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FROM THE PASTOR

April greetings and blessings be unto you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! Ildiko, Daniel and I send you our love, prayers, and blessings to you and your families.

I don't know about you, but I have been reflecting about how we feel so overwhelmed by the culture, by the news, by events, by things that just seem to be out of our control. Many of the things we face or think about are indeed out of our control. We are left feeling small, insignificant, hopeless, and ineffective to do anything. Of course this mindset impacts our faith life as individuals, as congregations, and as denominations. We might feel that my faith or our faith is too small to make much of a difference in the lives of those around me. But you see that is where we make our mistake. While we might be just one person, one church, one conference, or one denomination we can indeed make a profound difference if we open ourselves to the reality of the message we are called to live

Sermon Series

***Burn The Ships!...
Breaking With The
Past***

April 07
**Pastor Kevin On
Vacation, Guest
Speaker Bill Radil**

April 14
**Letting Go Of What I
Used To Do**

April 21
**Letting Go Of
Regrets**

April 28
**Letting Go Of People
Pleasing**

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

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and proclaim.

There are many things that gives me awe and wonder about Easter, but one of them is the fact that Jesus Christ, through his life, ministry, death, and resurrection changed the face of the world. It was and is through this one life that has made a difference in the lives of countless numbers of people. And what warms my heart is that Jesus bids us share that with others through simple acts of love, grace, mercy, and kindness. When we take to heart who we are as Christian people and we live it, we can indeed change lives through helping someone in need, offering a word of encouragement, by offering to pray for someone, through sending a card, giving a phone call, offering a place in line at the store, or whatever. That act of grace can touch someone that day and can open the door to the love of Jesus Christ. You just never know. We might not see the fruit of that moment, but God does!

Yes, the world is overwhelming at times, but we must never let it discourage us from being the people who we are called to be. We are called to be ambassadors for Christ, we are called to represent his love and grace to the world, even if our world is our home, our neighborhood, work place, school, or church. You can make a difference, never forget that! In the name of the risen Christ! Your brother in faith, Kevin.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
Our Nation	Mexico
The War In Ukraine	Ketchel Family
Kemen Family	Turnbull Family
Celeste H	Sheryl F



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



Upcoming Memorial Services

- Jason Turnbull's (son of Connie and John Turnbull) memorial service will be held here at Freshwaters on April 6th at 11:00 am.
- Tim Kemen's memorial service will be held at Grace Lutheran off of I-94 in St Paul (1730 Old Hudson Rd, St Paul MN 55106) on Saturday April 27th. 10-11 am visitation, 11 am worship followed by lunch.

Thank you to everyone who did such a great job with the Wednesday night soup supper and worship services! You are all a tremendous blessing to Freshwaters!

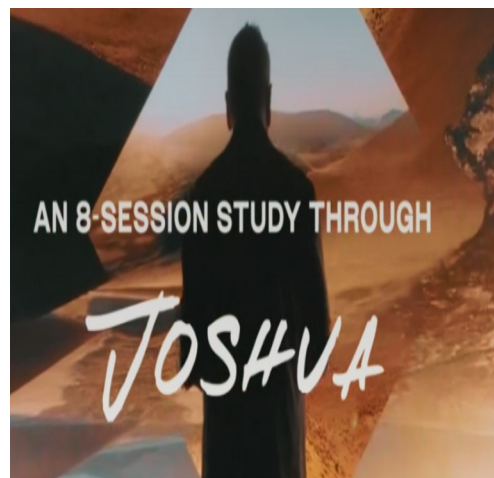
Thank you

We are seeking donations of food items or financial contributions to help us in our efforts to feed children on free or reduced lunches in Princeton and Zimmerman schools. This is a great ministry of connection between our congregation and the schools. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet in the entry way.



Jingle Sunday is April 21 (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..

8 WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY beginning April 3rd at 6:30 pm, held here at Freshwaters. All materials are free provided from Right Now Media. Contact Linda O if you have any questions or are interested in joining at 612-963-8429.



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March 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Michele E, Gene S, Darren W, Karen O, Linda O, Kevin F

