



FRESHWATERS UMC  
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**JUNE 2024**

## FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR

Hello Freshwaters Church. The leadership of Freshwaters met in April to seek God for His plans for this, His church. We looked at our strengths, weaknesses, and the opportunities and threats we face. We then set some goals for this year and future years.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish” Proverbs 29:18

I want to share with you what our vision for our church is in the near future. The overriding goal is to offer living water that only Jesus can provide. The living water that refreshes the soul. We want to offer this refreshment to both those in our congregation and more importantly those in our community who are thirsty for this life giving water.

The strengths we identified: worship service that gives a combined and blended experience, talented worship leaders, talented music leaders, board leadership (need younger leaders involved), Pastor Kevin Fox, respectful congregation, one location, online worship, bags of blessing program, children's program, youth involved under Pastor Kevin's leadership, quilters, and fellowship hour.

The weaknesses we identified: lack of new volunteers, lack of designated parking, difficulty connecting with unchurched, marginal financial stability, north entrance uninviting.

## Sermon Series

June 02

**Letting Go Of  
Grudges**

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***Wreck The Roof***

June 09

**Removing Barriers**

June 16

**Looking For  
Opportunities**

June 23

**Embrace The Mess**

June 30

**The Price Of Liberty**

**FRESHWATERS UNITED METHODIST**  
**[www.freshwatersumc.org](http://www.freshwatersumc.org)**

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

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**Bob Laskowski – Worship Leader**  
320-267-0233

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**[www.facebook.com/FreshwatersMN](http://www.facebook.com/FreshwatersMN)**

Present: Linda Olson, Mark Brander, Darren Wesloh, Scott Liestman, Gene Stoeckel, Michele Elifrits, and Pastor Kevin Fox

Absent: Andrew Harvala and Karen Oudekerk

1. Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. Meeting minutes had been approved electronically
3. Discussed “how to achieve goals”
  - Men’s Group – Roger L
  - Boat Days – Blue Lake – Linda, Jeff, Andrew  
Green Lake – Michele
  - Greeters/ushers – ushers, Pastor
  - Coffee bar – Pat, Tina
4. Pastor presented a prayer “invigorate”
5. Finances – Michele informed we are holding “slightly ahead”
6. Investments – Scott informed Growth Account was doing well. Motion by Gene, second by Scott to move \$20,000 from Growth Fund to Property Money Market Account. Motion carried.
7. SPRC & Trustee’s reports given with no action.
8. Motion by Scott, second by Darren to allow AA use of the building for \$10/meeting. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Gene, second by Michele to adjourn. Motion passed at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Gene Stoeckel

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

The opportunities we identified: set age specific goals for children/youth ministry, growth in youth numbers, on-line worship expanded to Instagram You-Tube etc., improve website content, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, coordination with other churches, building upgrades, small groups, cultivate new members.

The threats we identified: people’s busy schedules, keeping people engaged, denominational changes, culture of isolation (working and worshipping from home).

The goals we set for 2024-2025: Revitalize Men’s group to plan 3-4 events per year **need volunteer to organize**, pontoon/boat day on area lake **need volunteer to organize**, 1 usher greet people at main entrance on Sunday mornings, welcoming bar with coffee in narthex **need volunteer to organize**, clean up main entrance to make it more inviting, Wednesday night praise band and/or hymn sing 1-2 times per year, new computers, additional camera to enhance online viewing, rear screen in sanctuary for worship team to view slides, online worship expanded to You-Tube ASAP, replace fellowship hall lights, new chairs for cry room, Faith Fest 2025 and ongoing, upgrade main level nursery with technology for parents to view, divide children into 2 groups according to age for Sunday School.

The goals we set for 2-3 years: expand youth group with strategic plan, snippets of service on Facebook, Wednesday family night with small groups for women men couples and children - focus on inviting unchurched children and offer a meal - possibly coordinate with other churches in area, mission trip, 2 services on Sunday as growth would dictate, demolish Gerth house, refresh fellowship hall with new flooring and ceiling, \$20,000 in reserve.

The goals we set for 5 years: parking lot adjacent to church (Gerth property), plan for main entrance to be at the West entrance.

We welcome any comments or concerns you have regarding these goals or the future of Freshwaters church. If you would like to participate in helping to fulfill these goals, please contact one of the church leaders.

Linda O, Michele E, Andrew H, Gene S, Karen O, Darren W, Mark B, Scott L, Myla T, Bob L, Jenna J, Pastor Kevin F.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
<b>Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering</b>	<b>Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones</b>
<b>Our Nation</b>	<b>Mexico</b>
<b>The War In Ukraine</b>	<b>Joan S</b>
<b>Alec V</b>	<b>Sandy W</b>
<b>Celeste H</b>	<b>Elaine M</b>



**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**



**WE  
NEED  
YOUR  
HELP**

**Jenna Jenson will be out of the office August 4-12, and Freshwaters is in need of some assistance while she is away. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the SPRC.**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 01 Darcy D  | 07 Alex F   | 17 Brooke S | 23 Myla T    |
| 01 Andrew H | 07 Kathy H  | 18 Mike P   | 24 Brady H   |
| 01 Brady H  | 10 Sandy M  | 18 Garr P   | 25 Andy V    |
| 01 Debbie J | 10 Alley W  | 19 Barb H   | 26 Sylvia C  |
| 02 Tyler L  | 11 Jackie L | 20 Daryle G | 26 John W    |
| 03 Deb F    | 12 Jean T   | 20 Mark Z   | 27 Tami M    |
| 05 Terri P  | 13 Marlys F | 22 Ron J    | 30 Trevor B  |
| 07 Alma B   | 13 Cayla L  | 22 Hunter S | 30 Rosetta C |
|             |             | 30 Melody N |              |

