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FROM THE PASTOR

November greetings and blessings to you and your families on behalf my family, and the congregation of Freshwaters! May the grace and peace of Christ Jesus be with you all!

It is mid October as I sit to write this newsletter for November, and my thoughts turn to the spirit of Thanksgiving. Right now people are struggling to make ends meet, the continuing war with Ukraine and Russia is of great concern, and of course within a couple of weeks we will be having the mid-term election. It is not an easy time to be sure, and yet despite, that I am thankful. The prophet Habakkuk wrote very powerfully in chapter 3:17-18 *Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.* This is one of my favorite scriptures because here the prophet declares, despite the lack of worldly abundance, his abundance is found in his relationship with God. With God he lacks nothing, with God he can find things for which he can be thankful – his heart beat, his breath, his ability to see and hear and the like. My friends in this season where there seems to be much anxiety, worry, anger, confusion, and frustration – for what can you be thankful?

I will share with you what I am thankful for: -- seeing our Sunday

Sermon Series

November 6

All Saints Sunday

November 13

Christ The King

November 20

Thanksgiving

November 23

Ecumenical
Thanksgiving

CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

November 27

O Come, O Come
Emmanuel

FRESHWATERS UNITED METHODIST

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Join us In-Person or Online on Sundays at 9:30 AM!

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worship attendance growing, seeing that people are responding to our congregational financial needs, and watching our Sunday school thriving with 11 children and 8 in youth group. We have 2 adult Bible studies taking place helping people experiencing God’s Word. The quilters have had an outdoor fundraiser and are making cool things to bless people. The roast beef dinner is in preparation and volunteers will lend their hand in helping out next Wednesday. Bags of blessing is ministering once again to the needs of the children in Princeton and Zimmerman. We have a great team of worship leaders, and people behind the scenes running the audio/visual every Sunday. I am thankful for the children who are excited to come to church! I am thankful for the ever faithful attenders, but also for the new faces that are showing up in our midst. I am thankful for all of you for your prayers, support, giving, volunteering, helping, singing, leading, and serving in the ministry of Freshwaters Church! I am thankful for my wife and my son, who are doing great things in their respective lives. It is great to see God at work in them. I am thankful for the opportunity to be an adjunct professor of history at the University of Northwestern. And most of all – I am thankful beyond measure for Jesus Christ who is my Redeemer, Savior, Empowerer, Hope, and Salvation. Without him in my life – I have no idea where I would be!

Looking for things to be thankful for in times like these can be challenging, but if you look they are there! Looking everyday, will change how you see things, it will improve your outlook and attitude. Give thanks to God, for he loves and cares for you! Amen!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
Our Nation & Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
Lylia H	Joyce M
Linda A	Becky G
Dodds Family	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

We pray that you find peace in this season of thanksgiving. Feel the love of Jesus Christ as you count your blessings!

Freshwaters Board Minutes
October 11, 2022

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

The agenda was approved, and September minutes were approved by email.

Susan reviewed the financial reports. Offerings continue to keep steady, but memorials have decreased a lot and without the grant from the Conference we remain at a \$14,000 deficit on the budget.

We reviewed the budget for next year and Susan will start making that to present to the Church Conference in November.

Darren reported the SPRC committee completed their employee review with Pastor Kevin with a good outcome, and recommended a salary increase for next year. Darren made a motion and Scott seconded it to increase the salary by 5%. The motion passed and this will be presented at the Church Conference.

The nominations committee presented the leadership list for 2023.m

The Church Conference is scheduled for November 27 at 11:00am.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

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

November 01 Nancy B	November 07 Sarah L	November 18 Dick G
November 02 Tina B	November 08 Kay P	November 19 Linda A
November 02 Nicole P	November 10 Todd E	November 19 Joyce M
November 03 Clarice H	November 10 Pat T	November 21 Allison C
November 03 Beth O	November 10 Nicholas T	November 21 Aubrey Z
November 04 Jim H	November 11 Val V	November 23 Linda T
November 04 Gene S	November 15 Owen O	November 26 Betty O
November 05 Rene H	November 16 Mark A	November 27 Linda O
November 05 Anji V	November 16 Sawyer C	November 28 Kaitlyn G
November 07 Mitchell B	November 16 Findley S	November 28 Megan S
November 07 Tracey H	November 16 Ed S	November 30 Paul W
	November 17 Joanne V	



ANNIVERSARIES

November 13	Terry & Karen A
November 19	Lester & Carol G



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.

Pastor Kevin is teaching World History/Western Civ at the University of Northwestern for the spring 2023 semester starting January 9th. His schedule will be as follows – Tuesday and Thursday mornings Pastor Kevin will be at the university for office hours and then class which is at 10.30-12.10pm. If you need pastor Kevin, please text, e-mail, or call and leave a message. He will get back to you as soon as possible.



Christmas flower order will be coming as a bulletin insert in November. Final date to order will be **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.

