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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings and blessings dear friends in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, may the blessing and peace of Christ be upon you, your friends and families.

As I sit and compose this newsletter, my mind and heart are troubled at the state of our country and world. I look at our discourse and it is filled with lots of anger, hatred, fear, finger-pointing, and blaming. This might not be something new in an election year given that is what usually happens. I remember back in the day when there would be negative attack ads which were amusing to watch and listen to up to the election; and then suddenly on the next day they were all gone. And life went on. Sadly this is not where we are at, something has changed, we are not in a good place as a country, as a culture. We are all being swept along into something that I fear might be tragic – we are already seeing manifestations of it in the news. I need not recapitulate what we have seen and heard. The question is – what does our faith require of us in these days?

Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us to be peace-makers; he tells us to love our enemies, indeed to pray for them, offer them a cup of water. (Matthew 5:43-44 and Luke 6:27-28).

Sermon Series

It Gets Better

October 06
When I Repent

October 13
**When Everything
Seems
Meaningless**

October 20
**When I Don't Like
The Answer**

October 27
**New Every
Morning**

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

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9/10/2024 Board Minutes

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

- 1. Agenda approved.
- 2. Minutes from 8/13/24 were approved electronically.
- 3. Kevin led the group in Scripture & Prayer
- 4. Linda reviewed Freshwaters Goals for the year
- 5. Financials- Michele reported Freshwaters is in the ‘Positive/Black’ for August YTD & we are very thankful for all the generous giving. Michele made a motion to move the balance of \$940.51 from Bremer Youth account to Edward Jones Money Market account to align youth funds into this account. Scott 2nd, motion carried. Gene rescinded the August motion regarding dormant Elim Oasis funds(8/13/24 motion—Gene S made a motion to move the funds to the Edward Jones Money Market account w/ the intent of moving \$5000 to a CD. Andrew 2nd, motion carried.) Board is wanting funds to stay fluid for the interim & will r view moving of funds at the beginning of 2025.
- 6. Investments-Scott reported on Freshwaters Investment accounts
- 7. SPRC- Gene reported that FW Custodian resigned but there are currently 3 applicants interested. A request was made from SPRC for the Board to approve a wage increase. Scott made a motion for an increase in the Custodial wage, Linda 2nd, motion carried.
- 8. Trustees- Andrew reported that Trustees will provide for the cost of steam cleaning the floors along with UMW. Andrew reported on several projects statuses: Fixing carpet in front of bathrooms, researching competitive Insurance rates, fixing sheetrock over Welcome Center, switching TV’s from lower level to Fellowship area, research on getting chairs in sanctuary cleaned, installing new durable planking in Fellowship area. Andrew also reported that Elim Oasis contract is up for renewal, Board is reviewing & will make a recommendation.
- 9. 2025 Leadership Nominations-Darren W will be leaving the Board at the end of Dec-thank you Darren for your years of Service! Board is looking for Leadership candidates.
- 10. Sales & Use Tax Form discussion-Michele reported on the form. Scott will contact Brian Hohlen, CPA to review the tax form to ensure Freshwaters is in compliance.
- 11. Adjournment-Linda made a motion to adjourn, Gene 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.**

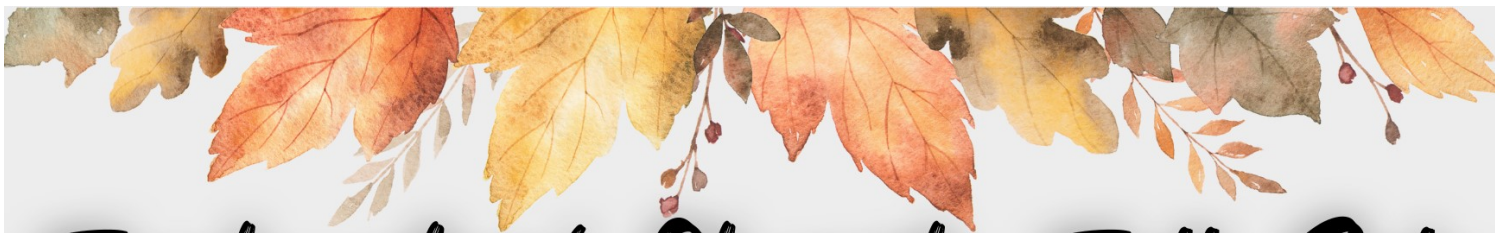
This is not easy especially in the climate we are all in – we all feel it at some level. So what do we do? I found a verse where the Lord says to his disciples: *When you enter a house, first say, `Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you"* (Luke 10:1) The message to me is that we offer peace everywhere we go. Our calling is to Christ Jesus first and foremost – he ought to be our example, our goal, our common ground. We offer peace in our words, deeds, actions and attitudes. We might not be able to control what is happening around us; what people might say or do, but we can have self-discipline in ourselves by the help and power of the Holy Spirit. Our peace is in Christ, for he is peace; and we live that peace and share that peace with everyone, everywhere, every time. The early Christians sought to live this way in a culture that was hostile, suspicious, and at times violent toward them. The Christians sought to be a people of peace, and there by not fall into the temptation to do evil and harm. Our Methodist Wesleyan rule tells us “to do good,” “to do no harm,” and “to tend to the ordinances of God” (worship, sacrament, prayer, scripture study) – in other words “to stay in love with God.”

