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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings and blessings dear friends of the Freshwaters Current, may all of you be blest as you receive this newsletter.

I pray that your summer vacations have been going well. I am writing this newsletter in June knowing that July will be busy with our own family vacation, VBS, and looking ahead to the Fall. It is hard to believe that we are here at the last week of June already! Time is moving very fast indeed!

Speaking of the passage of time, it was in July 2014 that I came to Freshwaters as your appointed pastor. It is hard to believe that 10 years have gone by in our shared ministry of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It has been quite a journey to be sure. We have walked through a lot of change as a congregation, as a country, and as a world. Think about how we were in 2014 and how we are now in 2024. We are not the same people are we? We have gone through intense cultural shifts, political changes, the pandemic, the conflicts in the Middle East and in Europe, and denominational changes. These are the things that have happened around us and yet impact us in various ways. Consider the changes we have gone through as a congregation – we explored our three campus model through the Healthy Church Initiative; as we

Sermon Series

BELOVED

August 04
I AM The Light

August 11
**Pastor Kevin Is On Vacation,
Guest Speaker
TBD**

August 18
I AM The Door

August 25
I AM The Good Shepherd

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

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No Single Board Meeting in July. Stay tuned next month for the meeting minutes from August.

did this work we answered the call of God to look at church in one location. This was hard and painful work. Then came the pandemic just as we finished the consolidation. We weathered the pandemic and as we emerged from its shadows we began to come together in one location with one blended form of worship. I am grateful to God to see His hand in bringing us together. But I will tell you the truth, I grieve the cost in that we saw many good people choose to leave as a response to the consolidation. I pray that those who still hurt will find healing and peace. I pray for us as a congregation that from the pain God will bring forth fruit of unity, peace, growth, love, compassion, and missional focus on making disciples.

With every ministerial appointment there are valleys and hardships, but for me one of the great blessings is to see the youth growing up and becoming adults. I look at the youth group picture in my office and there is Melody, Sawyer, Sylvia, Tyler, Tyler, Kaylie, Cayla, Spencer, Jolie and my son Daniel – I get choked up as I have watched them get jobs, get married, have families, building relationships. It brings me great joy when they come to worship. I love walking the journey with the new youth group and of course our awesome children in Sunday School. I am excited to see how their lives will unfold.

My family and I have been truly blest to call Freshwaters our church and Princeton/ Zimmerman our home. I do not know what God has in store for all of us, but we will find out together. It has been an awesome journey these past 10 years, I am proud to be your pastor. Now let us continue to do the Kingdom work and reaching the next person with the life-giving message of Jesus! Amen!

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	Joan S
Alec V	Sandy W
Celeste H	Elaine M
Norma H	Dennis T
Rachel G	Jim L



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

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



Next month (September) is our month to deliver Meals A La Car! This is a great ministry to help bring food to those in our community who are home bound. **We need more drivers to deliver these meals!** If you have any questions or are interested in helping deliver meals, please contact Isaac Jenson at 763-742-4583.

BIBLE STUDY

On September 11 from 6:30-7:30 pm, Pastor Kevin will begin “a journey through the Bible” as a study. Each Wednesday we will discuss one book of the Bible. We will look at the author; the genre of the particular book; the historical time period; the key message, stories and themes; and challenging parts of each book. We will alternate from Old Testament to New Testament each week. Come with your questions, come with your Bibles! Open to anyone and everyone!



CHURCH PICNIC

August 04 we will be having a church picnic during coffee hour. Beverages will be provided, please bring a dish to share!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

HAPPY Anniversary!

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| 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 Robert & 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



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 04 - **Picnic At Church**
- August 11 - **NEEDED**
- August 18 - **Stoeckel, Orton, Henchen**
- August 25 - **NEEDED**

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

Ushers

- August 04 - **Sorenson Family**
- August 11 - **Brander Family**
- August 18 - **Purdy Family**
- August 25 - **Liestman Family**

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

- August 04 - **Daniel F**
- August 11 - **Scott L**
- August 18 - **Daniel F**
- August 25 - **Joel C**

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 04 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- August 11 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- August 18 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- August 25 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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



- August 04 - **NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- August 11 - **NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- August 18 - **NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- August 25 - **NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**

Youth Group is open for all kids in 6th grade — 12th grade. We will begin meeting again in September 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. We will begin meeting again in September! Everyone starts worship together at 9:30 am and the kids are dismissed to Sunday School from there.

- August 04 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- August 11 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- August 18 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- August 25 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**



Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School this summer! The kids had a great time exploring our SCUBA theme and Diving Into Friendship With God! It takes many many volunteers to make this happen between the planning, the decorating, the food prep and serving, the activity stations, the crew leaders, sound board, and much more. If you helped in any way, THANK YOU!!

VOLUNTEER



- Pastor Kevin will be gone August 9 - 11 for a reenactment in Grand Portage Minnesota. Guest Speaker to be determined.
- Pastor Kevin will be teaching "Historical Perspectives" Tuesdays and Thursdays at the University of Northwestern this coming fall.

Freshwaters August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Vacation Bible School	2	3 Day Of Kindness
4 9:30 AM Worship Jenna On Vacation	5 7 PM BSA	6 9 AM Quilters	7 7PM AA	8	9 Kevin On Vacation	10
11 9:30 AM Worship - Kevin On Vacation - Jenna On Vacation	12 7 PM BSA	13 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg.	14 7PM AA	15	16	17
18 9:30 AM Worship	19 7 PM BSA	20 9 AM Quilters	21 - 7PM AA - Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24
25 9:30 AM Worship	26 7 PM BSA	27 9 AM Quilters	28 7PM AA	29 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	30	31

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

Confirmation to start in the fall: Are there any young persons who are ready for confirmation? Pastor Kevin is putting out an inquiry to see if there are any of confirmation age (normally 7th through 8th graders) who would be interested in having confirmation this year. Please contact Pastor Kevin at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail.com. Dates and times will be determined in conversation with the parents of the participants.



Jingle Sunday is August 18 (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.

AA - Recovery Group meeting on Wednesday nights from 7-8 pm, held in Fellowship Hall and lead by Jake Brander... We are glad to have them here, let us be in prayer as this awesome ministry takes place within these walls!



We are so glad that in the summer people have time to spend with family on vacation! You can still attend worship through Facebook and you can do online giving! Please contact Jenna Jenson in the office and she can set you up. Your gifts, giving, and tithes are critically important as we do ministry year round. Bless you!