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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings and blessings to you my dear sisters, brothers and friends of Freshwaters Church; may the blessing and peace of our Triune God Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you as you receive this newsletter.

As many of you know I have started to do reenacting as a British Soldier for the period of the American Revolution. This is something I have wanted to do since I was in the 7th grade after watching the movie April Morning. Why British? Superficially I love their uniforms – the red coat, the bicorne hats, the tall bear skin grenadier hats, the Brown Bess musket with bayonet, and the large regimental flags waving in the breeze. More personally I had ancestors who served on the British and the Colonial sides of the war. Simply the 18th century is an interesting time period in the history of the world and it is fun to be part of a group that seeks to recreate a part of it as best and as professionally as we can in the 21st century.

For me it is interesting to reflect on the motivations of those who fought it from the British and Colonial sides. As one looks at the American Revolution it is not as cut and dry as one might think – the Revolution was not just Great

Sermon Series

July 07
Pastor Kevin On Vacation
Guest Speaker
Bill Radil

July 14
Pastor Kevin On Vacation
Hymn Sing

*You Are Loved,
A Walk Through
John's Gospel*

July 21
For God So Loved

July 28
Bread

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

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6/11/24 Single Board Minutes

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

Absent: Andrew H, Mark B

- Agenda-no changes made
- Minutes from May meeting-approved
- Kevin led the group in Scripture & Prayer
- Linda reviewed with the group the Goals for Freshwaters-no action taken.
- Financial report-Michele reported that FW is currently in the 'red' for the month of May.
- Investments- Scott reported a review of the investment accounts. No action taken.
- SPRC-Gene reported that Jenna will have everything ready for when she is on vacation in Aug. Still looking for a volunteer to help answer phones & potentially additional help if a funeral were to happen.
- Trustees-Karen reported on behalf of Andrew's email regarding leveling the East/West entrances sidewalks, shampooing the carpets, & installing of a TV screen in back of Sanctuary for the Worship team this Summer. Gene also reported they continue to wait on communication Janelle Meade regarding Spencer Brook parcel. Finally, the issue of Workers Comp remains on hold but does need to be finalized by January 1, 2025
- There will be no July Board meeting, Aug 13 will be the next meeting.
- Gene made a motion to adjourn, Darren 2nd, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Oudekerk

06/09/24 Trustee Minutes

Trustees met at 10:45am on Sunday June 9th.

Attendees: Andrew Harvala, Jim Hennessy, Brad Wesloh

- All approved of getting the sidewalks leveled. We had multiple bids and decided to go with A-1 Concrete Leveling.
- Pat had met with a couple companies on cleaning the carpets. We decided to go with Stanley Steemer.
- Pat Talberg met with Nancy from SMPA (Princeton Public Utilities rebate) and was able to get a \$1,800 rebate for the lighting that was recently installed.
- Andrew is going to get someone out to replace the damaged ceiling tiles in the entry area.
- There are a couple of the new lights that appear to be failing. Andrew is going to have the electrician warranty those.
- Andrew is going to look into ordering the TV for the Worship Team in the sanctuary. We are hoping to have that installed before the end of summer.

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

Britian versus the America. It was a civil war that divided people within the British empire both in the colonies as well as in Great Britian. Did you know that there were Americans who were loyal to the King and being part of the British Empire and because of their loyalty they lost their homes, liberties and freedoms? From the British point of view the "patriots" were traitors who were breaking apart the English speaking world. And it was not lost upon the British that the Colonists were fighting for freedom and liberty and yet slavery was still being practiced on these shores. Yet within Britain there were those who sympathized with and supported the Colonists who argued for greater representation in the Parliament. John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist movement, initially supported the concerns of the Colonists but later wrote of his support for the supremacy of the Parliament when it came to taxation over all parts of the British Empire. Wesley argued that as he himself was not a landholder in England, he could not vote for a representative and therefore had no representation in the Parliament but still remained loyal to the King and government.