The month of October might be challenging for us as a country, community, and as a culture – but as Christian people we are called to rise to the challenge to be light, love, hope, peace, encouragement, courage, compassion, and conviction in Christ’s Name! I invite you in these days to pray for our country, for the church across the nation, for one another, and for those with whom you might not agree. Be a person who offers peace and the love of Christ! I am praying for you, and I ask for your prayers as we navigate this time together! God bless you!

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	Hulett Family
Steinbrecher Family	Lusche Family
Rachel G	Jim L
Celeste H	Sandy W
Norma H	Muriel W
John O	Alec V



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



Freshwaters' Church Fall Sale

112 7th Ave N Princeton

Saturday,
October 12th
9 am - 3 pm

Quilts, Crafts,
Bake Sale, & More

\$5 Lunch - Sloppy
Joes, Chips, Pickle,
& Dessert

Take A Chance Quilt
Suggested donation
is \$1.00 per ticket.
Tickets sold after
church on Sunday's.

Complimentary beverages and cookies provided!



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| 01 Connie T | 10 Sarah F | 16 Gary H | 20 Wyatt M |
| 03 Gloria S | 11 Brad W | 16 Mary V | 21 Kathy W |
| 05 Ron F | 12 Katie D | 17 John O | 26 Secylia C |
| 05 Diana W | 13 Jon C | 17 Phyllis W | 28 Jean M |
| 07 Brad H | 14 Walter M | 17 Robin Y-C | 28 Alec V |
| 07 Molly O | | | |



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| 04 Mitch & Tina B | 22 Trevor & Lindsey B | 25 Ken & Susan K |
| 07 Tim & Tina V | 24 Alex & Ryan F | 25 John & Shirley W |
| 19 Doug & Kandy H | 24 Rodger & Bonnie G | 28 Myla & Don T |

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

- October 06 - Harvala Family
- October 13- Elifrits, Taylor, Stoeckel Families
- October 20 - Sarah L & Karen O
- October 27 - Vanderhoff Family

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

Ushers

- October 06 - Brander Family
- October 13 - Stoeckel Family
- October 20 - Sullivan Family
- October 27 - 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

- October 06 - Scott L
- October 13 - Jim H
- October 20 - Scott L
- October 27 - Daniel F

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

Sunday School Teachers

- October 06 - Hailey N & Alex F
- October 13 - Jenna J & Amanda P
- October 20 - Angela H & Kait A
- October 27 - Jenna J & Jolie C

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



A big thank you to Mark & Nancy Brander, Becky Garay, Rich & Char Sullivan and Phil & Sue Lingle for helping deliver Meals Ala Car this month! This is such an important ministry bringing meals to those in the community that cannot get out. We cannot do this ministry without volunteers... 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. This is a great ministry of connection between our congregation and the schools in Princeton and Zimmerman. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet in the entry way!



Jingle Sunday is October 20th (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.



COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving

SERVICE

SPONSORED BY:

- ◆ New Life Church
- ◆ Immanuel Lutheran
- ◆ Bethel Church
- ◆ Christ Our Light Catholic
- ◆ First Congregational UCC
- ◆ Trinity Lutheran
- ◆ Freshwaters United Methodist

**Wednesday,
November 27nd
7:00 pm**

**Held at Trinity Lutheran
111 6th Ave N Princeton, MN**

"In all things give thanks." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Youth Group is open for all kids in 6th grade —12th grade. We meet every Sunday at Pastor Kevin’s house from 6:00—7:00 pm. We bless one another, play games, learn together, grow in our faith, and have lots of fun. Contact Pastor Kevin for more info or if you have any questions at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail. 13822 2nd Ave N Zimmerman, MN 55398. **THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.**



Freshwaters Kids Concurrent Sunday School is open to all kids ages 3 years - 5th grade. We will begin meeting again September 15th! Everyone starts worship together at 9:30 am and the kids are dismissed to Sunday School from there.

THE VERSE IS RIGHT - Gear up for a little friendly competition, as your kids become contestants on the ultimate game show: *The Verse Is Right*. Each week, kids will compete in games of skill and chance as they memorize God’s word and learn the value of loving and trusting in Him.

