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FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings and blessings to you dear friends and readers of the Freshwaters Current. May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be upon all of us!

Lessons from God are everywhere! One of them comes from my backyard. Earlier this spring my wife and son planted a vegetable garden with peppers, squash, tomatoes, and beans. Each day one of us would go in the back in the morning and evening to water the plants. This summer, we became very busy with vacations, activities, visits with friends and families, and of course, our bathroom remodel. As we became preoccupied with these other things, we watered our plants less and less. We relied upon whatever rainfall that fell from the sky to nurture our little vegetable garden. Long story short, our little vegetable garden is languishing. Why? Very simple. We were not tending to it as we should have, especially during those hot, dry, and humid days we've had as of late. The squash plant is squashed, the beans have dried up, the tomato plants have hung in there, and the peppers may not be as peppy as we would want. Our garden is not as fruitful because we were not tending to it as we should have. We were distracted by the many things going on in our personal life. Does this not sound like a parable that Jesus might tell? Sure does to me!

Sermon Series

REFRESH

September 4
The Vision

September 11
REAL

September 18
EMBRACING

September 25
FILLED

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

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Our Christian faith will dry up and die if we do not intentionally take stock in its survival. God does his part by being present daily through the gift of the Holy Spirit, but if we are not intentionally engaged, we will miss it. Do you feel yourself languishing? What are you doing to feed and nourish your soul? Worship is one great place to refresh your soul. This fall we will have a message series called Refresh, where we will look at our congregational vision and values. Who are we? What do we stand for? What are our vision and values that define Freshwaters Church? Engagement in small groups is another place to revive your soul. You can create your own group by inviting some friends, family, or congregational members out to coffee; discuss life and faith as it impacts your life. Taking the time for quiet reflection with the Bible. I have been reading through the Geneva Bible, which is the Bible that encouraged the Pilgrims when they were languishing in their first months here in America.

We need to think also about our congregational direction and life. Are we nurtured and fed by our congregational life? How do we stand out from the many other congregations in the area who seek to do good God work as well? We are all in this together with God's work and help. We need everyone to pray, encourage, invite, reach out, and see our area with the eyes and heart of Jesus! May we offer life giving fresh water to the languishing souls that are all around us! 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
Mary V	Janelle M &
Becky G Son	Val V
Rene H	Anji V
Greg A Family	Angie CD



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 your month is filled with smiles, new opportunities, and the love of Jesus Christ!

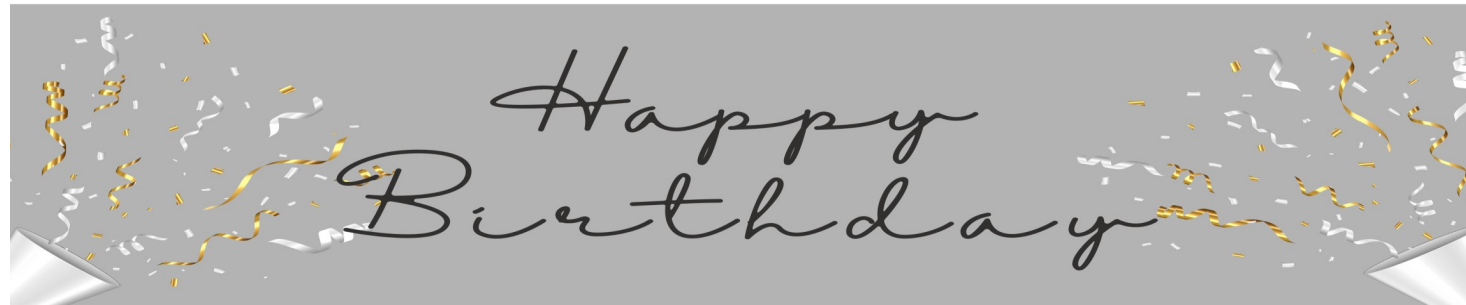
BIRTHDAYS

September 03 Wanda M	September 12 Aubrey H	September 24 Lee D
September 03 Jackie Y	September 12 Dee H	September 24 Jay F
September 06 Maddox D	September 12 Phil L	September 24 Matthew H
September 06 Kandy H	September 13 Shelbi V	September 25 Norma H
September 06 A.J. W	September 16 Ginny E	September 26 Jon F
September 07 Paul M	September 18 Addison H	September 27 Pat N
September 08 Jim L	September 23 Becky O V	September 28 Wendy T
September 11 Jerry M		September 30 Trudi A

Day Of Kindness was an OVERWHELMING SUCCESS this year. We partnered with Immanuel Lutheran and Crystal Cabinets to collect donations of backpacks and school supplies... and together we were able to donate and collect enough supplies to fill 155 backpacks and still have supplies left over!! Thank you to all who donated and helped make this possible. You made a difference for many many kids this school year.



Pastor Kevin teaching World History/Western Civ at the University of Northwestern starting August 25. 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. Once class is over, Pastor will return to the office for the afternoon.



Annual Roast Beef Dinner is in the works and will be coming soon on October 26th!! There will be a list of requested items for donation coming soon, so please keep your eyes open for that and help if you are able.



