



FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings dear friends of Freshwaters and sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus! I pray that you and your family are well!

This is an interesting newsletter to write because it is 18 days before the election and our nation is on edge. If you have been following online worship or attending in person you will note that we have been trying to address how we navigate this very polarized time. Scripture shows us that to navigate these days we need to have an undivided heart, soul, mind, love, strength, and community (the church). Jesus tells us that the most important law is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love your neighbor as yourself. This not a recommendation, this is not a suggestion, this is a command – the greatest commandment. We see Jesus in the Gospel of John say – I give you this command that you love one another, and that because of this love you will be known as my disciples. How wonderful it would be that we would be known for that rather than the candidate we support or supported.

Friends, we do not know the outcome of the November election, but the one thing we do know is that Jesus is still the Lord of heaven and earth; Jesus is still our Savior; Jesus will come back and all the madness will end in his ultimate victory. This belief grounded the faith of many Christian men and women who have gone before us when they faced difficulties, crisis, and chaos. In the declining years of the Roman Empire, the Christians had this eternal

Sermon Series

UNDIVIDED **November 1**

A Kingdom Divided

IMPERFECT **TOGETHER**

November 8

Develop Intimacy

November 15

Having Crucial
Conversations

November 22

Watch Your Words

November 29

Build Your Character

perspective that despite the persecution they were more than conquerors because they knew Jesus was alive and had won for them a crown that would not rust, fade, or perish. Every single day they faced new struggles in daily life in an earthly kingdom that was falling to pandemics, famines, civil wars, and invasions. Emperors, governors, princes, rulers might change but Jesus is forever – indeed Jesus is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow, forever. We must build our spiritual house upon the Rock of Jesus Christ and take shelter there together. This is why we are the church, unified in our love for Jesus and strengthen by his love for us.

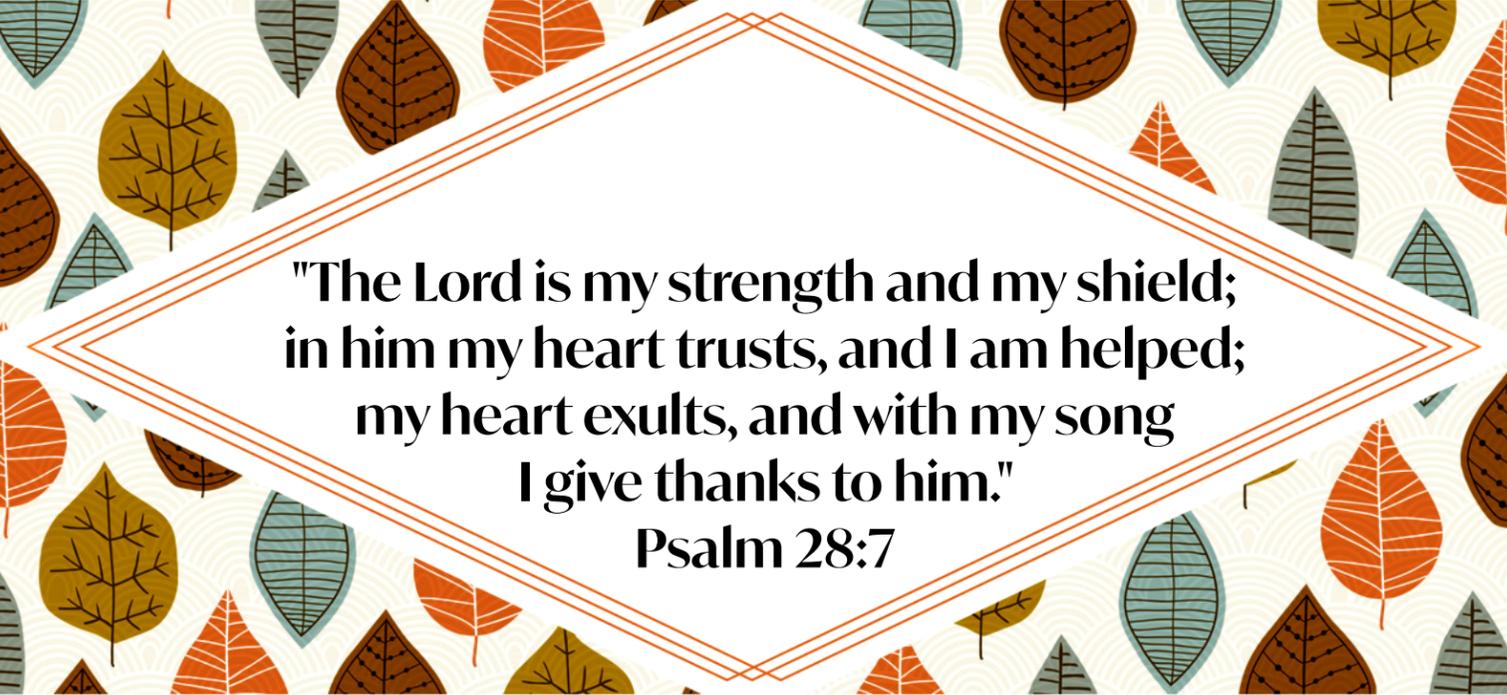
I pray that in our own humble steps we can contribute to the process of healing our communities and our land. I pray the church and its spiritual leaders will help lead us to where we can all sit down at the table of fellowship; as Martin Luther King Jr dreamed. I want you to know that I am praying for you and our congregation in these days; I ask for your prayers as well. Pray and give thanks for our wonderful worship leaders and musicians, give thanks for our awesome office assistant Bethany Moos and our children's/youth person Cori Wallace. All of us working, praying, striving together will pull through these days and give glory to Jesus Christ! May all of you be blessed with peace and grace! Pastor Kevin