Absent: Andrew H, Scott L, Mark B

1. Minutes from Feb Board meeting were approved electronically.
2. Kevin led the group in Scripture & Prayer
3. Trevor Brown's Podcast-Linda made a motion to subscribe to Trevor's podcast for one year as a way of advertising for Freshwaters. Darren 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report-Michele reported that Expenses are down & Income is up compared to last year this time—Good Job Freshwaters! Property Account (Bremer)- We are very grateful for Gloria Wesloh's donation to the (Gerth) Property payment fund this past month. Gloria's generous gift; the value of (2) monthly payments, is in honor and memory of her dear husband, Bernie Wesloh. Bernie will be greatly missed and he blesses us still! Quick Books-there is a need either to renew the current subscription or purchase something else. Michele is exploring options.
5. Investments-On 2/26/24 via email Scott made a motion to purchase a 1 year CD @ 5.15% with \$10,000 sitting in a Youth Account, so that the funds can grow once we have a need for them. Linda 2nd the motion, motion carried. Scott made a second motion that extra cash in the Youth Account (above what is being utilized for Faith Fest) will be deposited in the Edward Jones Money Market account to allow quick access. Linda 2nd. Gene made an amendment to the motion that \$1200 in the Youth Account be stated as such instead of 'extra cash'. Michele 2nd, the group voted on the amendment, motion carried. The group voted on the motion that was amended and that motion carried.
6. SPRC-Gene reported that SPRC discussed options of coverage for Jenna's vacation in August. One option is to advertise in the bulletin for anyone that is interested. SPRC also to begin ASAP discussing recruitment of Janitor position as Trevor Brown has given a resignation notice to Freshwaters.
7. Trustees-Kevin reported that the Lift is being repaired.
8. Next Board Meeting will be Sat, April 20th directly after Lunch & the Leadership Meeting (9am-12noon) at Scott Liestman's home.
9. Gene made a motion to adjourn, Darren 2nd, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Oudekerk

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

03 Tyler S	11 Kathy H	16 Richard P	20 John T
04 Isaac J	12 Kim J	17 Kaylie F	23 Chuck Y
07 Lynn H	12 Allison M	17 Jenny M	28 Tim V
07 Eva W	14 Bob L	18 Amanda P	29 Cassidi J
08 Chip F	15 Amber E	19 Ruby F	29 Sharon S
08 Elaine M	16 Sayla C	19 James F	30 Ken K
10 Heidi L	16 Fran H	19 Tom S	

HAPPY Anniversary!

07 Ken & Linda L	08 Mike & Kim J	21 Kelly & Aaron S	28 Mark & Nancy B
08 Brad & Tracey H	19 Paul & Sandy W	26 Tom & LeeAnn S	28 David & Kris H



April 07 - NO YOUTH GROUP

April 14 - At Pastor Kevin's House

April 21 - At Pastor Kevin's House

April 28 - At Pastor Kevin's House

Youth Group is open for all kids in 6th grade — 12th grade. We meet at Pastor Kevin's house on Sundays from 6:00—7:00 pm. We bless one

another, play games, grow in our faith, and have lots of fun. Contact Pastor Kevin for more info at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail. 13822 2nd Ave N Zimmerman, MN 55398



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.

April 07 - Quick Sand, Romans 3:23

April 14 - Walking In The Dark, Romans 6:23a

April 21 - A Light Up Ahead, Romans 6:23b

April 28 - Clear Path, Romans 10:9



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



PRINCETON COMMUNITY VBS

WHEN: July 29, 2024 - August 01, 2024

WHO: 3 year olds - incoming 6th graders

TIME: Dinner at 5:30 pm, VBS 6 - 7:45 pm

Parents are expected to stay during dinner.

WHERE: Here at Freshwaters UMC

COST: \$ 15 per child OR Max \$45 per family

Early registration is appreciated! After June 23, the price increases to \$25 per child or Max \$75 per family. We need many volunteers to make this year another success! We need kitchen helpers, decorators, crew leaders, crew assistants, and more! A list of requested donation items for both dinner and VBS will be coming later this spring. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Jenna J at 763-439-2816 or princetonvbs@gmail.com.

Freshwaters April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 PM BSA	2 9 AM Quilters	3 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study At Church	4	5	6 11 AM Jason Turnbull Memorial Service
7 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School Pastor Kevin On Vacation	8 - 6:30 PM Faith Fest Mtg. - 7 PM BSA	9 - 9 AM Quilters - 6:30 PM Trustee Mtg	10 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study At Church	11	12	13
14 - 9:30 AM Worship, Baptism & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	15 7 PM BSA	16 9 AM Quilters	17 - Newsletter Deadline - 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study At Church	18	19	20 - 9 AM-12 PM Leadership Mtg - 12 PM Single Board Mtg.
21 - 9:30 AM Worship, Jingle & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	22 7 PM BSA	23 - 9 AM Quilters	24 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study At Church	25 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	26	27 10 AM Visit 11 AM Service Tim Kemen Memorial At Grace Lutheran
28 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 6 PM Youth Group	29	30 - 9 AM Quilters				

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



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

- April 07** - Hot Breakfast
- April 14** - Elifrits, Taylor, & Stoeckel Families
- April 21** - Sarah L
- April 28** - Angela H

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

Ushers

- April 07** - Brander Family
- April 14** - Stoeckel Family
- April 21** - Vanderhoff & Sullivan Family
- April 28** - Jean T & Michele E

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

Sound Board

- April 07** - Scott L
- April 14** - Jim H
- April 21** - Joel C
- April 28** - Scott L

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

Sunday School Teachers

- April 07** - Angela H & Kait A
- April 14** - Jenna J & Jolie C
- April 21** - Hailey N & Alex F
- April 28** - Ryan P & Audrey P

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

VOLUNTEER