ANNIVERSARIES

September 03 David & Joanne V	September 14 Eric & Christine P
September 07 Scott & Carla L	September 14 Frank & Darla S
September 10 Mark & Nita L	September 20 Scott & Jackie L
September 11 Al & Sandy M	September 22 Dick & Norma G
September 12 Amber & Ben E	September 22 Garr & Amanda P
September 12 Bruce & Barb H	September 28 Gene & Kathy S
September 12 Ron & Debbie J	September 28 Diane & John W



Members received a letter explaining that our income is down from last year due to the end of the Investing In Congregations Grant, the pandemic, the consolidation, rising prices of food and gas, and inflation. Our giving has been strong overall, but we do need your help. Pray about what you are able to contribute so that we can continue to do our important work for Jesus Christ!

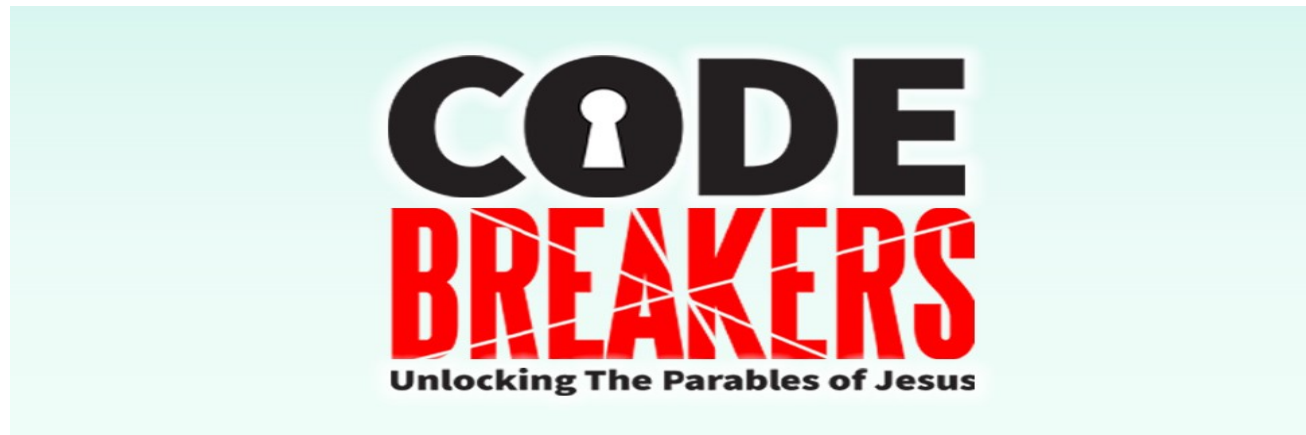


We are looking for bold, courageous, praying, and faithful leaders to serve on our Single Board, Trustees, and Staff Parish Relations teams. We are looking for people whose heart breaks for the dry souls in our community and can envision new ways to connect with them. If you are interested, or feel the call of God, please communicate with Pastor Kevin!





Calling all 6th Graders - 12th Graders!! Youth Group will be starting on **Sunday September 11th from 6-7pm** at Pastor Kevin's house. You are encouraged to come to church on Sunday mornings and follow along with the sermon using a pre-printed sheet of questions that will be provided before service. Bring this sheet with you to youth group for discussion! During Youth Group, we will have Bible study, watch videos, play games, eat treats, and have fun. Please let Pastor Kevin know if you plan on attending and/or if you would like to help. This year we would like to plan out a lock in, a mission trip, and other fun activities!



CALLING GOD'S DETECTIVES - You're invited to help "Crack The Kingdom Code" as we dive into the Parables of Jesus. Please join us for church and Sunday School kick off on **Sunday September 11th at 9:30 am**. We will be examining clues, breaking the code, and gaining understanding of our role in the Kingdom of God. It will be lots of fun, and we can't wait to start the case with you! Sunday School will be provided for kids who are 3 years old - 5th Grade.

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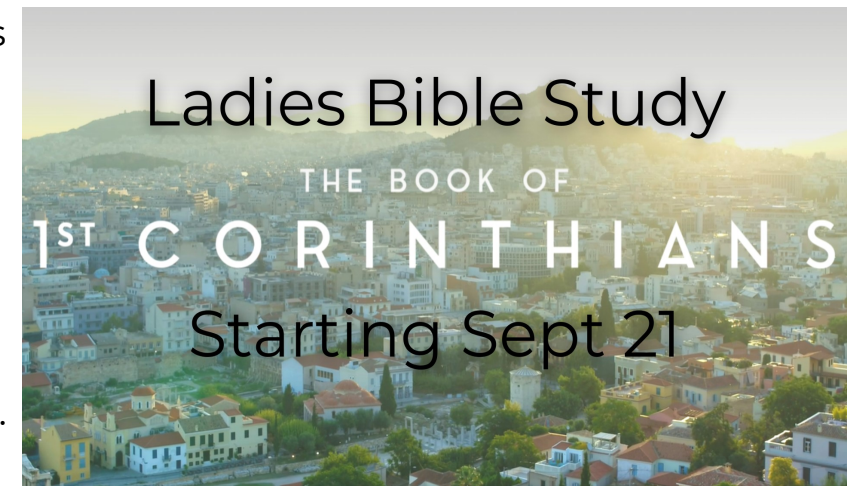
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	5 7 PM BSA	6 9 AM Quilters	7	8	9	10
11 - 9:30 AM Worship w/ Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6:00 PM Youth Group	12 -6 PM 4-H -7 PM BSA	13 - 9 AM Quilters - 6 PM Trustees Mtg	14	15	16	17
18 - 9:30 AM Worship w/ Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6:00 PM Youth Group	19 7 PM BSA	20 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	21	22	23	24
25 - 9:30 AM Worship w/ Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6:00 PM Youth Group	26 7 PM BSA	27 9 AM Quilters	28	29	30	

