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## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings and blessings dear readers of the Freshwaters Current, I pray that your family has enjoyed a restful summer! We have missed seeing you in worship and hope to see you all back very soon!

The summer has gone very quickly and here we are once again on the verge of our Fall Schedule. When you take a look at this month's newsletter you will see new as well as the familiar. I am excited about all the things that are coming up because it shows that our community is alive and has something to offer to people! When I mean that we have "something to offer" I don't mean that we have something to do, for the sake of something to do. Our lives are already busy with "something to do!" What I mean is that what we offer goes much deeper, and I believe is very important to where people are at right now! People are looking for hope, peace, joy, calm, security, and love in a world that seems to offer the exact opposite of these words.

In my office there is a sign that was given to me and on it are the words "live, laugh, and love." These are words that

## Sermon Series

### **BELOVED**

September 01  
**I AM The True Vine**

September 08  
**I AM The Way,  
Truth, and Life**

September 15  
**I AM The  
Resurrection And  
The Life**

September 22  
**Faith Through The  
Eyes Of A British  
Soldier In The  
American  
Revolution**

**-Upcoming Series-  
It Gets Better**

**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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Single Board Meeting Minutes - August 13, 2024

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

Absent: Michele E, Kevin F

- 1. Meeting Agenda approved.
- 2. Minutes from 5/11/24 were electronically approved.
- 3. Linda O reviewed 2024-2025 goals with the Board. It was suggested that if we are planning events to make sure and have Jenna advertise them on Facebook, etc. to help them be successful. A Hayride this Fall was suggested. Scott reported that the Men’s Group is planning to meet Sept 7 led by Roger Leider & on Sat Sept 28 the group will be selling hot dogs at the event hosted by The Refuge in Zimmerman.
- 4. Financial reports-Linda O reported we are continuing in the ‘negative’ the past two months. Year-to-Date Income vs Expenses for June was -\$972.63 and at the end of July that collapsed to -\$3799.86. Elim Oasis Funds sitting with no use-The predetermined funds set aside for helping an eligible underfunded candidate for one month, Elim Oasis Funds, has laid dormant for years. The board discussed where to move these funds to. 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. Faith Fest-Scott L voiced the needs of Faith Fest & budgeting coming from the designated Youth Missions/Activities funds. The Board views Faith Fest as an outreach opportunity for the church. Andrew made a motion to allow Faith Fest to keep \$4000 of Freshwaters loan as working capital. \$1000 of the \$4000 will be donated to Faith Fest for 2024. Scott L 2nd, motion carried
- 5. Investments-Scott L gave an update on Investments. Scott also reported there was a gift of stock made which would cover 1 payment towards the Gerth property & also funds to the General budget. Gene made a motion to sell the gift of stock to apply to the Gerth Property fund & General Budget. Darren 2nd. Motion carried.
- 6. SPRC-Gene S provided an update on SPRC issues.
- 7. Trustees- Andrew H reported he will contact Linda Moran advising her Freshwaters will be purchasing our own Workers Compensation. The carpeting in front of the Restroom needs replacement this is being researched. Andrew also reported that Freshwaters insurance has increased & he is researching what other options we have that would have equivalent coverage but a lower price. Spencer Brook-Gene S reported he has made several calls to the Owner but with no success. He/Jenna will draft a letter & try to connect with Owner regarding the property matter. Andrew reported that the sidewalks were raised to mitigate safety issues.
- 8. 2025 Leadership-Linda O advised the Board to be thinking about who future Leaders could be, & status of our current Leaders.
- 9. Linda O closed the meeting with a prayer. Linda made a motion to adjourn, Andrew 2nd, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

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.

you might see in a business or in someone's home. To me, these are not just mere words on a sign; they are the call of Christ Jesus to the world we presently live in. In Christ we are to live our faith every single day and as we do, we ought to be able to laugh and to love. We laugh not because we are callous and uncaring to the suffering of the world. We laugh rather because our hearts are filled with the joy and confidence that all we see is but temporary. We know that Jesus Christ wins in the end. We are called to live in love and we share love through acts of kindness, mercy, and forgiveness. Live, laugh, and love is pretty simple and it is what we are called to do.

All that we do at Freshwaters is an expression of live, laugh, and love – especially in worship! In worship we are inspired to go out to live our love for God and others, and we share laughter when people gather before worship, during the message, the children’s time, or when something does not work they way we expect (just like life!). When we find our peace and faith in Christ Jesus it is easier to navigate through the troubles of this world – and we can live, we can laugh, and we can love. And you know what happens if we live these things? It shows that we have hope! It shows that we have the light of Christ shining from us and we know that while things look dark; we still see the light! This is what people around us are searching for – hope! And that hope comes from a people who are grounded in the promise of Christ, who offers to all people who want it – life-giving refreshing living fresh water! May we be that people for this time! Amen! Looking forward to see you in worship! Invite, invite, invite!