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**"The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song
I give thanks to him."
Psalm 28:7**

In-person Worship Reminders

- *Please social distance 6-feet apart*
- *Please wash hand or use hand sanitizer frequently*
- *Please wear a face mask*
- *Please stay at home if you or any family member is sick*

**The weekly bulletin is now publish on our website
(freshwatersumc.org) on Friday afternoons. Look for it under
the Connect tab.**

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Join us In-Person or Online on Sundays at 10 AM!

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Keep up to date on our website and our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/FreshwatersMN

Prefilled Communion Cups

We are now able to provide prefilled communion cups and wafers to anyone who would like to participate in at-home communion. Those interested can either stop by the office to pick some up or a Worship Committee member would be happy to deliver to your home at your convenience. Contact the church office at 763-631-1185 or admin@freshwatersumc.com for more information.



*These who love him shall praise the Lord
 May your hearts live forever
 Of the end of the earth
 I can count all my bones
 The Lord is my Shepherd
 He leads me in verdant pastures
 For his name's sake*

The Book of Revelation

BIBLE STUDY

Online Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday evenings at 6 PM
Meeting ID: 962 6636 2517
Password: 1aEAYv

SINGLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2020

The meeting was held at MN Propane building following the planning session. Present were Linda Olson, Darren Wesloh, Andrew Harvala, Scott Liestman, Dave Halverson, Phil Lingle, and Kevin Fox.

The meeting was called to order by Linda at 1:30 pm.

The Agenda was approved as written, and the minutes from 9/8/20 had been approved electronically.

Kevin reviewed the nominations committee's progress.

Andrew reported for the Trustees. They will be finalizing bids for sanctuary repairs soon now that insurance benefits have been completed. Roof repairs are done. They are working with the PUC to switch to LED lights and go to a lower electric rate.

Roger presented the financial report. Giving remains steady but down about \$12,000 from a year ago. Expenses have also been lower. Our balance sheet looks good but we are still being supported from the \$20,000 grant from the Conference for the Youth Director position. We are planning to re-apply for the grant for next year, but will have to plan on covering that position if we do not get it. Current giving will not meet that expense, so Pastor Kevin will send a letter out to the congregation to remind people to keep up with giving.

The policy statements on endowments was reviewed and presented as follows:

Spending Policy for Endowment (Applegate and Smith)

Proceeds of this investment will not be relied on as part of the general budget of the church. This account is never to invade the original principal. All earnings beyond the original principal will be available at the discretion of the Trustees. If the account ever drops below the original principal invested due to investment performance, no access would be allowed.