It's time for Operation Christmas Child! Brochures on what can be donated and how to pack the shoeboxes are on the welcome desk. Filled boxes are due back to church by **Sunday, November 20th.** Thank you for your help blessing these children near and far!

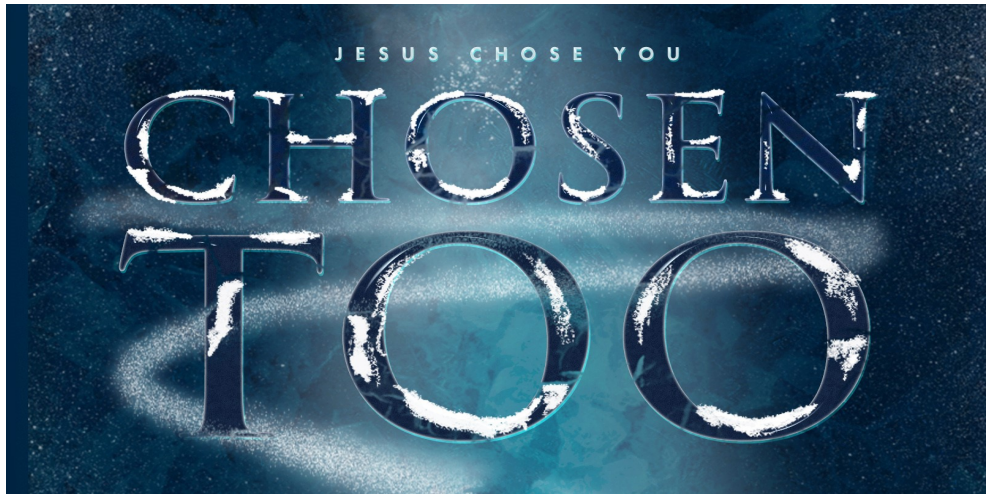


The Christmas Giving Tree will be back the end of Nov! Be on the look out for this tree with paper ornaments. Each ornament has a list of gifts for a family in need this holiday season. Please sign out any ornaments you take to fulfill. Return dates are still to be determined.

Freshwaters November 2022



Youth Group is held at Pastor Kevin’s House on Sunday’s from 6 pm - 7 pm. We will have Bible study, watch videos, play games, eat treats, and have fun. It is open for kids 6th grade and older. Please let Pastor Kevin know if you would like to help out!



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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 - All Day Scrapbooking - UMW & Youth Group Hot Breakfast Prep
6 - 9:30 AM All Saints Sunday Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6:00 PM Youth Group	7 7 PM BSA	8 9 AM Quilters	9 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	10	11	12
13 - 9:30 AM Veterans Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6:00 PM Youth Group	14 -6 PM 4-H -7 PM BSA	15 - 9 AM Quilters - 6 PM Trustees Mtg - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	16 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	17	18	19
20 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 3:25 PM Vikings Game & Potluck - 6:00 PM Youth Group	21 7 PM BSA	22 9 AM Quilters	23 7 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Here!	24 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 10 AM Decorating For Christmas
27 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 11:00 AM Church Conference - 6:00 PM Youth Group	28 7 PM BSA	29 9 AM Quilters	30 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study			

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

Veterans Day Service **Sunday, November 13th.** We'll be honoring all veterans living and deceased. If you have a service photo and/or hat, please bring to the office with your name on it by Friday November 11th. We will also be accepting a special offering this day for Meals - A La - Car to help cover the costs for veterans who are utilizing this meal service.



Join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship and food on **Sunday, November 20th at 3:25 pm!** We will be watching the Vikings vs. Cowboys football game in the sanctuary. There is a sign up sheet outside Fellowship Hall to write down if you're coming and what food dish you're bringing to share!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship here **Wednesday, November 23rd at 7 pm.** Please come and join together with your fellow Christian sisters and brothers of other denominations to give worshipful thanks and praise to God.

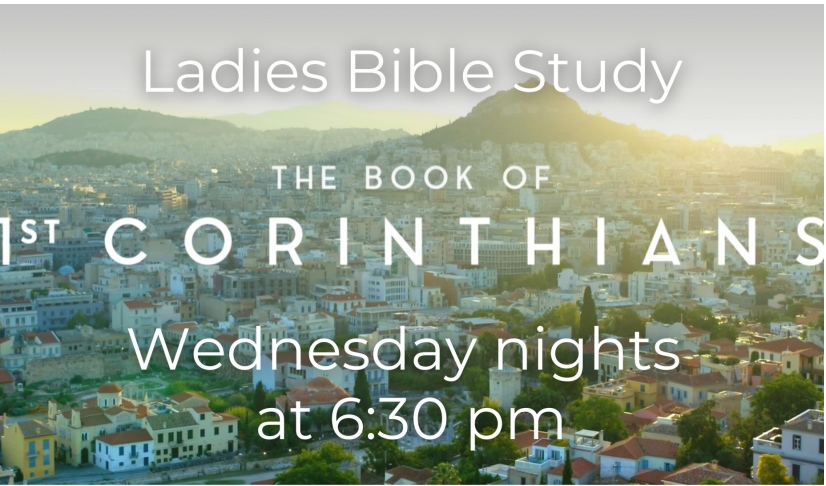


Decorating for Christmas on **Saturday, November 26th at 10 am!** All adults, Youth Group, and Freshwaters Kids are encouraged to help. Many hands make for faster work, and refreshments will be provided after. We will be putting up 3 trees including the big one in the Sanctuary, one in Fellowship Hall, and one in the north entrance.