# HAPPY Anniversary!

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|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 02 Roger & Nancy L | 05 John & Jean T  | 11 Barry & Norma H   | 23 Cassidi & Jared J |
| 03 Steve & Diana W | 08 Betty & Dale B | 12 Bob & Sarah L     | 24 Skip & Clarice H  |
| 04 Jim & Kathy H   | 08 Jim & Alma B   | 16 Brandon & Megan B | 26 Tamara & Gerald M |

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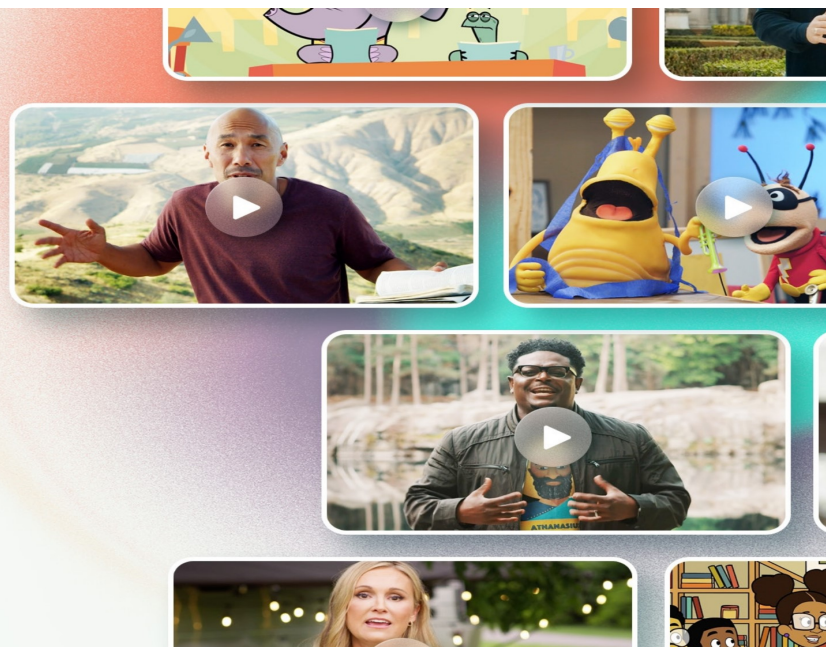
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## FRESHWATERS

Refreshing Relationships with God and Others

**R**EAL people who worship the living God in Spirit and in Truth.

Scripture Reference - John 4:24

**E**MBRACING God's written word as a guide for life.

Scripture Reference - Psalm 119:105

**F**ILLED with the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reference - Ephesians 5:18

**R**ESPONDING with prayer and love to hurting people.

Scripture Reference - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

**E**MPOWERED to share our faith walk with everyone.

Scripture Reference - Acts 1:8

**S**TEWARDS of God's gifts.

Scripture Reference - 1 Peter 4:10

**H**OSPITALITY 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

- June 02 - **Liestman Family**
- June 09 - **Hohlen Family**
- June 16 - **NEEDED**
- June 23 - **NEEDED**
- June 30 - **NEEDED**

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

### Ushers

- June 02 - **Leider Family**
- June 09 - **Claassen Family**
- June 16 - **Gist Family**
- June 23 - **Thompson Family**
- June 30 - **Stoeckel 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

- June 02 - **Isaac J**
- June 09 - **Joel C**
- June 16 - **Scott L**
- June 23 - **Isaac J**
- June 30 - **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

- June 02 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- June 09 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- June 16 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- June 23 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- June 30 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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



- June 02 - NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- June 09 - NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- June 16 - NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- June 23 - NO YOUTH GROUP FOR SUMMER**
- June 30 - 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.

- June 02 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- June 09 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- June 16 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- June 23 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER**
- June 30 - 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.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 pm. Join us at church while Jim Hennessy shares his experiences from his many mission trips to Guatemala. Coffee, cookies, and bars will be provided.



*Thank you*

Thank you to Myla Tolmie and Kathy Kraft for their tireless efforts in organizing Faith Fest 2024! Your passion and desire to reach people, especially the youth, for Christ is inspiring. Bless you and your amazing volunteers. Well done!

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 June 16th (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 June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 12 PM - 6 PM Faith Fest
2 9:30 AM Worship	3 7 PM BSA	4 9 AM Quilters	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 AM Worship	10 7 PM BSA	11 - 9 AM Quilters - 6:30 PM Trustees Mtg - 7PM Single Board Mtg - 7:30 PM Mission Trip Presentation <b>JENNA OUT OF THE OFFICE</b>	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 AM Worship Happy Father's Day	17 7 PM BSA	18 9 AM Quilters	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22 11 AM - 6 PM Harman Birthday Party
23 9:30 AM Worship	24 7 PM BSA	25 9 AM Quilters	26	27 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	28	29
30 9:30 AM Worship						

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