All material for this Bible study is provided free on Right Now Media. If you can't come every week, just come when you can! In this study



you will discuss that "Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for one-self. We have to choose one or the other—we can't do both. The Christians in Corinth tried to live the Christian life in a worldly way. Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians to a divided and self-centered people to remind them to follow Jesus and only Jesus. In this 12-part series, author and speaker Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives".

- Contact Linda if you plan to participate or if you have any questions - Phone: 612-963-8429 Address: 28084 Yak Street, Zimmerman.



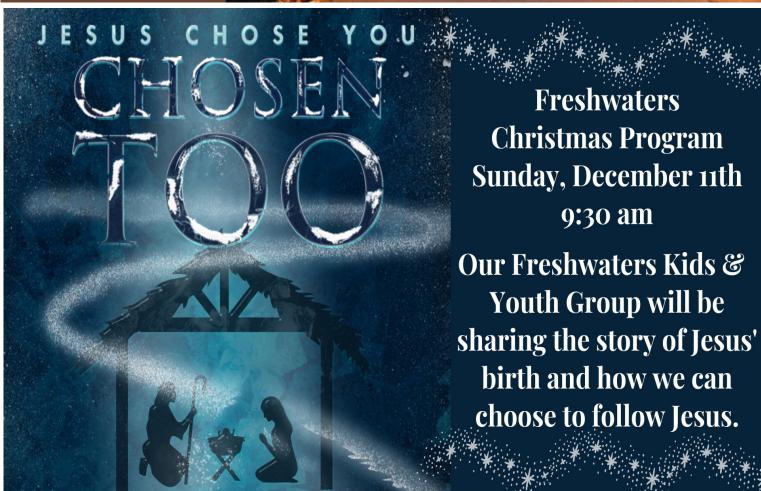
As Pastor Kevin would tell you, the more history you know, the more interesting history becomes. That is true about most everything. The more geology you know, the more interesting a walk in the mountains (or a pile of stones) becomes. The more botany you know, the more you enjoy a walk along a country road. It's also true of the Bible. The more you know about it, the more fascinating it becomes. Join Dick Gist on Sundays

after worship as he leads Adult Sunday School class through *Mark In Depth*. You will learn about Mark (and Matthew, Luke, and the early Christian community that was fraught with divisions and debate).

# POSADA DECEMBER 10TH AT 6 PM

Come experience an
Advent Celebration
reenacting Mary and
Joseph's search for a
place to stay in
Bethlehem. We will
celebrate with Posole,
Tostadas, other Mexican
treats, and a pinata! It is
going to be a great time
as we open our hearts to
Jesus and celebrate the
season.







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**

**December 4 -** Myla & Youth Group

**December 11 - NEEDED** 

**December 18 - NEEDED** 

December 25 - Becky G

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Beverages are provided by church, we simply need volunteers to help set-up, provide snacks, and clean up! There is a sign up sheet outside fellowship hall if you are able to volunteer. Please keep it simple! If you have questions, please contact Pat Talberg at 763-221-6344.

### **Sound Board**

December 4 - Isaac J

December 11 - Scott L

December 18 - Joel C

**December 24 - NEEDED** 

December 25 - Jim H

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

#### **Ushers**

December 4 - Dave & Kris H

**December 11 -** Doug & Kandy H

**December 18 -** Gene & Kathy S

**December 24 - NEEDED** 

**December 25 - NEEDED** 

Sign up sheet outside the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 763-631-1185.

## **Sunday School Teachers**

**December 4 - All Hands On Deck** 

**December 11 - All Hands On Deck** 

December 18 - Ryan & Audrey P

**December 25 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** 

January 1 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 8 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact our Children's Ministry Director, Jenna Jenson at 763-439-2816