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	Munson Family
Celeste H	Norma H
Rachel G	Jim L
Steinbrecher Family	Sandy W



**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

Saturday, October 12th 9-3

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112 7th Ave N, Princeton

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Quilts, Crafts, Bake Sale,  
and More

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Complimentary Beverages  
and Cookies

The Fall Sale is a fundraiser for the church and the proceeds will go to mission projects and church projects. We would greatly appreciate it if people would donate items such as baked goods, canned goods, and craft items of all kinds. The quilters will have sewn items such as quilts, runners, wall hangings, etc. We also welcome anyone who would like to help set up the Friday before and help the day of the sale. This will be a fun time! Items brought in for sale should be here by 3:00 pm Friday October 11.



## FALL SALE QUILT DRAWING

Take a chance quilt drawing held at our Fall Sale on Saturday, October 12th. Suggested ticket donation is \$1.00. Tickets will be sold after church beginning on September 15th.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

03 Wanda M	11 Jerry M	17 Bryson B	26 Jon F
03 Jackie Y	12 Aubrey H	20 Lindsey B	27 Pat N
06 Kandy H	12 Phil L	23 Becky O.V	28 Ryder B
06 A.J. W	13 Shelbi V	24 Lee D	28 Asher O
07 Paul M	14 Megan B	24 Jay F	28 Wendy T
08 Jim L	14 Jeremy W	24 Matthew H	30 Trudi A
	16 Ginny E	25 Norma H	

## HAPPY Anniversary!

03 David & Joanne V	11 Al & Sandy M	14 Eric & Christine P	26 Ben & Dani Z
07 Scott & Carla L	12 Amber & Ben E	20 Scott & Jackie L	28 Gene & Kathy S
10 Mark & Nita L	12 Bruce & Barb H	22 Dick & Norma G	28 Diane & John W
	12 Ron & Debbie J	22 Garr & Amanda P	

# 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**

- September 01 - NO COFFEE HOUR
- September 08 - Hot Breakfast - UMW, YG
- September 15 - Pat Talberg
- September 22 - Neu & Stoeckel Families
- September 29 - Elliott Sisters

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

**Ushers**

- September 01 - Leider Family
- September 08 - Vanderhoff Family
- September 15 - Claassen Family
- September 22 - Gist Family
- September 29 - Thompson 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**

- September 01 - Daniel F
- September 08 - Daniel F
- September 15 - Joel C
- September 22 - Isaac J
- September 29 - 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**

- September 01 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- September 08 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- September 15 - Jenna J & Amanda P
- September 22 - Jenna J & Kait A
- September 29 - Angela H & Jolie C

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



A huge "Thank you!" to Bruce and Barb Hoeft for again donating and delivering corn for our annual Harvest Roast Beef Dinner. Your generosity is truly appreciated! We processed the corn on a very rainy Monday, August 5th. Many thanks to all the volunteers who came on very short notice to help shuck, clean, cut, cook, and freeze the corn. Well done! 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 September 22nd (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.

**Annual Harvest  
Roast Beef Dinner**

**Wednesday,  
October 23rd**

**Freshwaters UMC  
112 7th Ave N  
Princeton**







Youth Group is open for all kids in 6th grade —12th grade. **WE WILL START MEETING EVERY SUNDAY AGAIN BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH** at Pastor Kevin’s house 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 or if you have any questions at 651-414-1132 or [revfox1738@gmail.com](mailto:revfox1738@gmail.com). 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 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.

- September 01 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- September 08 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- September 15 - Contestant Number 1; Matthew 6:33
- September 22 - Fierce Competition; Psalm 56:3
- September 29 - Winner; Philippians 4:4



**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!



# Freshwaters September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7 PM BSA	3 9 AM Quilters	4 7PM AA	5	6	7 - 8 AM Men’s Group - 9:30 - 1:30 Church Reserved For Shower
8 9:30 AM Worship	9 7 PM BSA	10 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg.	11 - 6:30 PM Bible Study - 7PM AA	12	13	14
15 - 9:30 AM Worship - Concurrent Sun School - 6:00 PM Youth Group	16 7 PM BSA	17 9 AM Quilters	18 - 6:30 PM Bible Study - 7PM AA - Newsletter Deadline	19	20 3 PM Aurora Sky (Big Waters) Conference	21 7 AM Aurora Sky (Big Waters) Conference
22 - 9:30 AM Worship - Concurrent Sun School - 6:00 PM Youth Group	23 7 PM BSA	24 9 AM Quilters	25 - 6:30 PM Bible Study - 7 PM AA	26 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	27	28
29 - 9:30 AM Worship - Concurrent Sun School - 6:00 PM Youth Group	30 7 PM BSA					

**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.

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 to 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.**



It's 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 or isaacnjenna@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!



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.



A tray of donuts with various toppings.

# MEN'S GROUP

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 07

### MEET AT CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

#### 8:00 AM

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** If you have any questions, please call Roger Leider at 612-804-4177. See you on the 7th!

There is so much happening on Tuesday mornings! Come join in the crafting fun, all ages and experience levels are welcome. It is such a joy to see the generations come together making crafts and lasting memories. Hope to see you join in soon!

# QUILTERS

## Tuesdays

### 9 AM

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF CRAFTING AND CONVERSATION! PEOPLE OF ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

A collection of quilting supplies including fabric, scissors, and a sewing machine.