As I put on my uniform as a British soldier, I think about the conflicted nature that faced both the Colonists and the British. What both sides went through for what they thought was right and true. What did freedom and liberty mean to them? How did their faith sustain them, what did it teach them in the face of this bitter conflict? Next year we will begin to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution – what are its lessons today especially in a nation that is so bitterly divided? What can our faith teach us as we reflect in this month of July as we celebrate our hard won freedoms and liberties? Lots to think and pray about! May all of you be blest by our awesome God and Savior Jesus Christ!

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
Gourley Family	Malchow-Kasten Family
McMullen Family	Connie T
Rachel G	Jim L

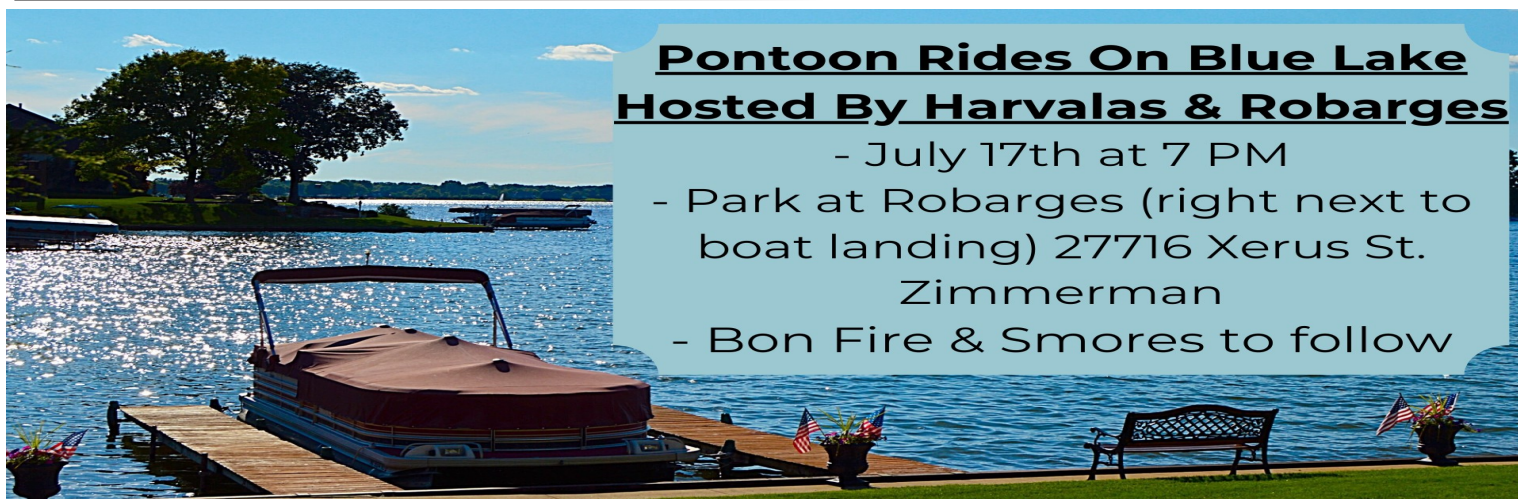


Let's bless our Seniors who are home bound or in a long term care facility. Why not pay them a visit, give them a call or send them a note to let them know you're thinking of them!
Muriel Walker



Faith Fest has ended for this year. We had approximately 450+ people attending. Entertainment was provided by The Benson Family, Connor Flanagan and Cade Thompson – all 3 of whom want to come back next year. We are also looking into providing more musical entertainment for next year. Guest speakers were Jason Fath and Jenni Thyng. All of the special guests commented on our hospitality and thought it was wonderful... Peg W-Z and

Deb F prepared all the food for our special guests. Smilin' Samuel provided the children's ministry with a puppet show and other worship for youth. Numerous crafts and games were also provided. Princeton PD, along with the Mille Lacs County Sheriff provided security and the 4-H prepared and served the food. Next year we hope to have more community resources available for attendees. The prayer area at the Heritage Building was provided by participating pastors and volunteers and had many attendees seeking prayers. The date has yet to be determined for next year. Watch for upcoming fundraising events that will be held during this coming year. We have plenty of merchandise available to purchase so contact Myla if interested. We will also need more volunteers for next year. If you are interested please contact Myla. If you wish to continue to support Faith Fest with a financial donations please put it in the offering plate and mark Faith Fest Thank you!