Spending Policy of Zimmerman Sale Proceeds

Proceeds of this investment will not be relied on as part of the general budget of the church. Per the Bishop and the Minnesota Cabinet if the UMC, this account is to be left alone to be used at a later date for future building projects of the church. However, the dividends can be used for ministry purposes which may be above and beyond the general budget and/or capital improvements at the current location. This would include all dividends paid previously if they have not already been used. Dividends are typically paid on a quarterly basis and would be available at that time. The use of these funds will be at the discretion of the Single Board.

A motion was made and seconded, and the policies were approved as written.

Roger informed the Board that we received a grant from the Metcalf family in honor of Alex Metcalf for the amount of \$1400. A motion was made and passed to place those monies in the Investing in Congregation fund of the budget to be used for education.

Darren reported for the SPRC committee. The Pastor's evaluation has been completed and they have begun the work on the compensation package. They will perform an evaluation for Bethany also.

Due to Covid we will do a virtual annual meeting in a Charge Conference format, where only the Board will be present. All the information will be sent out to members in letter form, with any questions to be directed to Board members ahead of the meeting. The board will then vote on the annual package on December 15.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020 at the church.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40

Submitted by Phil Lingle

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



Give+ App

Online

Mail

In-Person

4 WAYS TO GIVE

QUILTERS Tuesdays 9 AM

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF CRAFTING AND CONVERSATION! PEOPLE OF ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN. FACE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020 | 6 PM

Service of Remembrance

A special time of remembering those who have died during the time of COVID, including Charles Herman, Yvonne Gunnick, Bruce Morton, and Verna Ady.

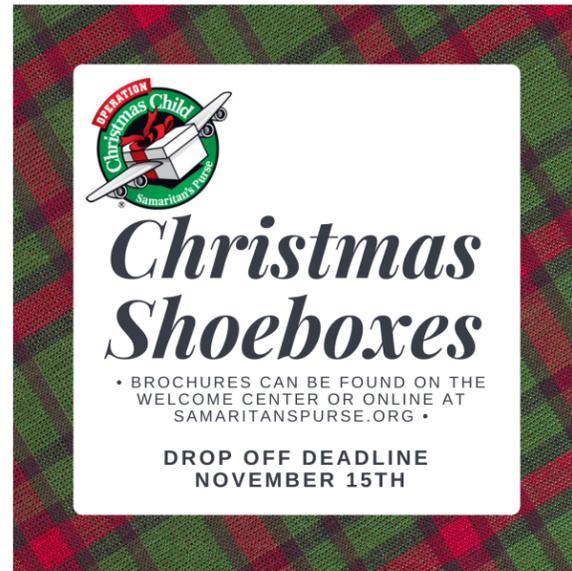
If you have a loved one you would like us to remember, please contact the Church Office so their name and photo came be added to the night.



Be on the lookout for the Christmas Giving Tree towards the end of November. We will once again be joining with other churches and the school to bless families in our local community. There will be paper ornaments on the tree listing gifts for each family member. We will also put them on Facebook for those not coming to church in person but would like to be part of this awesome ministry. Contact Isaac if you have any questions (763) 742-4583.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

The Princeton Ministerial is still uncertain about whether or not to have an ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service given the unknowns surrounding Covid. On the first week of November a decision will be made. Please look at the Freshwaters Facebook page, the Freshwaters Church website, the church bulletin, or simply contact the church office for more information.



A Message from the Freshwaters Quilters & Crafters



WHAT: We will be selling some of our quilts and other handmade items through Facebook Live.

The first official sale will be on Wednesday, November 4th at noon on the Freshwaters Facebook page. Items will be shown, if you choose to buy item 18, you simply type in "SOLD 18." Payments will be online through our church website or by check. Items can be picked up from 4-6pm on the following Thursday or Friday. Shipping items may be available through use of Flat Rate boxes, at an additional cost.

We hope you all *share* our LIVE broadcast with your friends and relatives. What a great way to shop, especially during this pandemic, AND that the proceeds are going to a non-profit.

With the holidays approaching and the pandemic, we will be hosting this webcast every Wednesday at noon through Dec 16th, then beginning in January, it will continue once or twice a month, depending on need.

We are looking for donations of handmade items to sell now and throughout the year. Drop items off at the church in the basement labeled for the sale.