**Regular Sunday Worship
In-Person and Streaming Live at 9:30AM with
Concurrent Sunday School**

Freshwaters Single Board Minutes

No meeting minutes were submitted for August. See next month's newsletter for the minutes from Septembers meeting.

Ladies Bible Study at Linda Olson's home coming on Wednesdays starting September 21st at 6:30 pm. Join Linda as you walk through the teachings of 1 Corinthians by Jennie Allen. All material for this 12 week 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 oneself. 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.

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



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 this Sep-

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

A Note From The Quilters

We have had a busy 7 months making quilts and other crafts. We have also had 2 sales to raise money for ongoing missions that UMW supports. The approved missions for this year are: \$1700 to local missions: Feed My Starving Children, Volunteers in Mission, Kinship in Princeton, and Giving Tree, and recently added \$200 to Laundry Love in Princeton. The largest is the District Pledge of \$4,120 to MN Conference of UMW, which also supports several outreach missions. UMW also gives the proceeds from the Roast Beef Dinner to our church. So far this year, the quilters and UMW have raised \$2871, with a Fall sale coming up on October 1st.

Many of you may not know that UMW is every woman in our church. You see us everywhere, organizing and packaging Bags of Blessings, working funerals, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, serving at coffee hour, singing, decorating the church, baking for events, cleaning the kitchen, and participating in services. A big Thank you to our UM Men helping, singing, teaching, and working with us to support these missions and our church!

Our quilters' sales events have also brought in new sewers and crafters who wanted to join us and volunteer their talents to help people in need and for the fellowship. We are so excited to have a growing group of women with a passion to help others. Come join us Tuesdays from 8:30 - 12:00, and you don't even have to be a sewer or quilter!

We have a Fall Sidewalk Sale coming up October 1st, where we will sell our quilts and crafts to raise money that goes to UMW. This year, we are inviting other vendors and artisans to set up their tents and tables on the church lawn, with a \$25 fee for their spot. This will help draw people to our sale and provide a fun community event. If you know of someone who may be interested in selling at our event, contact Karen Miller 952-237-7320. We would also love to have more volunteers to help make baked items to sell, help us set up a few tables, sell coffee and bars, etc. We are also looking for more donated crafts to sell with proceeds going to UMW.

Some of the things we have donated to and/or are working on:

- teaching children and adults to sew or quilt
- 12+ boxes of quilts, blankets, supplies sent to Pinecone Indian Reservation in SD
- feeding tube pads, tube covers, and bibs for special needs children in Zimmerman & Princeton Schools
- box of quilts for Pastor Kevin to give to families in need or those who are homeless
- adult bibs/clothing protectors/wheelchair & walker bags to ELIM OASIS and ELIM
- patriotic and Christmas placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients
- Baptism quilts
- church banners and runners
- quilts to family whose house burned
- seatbelt cushions for people with "ports" - Cancer patients
- collected towels, sheets, & blankets donated to animal rescues:

(Tuff Start in St. Francis and Ruff Start in Princeton)

Thank you to the many people who have donated their art & craft items, as well as their time, to our sales with scrubbies, knitted sweaters, embroidered towels, crocheted washcloths, baked goods, canned jams, wooden cutting boards, bird houses, wooden deer decor, etc.



SIDEWALK SALE
October 1st
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Quilts, crafts, baked goods, handmade items, vendors, and more! If you are interested in volunteering or having a booth, please contact Karen Miller at 952-237-7320



QUILTERS Tuesdays 9 AM

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF CRAFTING AND CONVERSATION! PEOPLE OF ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts

September 4 - Jeremy & Jessica L
September 11 - **NEEDED**
September 18 - Becky G
September 25 - **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.



Mowing Schedule

We are looking for help mowing the church lawn this summer! There is a sign up sheet outside the fellowship hall, please contact Isaac Jenson with any questions. 763-742-4583

Ushers For Sunday Worship

September 4 - **NEEDED**
September 11 - **NEEDED**
September 18 - **NEEDED**
September 25 - Jeremy & Jessica L

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

Sound Board Schedule

September 4 - Isaac J
September 11 - Jim H
September 18 - Slayter C
September 25 - Isaac J