- October 06 - The Right Answer; Proverbs 3:5-6
- October 13 - Lifeline; 1 Corinthians 10:13b
- October 20 - The Ultimate Prize; John 3:16
- October 27 - Bonus Round Part 1; Mark 12:30



BIBLE STUDY

When: Wednesday Nights
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Freshwaters UMC

What: A Journey Through The Bible; each week we will discuss one book of the Bible alternating between the Old Testament and the New Testament

Who: Led by Pastor Kevin, open to anyone and everyone



Freshwaters September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 AM Quilters	2 - 6:30 PM Bible Study - 7PM AA	3	4 Church Reserved For Wedding Rehearsal	5 Church Reserved For Wedding
6 - 9:30 AM Worship - Concurrent Sun School - NO YOUTH GROUP	7 7 PM BSA	8 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg.	9 - 6:30 PM Bible Study - 7PM AA	10	11 3 PM Set-Up For Fall Church Sale	12 9 AM - 3 PM Fall Church Sale
13 - 9:30 AM Worship - Concurrent Sun School - 6:00 PM Youth Group	14 - 7 PM BSA - Newsletter Deadline	15 9 AM Quilters	16 - 6:30 PM Bible Study - 7PM AA Jenna Out Of The Office	17	18 Gary Hulett Memorial - 10 am Visitation - 11 am Service	19 Church Reserved For Birthday
20 - 9:30 AM Worship - Concurrent Sun School - 6:00 PM Youth Group	21 7 PM BSA	22 9 AM Quilters	23 5 PM - 7 PM Roast Beef Dinner	24 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	25	26
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Regular Sunday Worship
In-Person and Streaming LIVE at 9:30 am
Concurrent Sunday School



Pastor Kevin will be teaching “Historical Perspectives” Tuesdays and Thursdays at the University of Northwestern this coming fall.

Confirmation to start October 13th from 5:00-6:00 pm at Pastor Kevin’s house. Please contact Pastor Kevin at 651-414-1132 or revfox1738@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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 preparing for All Saints Sunday on Nov. 3rd and wish to honor and remember those loved ones who have passed away from Nov. 2023- Oct. 2024. **Please send pictures and info (name, date of birth, and date of death) to the office by October 23rd.**



Nominations time is coming up! We are looking for persons who would be interested in serving on our Single Board, Trustees, SPRC, Missions, and Worship teams. This is a great opportunity to share your talents, make friends, and help lead Freshwaters into the future. This is part of our preparation for our annual church conference in late Fall where we vote on new leadership, approve the budget for the new year, pastor support package, receive reports, and to celebrate the work of our church.

Faith Fest ‘25 date has been set for SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025 at the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds. Times are TBD but we do know that the event will be longer this coming year. We are also hoping to add one more musical entertainment to the line up. Other plans are to have family friendly vendors available along with children’s activities, guest speakers, merchandise, 1st aid services, prayer area, many other activities, have food provided by 4-H, and have free popcorn and water. We are currently in need of volunteers for the following committee leads/ assistants: Youth Coordinator, Silent Auction/Online Auction Coordinator, Promotions/Church Liaison Assistant, Children’s Activities Assistant, and Volunteer Assistant Coordinator. We also have many fundraising events coming in the following months. If you are interested in assisting in any of these areas, please contact Myla Tolmie at 651-955-3877 or mylatolmie@rocketmail.com.

Annual Harvest Roast Beef Dinner

Wednesday, October 23rd

Freshwaters UMC
112 7th Ave N
Princeton



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL HARVEST ROAST BEEF DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD! Make plans now for our annual Harvest Roast Beef Dinner to be held Wednesday, October 23rd. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, October 6th. Takeouts will again be available the entire time. Delivery is also available, but only by advance request and is limited to the Princeton area. Ticket prices are \$14 for 12 years old and up, \$8 for 6 - 11 year olds, and free for 5 years old and younger.

This event requires *many volunteers* to make it a success. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be out beginning Sunday, October 6th. There are all types of jobs so please take a look early and fill in where you can help. You can also call Sue Lingle at 763-639-8156 or Clarice Harman at 763-389-1845 to volunteer.

To help supply the ingredients needed for preparation of the dinner there will be a “reverse offering” starting very soon. Please watch for it! Simply take a slip with a needed item listed, purchase it, bring it back to the church and place it in totes located in the kitchen marked for your donations. Perishable items should be marked “RB Dinner” and placed in the refrigerator on the right hand side. This has been very successful in the past and we thank you!

Your volunteer help and donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Start now by spreading the word! Invite your families, friends, and neighbors to come and enjoy the made from scratch Harvest Dinner on Wednesday, October 23rd.