Please contact Karen Miller with any questions at 952-237-7320.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- November 01 **Nancy B**
- November 02 **Tina B**
- November 02 **Nicole P**
- November 03 **Clarice H**
- November 03 **Elizabeth O**
- November 04 **James H**
- November 04 **Gene S**
- November 05 **Rene Hten**
- November 05 **Anji V**
- November 07 **Mitchell B**
- November 07 **Tracey H**
- November 07 **Sarah L**
- November 08 **Kay P**
- November 10 **Todd E**
- November 10 **Pat T**
- November 10 **Nicholas T**
- November 11 **Valerie V**
- November 15 **Owen O**
- November 16 **Mark A**
- November 16 **Sawyer C**
- November 16 **Finnley S**
- November 16 **Willis S**
- November 17 **Joanne V**
- November 18 **Richard G**
- November 19 **Linda A**
- November 19 **Joyce M**
- November 21 **Allison C**
- November 21 **Aubrey Z**
- November 23 **Linda T**
- November 26 **Betty O**
- November 27 **Linda O**
- November 28 **Kaitlyn G**
- November 28 **Megan S**
- November 30 **Paul W**

- November 13 **Terry & Karen A**
- November 19 **Lester & Carol G**

PRAYER AND MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

- Betty & John O** **Joyce M**
- Charlotte Y** **Val V**
- Mary V** **Donna L**
- Deloris R** **Jim & Rene H**

Thank you to all who have made worship this month wonderful!

Angela H, Gloria W, Sawyer C, Myla T, Ryan P, Jim H, Dawn G, Nancy R, Tammy S, Kathy W, Ildiko F, Bethany M, Slayter C, Cori W, Owen O, Karen O, Bob L, Jeremy G, Jenna J, Hannah J, Bryan C, Sylvia C, Isaac J, Lily W, Debbie G, Duane K, Scott L, Jeff S, Ken S, Connie T

NOVEMBER SOUND

- Nov 1** Jim H
- Nov 8** Scott L
- Nov 15** Needed
- Nov 22** Slayter C
- Nov 29** Isaac J

November Ushers	
10 AM Service	
Nov 1	Dennis & Joyce T Paul M, Deb F
Nov 8	Phil & Sue L Jim & Juanita L
Nov 15	Gene & Kathy S Brad & Tracey H
Nov 22	Joel & Wendy T Dave & Kris H
Nov 29	Jim & Kathy O Isaac & Jenna

Let's bless our Seniors who are home bound or are unable to get out much. Why not pay them a visit, give them a call or send them a note to let them know you're thinking of them!

- Wayne Patten** **Muriel Walker**
- Dorothy Anderson** **Irene Galbrecht**
- Bernice Johnson** **Ruth Hein**
- Joyce Mattson** **Deloris Reynolds**
(Gracepointe Crossing) (Caley House)

Those *unmarked* are at the Elim Home in Princeton or Milaca

Freshwaters November 2020

Regular Sunday Worship
In-Person and Streaming Live at 10 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday Worship 10 AM	2	3 9 AM Quilters	4 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	5	6	7
8 Sunday Worship 10 AM 11:30 AM Creative Ministries meeting	9	10 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board	11 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	12	13	14
15 Sunday Worship 10 AM	16	17 9 AM Quilters	18 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21
22 Sunday Worship 10 AM 11:30 AM Worship committee	23	24 9 AM Quilters	25 Thanksgiving Eve Service TBD	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Sunday Worship 10 AM	30					

“CHARGE” CONFERENCE

December 15, 2020

7 PM

The District Superintendent recommended that we hold a charge conference rather than a church conference this year. **A charge conference is where the pastoral support package, the election of church officers, the sharing of reports, approval of the budget is voted on by the Single Board.** We plan to arrange to mail out to each of the members of Freshwaters the church conference packet by mid-November so that you will have it well in advance of the Charge Conference. We do not anticipate anything major to be voted on this year, so this conference should be straight forward and to the point. If you have any questions, concerns, comments you are invited to reach out to Pastor Kevin or members of the Single Board.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

TEXT: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint MUSIC: Conrad Kocher

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain: Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

4. For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

5. For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To our race so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven. (Refrain)