We are now a collection spot for the "Recycle Beyond The Bag" recycling program! Bring in your clean "stretchy plastic" like bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, and more. Plastic will be recycled into Trex's composite decking, railing, and benches.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 02 Scott A | 11 Nora F | 19 Dennis T | 27 Jenna J |
| 02 Sandy W | 12 Nita L | 21 Terry A | 28 Joe L |
| 03 Jolie C | 14 Lillian S | 21 Joan S | 28 Anna P |
| 07 Nancy R | 14 Abe W | 23 Jim B | 29 Tina V |
| 08 Elliott S | 16 Spencer C | 24 Daniel F | 30 Ben K |
| 09 Lylia H | 18 Roger L | 24 Joanne M | 31 Norma G |
| 11 Pearl B | 19 Dana B | 26 Jeff S | 31 Greysen P |
| | | 31 Diane W | |

HAPPY Anniversary!

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| 02 Phil & Sue L | 12 Jenny & Brian M | 22 Dennis & Joyce T |
| 07 John & Connie T | 13 Gary & Bobbie H | 27 Wanda & Larry M |

FRESHWATERS

Refreshing Relationships with God and Others

RREAL 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

- July 07 - **Vanderhoff Family**
- July 14 - **Brander & Hoeft Families**
- July 21 - **Brad, Deb, & Peg Families**
- July 28 - **Karen Anderson, Rhonda Murphy**

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

Ushers

- July 07 - **Lingle Family**
- July 14 - **Stoeckel Family**
- July 21 - **Vanderhoff / Sullivan Families**
- July 28 - **Jean Taylor & Michele Elifrits**

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

- July 07 - **Isaac Jenson**
- July 14 - **Jim Hennessy**
- July 21 - **Daniel Fox**
- July 28 - **Daniel Fox**

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

Sunday School Teachers

- July 07 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- July 14 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- July 21 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- July 28 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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



- July 07 - **NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- July 14 - **NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- July 21 - **NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- July 28 - **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.

- July 07 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- July 14 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- July 21 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- July 28 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**



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.





Pastor Kevin will be gone from July 1 to July 15 - Bill Radil will be our guest speaker for July 7 and on July 14 we will have a hymn sing Sunday. Rev Kevin Schill will be on pastoral emergency call - he can be reached at 651-925-6874 or kevinerschill55@gmail.com.

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!



Day Of Kindness 2024 - August 3rd
We are teaming up with Immanuel Lutheran and Crystal Cabinets to collect and supply free school supplies during Day Of Kindness. We are collecting notebooks, folders, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, highlighters, dry erase markers, markers, erasers, Kleenex, and other school supplies. **Supplies are due to church by July 28th.**

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.



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!

Jingle Sunday is July 21st (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.



Freshwaters July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 PM BSA Kevin On Vacation	2 9 AM Quilters	3 7PM AA	4 Happy Fourth Of July!!	5	6
7 9:30 AM Worship Kevin On Vacation	8 7 PM BSA	9 9 AM Quilters	10 7PM AA	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Hymn Sing Worship Kevin On Vacation	15 7 PM BSA	16 - 9 AM Quilters - Marian Gourley Memorial At Williams Dingmann 9 AM Visit 10 AM Srvc	17 - 7PM AA - 7 PM Pontoon Rides On Blue Lake - Newsletter Deadline	18	19	20
21 9:30 AM Worship	22 7 PM BSA	23 9 AM Quilters	24 7PM AA	25 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	26	27
28 9:30 AM Worship	29 7 PM BSA Vacation Bible School	30 9 AM Quilters	31 7PM AA	1	2	3 Day Of Kindness

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