NOVEMBER 27TH AT 11AM WILL BE OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE. At this meeting, we will pray and give thanks to God for His provision and blessing this past year; elect officers and team members; vote on the pastoral support package; approve next years budget; and process reports. Pastor Kevin has been given permission from our DS Fred Vanderwerf to preside as Kevin is an Elder.



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".



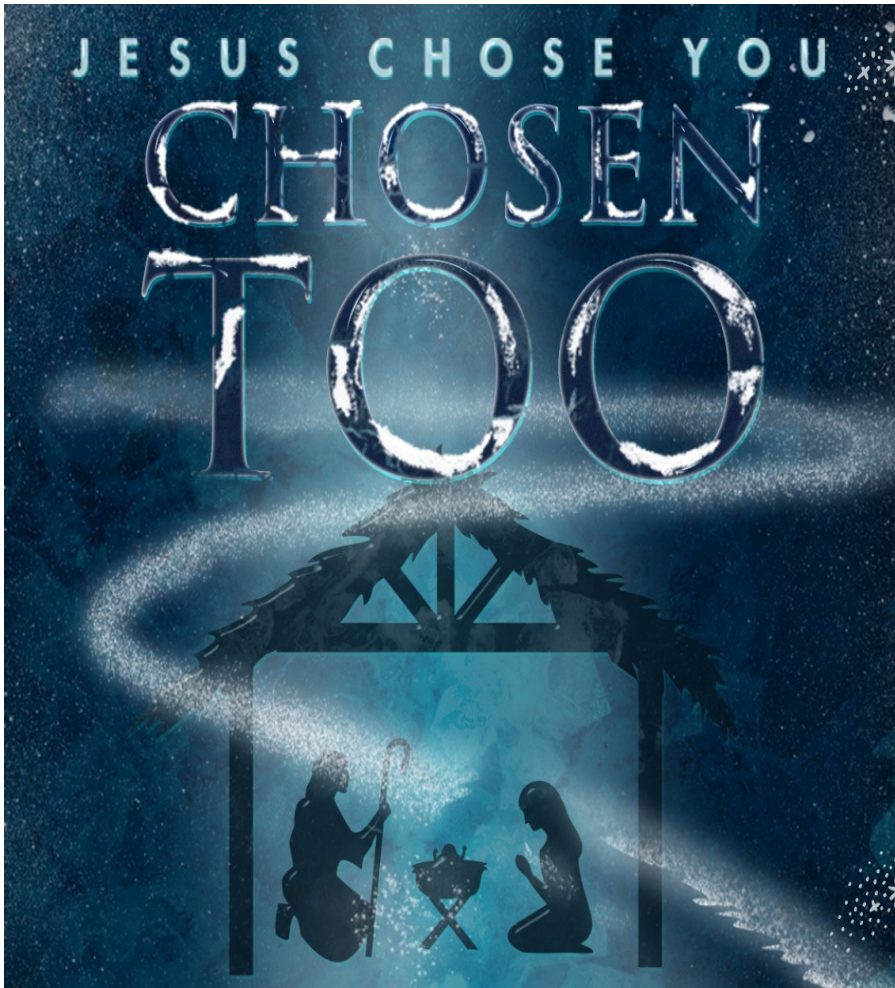
- Contact Linda if you plan to participate or if you have any questions -
Phone: 612-963-8429 Address: 28084 Yak Street, Zimmerman.



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.



**Freshwaters
Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11th
9:30 am**

**Our Freshwaters Kids &
Youth Group will be
sharing the story of Jesus'
birth and how we can
choose to follow Jesus.**



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!!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for 1 or 2 more members. See Myla or Pastor Kevin for details, questions, or if you are interested in being a part of this committee. Thank you!!

Ushers

November 6 - Skip H & Joyce T
November 13 - Jeff & Heather S
November 20 - Karen & Owen O
November 27 - **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

November 6 - Jenna J, Cayla L
November 13 - Ryan P, Alex F
November 20 - Angela H, Myla T
November 27 - Karen M, Jolie C

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

Coffee Hour Hosts

November 6 - UMW & Youth Group

November 13 - Becky Garay

November 20 - **NEEDED**

November 27 - **NEEDED**

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Treats & coffee are provided by church, we simply need volunteers to help set-up, serve, and clean up! There is a sign up sheet outside fellowship hall if you are able to volunteer. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 763-631-1185.

Sound Board

November 6 - Isaac J

November 13 - Jim H

November 20 - Scott L

November 27 - Scott L

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

VOLUNTEER