

# *Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches*

## *Hartland, MN*

**Sunday Morning Worship times:**

**West Freeborn – 9:00 a.m. Cross of Glory – 10:30 a.m.**



*From: Pastor Mark Hillmer*

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### Article Number 5 on Healing

On Easter Sunday, at West, right after the 9 o'clock service at West, we prayed up a storm for Charlotte and Brandon. Charlotte was subdued, cuddly and receptive. We told her Jesus loved her and wanted to heal her. Brandon was a bit more squeamish but he was as good as he can be.

We talked. We prayed. Then we prayed some more. We also remembered that many on our prayer chains and friends out of state were also praying.

We had anointed them and laid hands on them in the past. This time we just prayed.

We had a wonderful, warm half hour.

But to date there is no report of a change in their behavior. No healing. No miraculous cure for their autism.

We are a bit disappointed but not disheartened. True prayer is always prepared for a “No” or it is a “Not yet”? We are beggars, not ones who give orders.

Two things are required of us: faith and patience: faith to pray for the impossible possibility and patience to wait on God's timing.

Will we stop? Never.

One basic rule of spiritual warfare: The battle is not over until we have won.

We believe their healing will usher in the Kingdom of God into our midst. Likewise, the coming of the Kingdom will bring with it their healing.

Just imagine how we are all going to be changed when it takes place: their healing and the coming Kingdom.

We have all prayed for this whenever we have prayed the Lord's Prayer which includes the power-laden petition: Thy Kingdom come. Will we ever stop praying that?

Maranatha, “Our Lord come,” the early church prayed in Aramaic. (See 1 Cor. 16:22.)

Come and heal our children. Or just come, Lord, and our children will be healed.

**The Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016  
7:00 pm. at Cross of Glory**

**JOINT COUNCIL MEETING – March 8, 2016**

Cross of Glory's president, Jerry Morstad, called the meeting to order. Present were: Jerry Morstad, Becky Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Paul Lynne, Sonja Honstad, Mike Erich, Mike Brekke, Cathy Crowe, Dave Ausen, Mark Broskoff, Ron Bartness, Bob Indrelie, Doug Jacobs, Randy Light, Emily Light, Milo Madson, Steve Ausen, Martin Johnson, Orlen Modene, Rachel Knudson, and Pastor Mark Hillmer. Robin Brekke was also present.

Devotions were given by Pastor Mark.

Pastor Mark reports that there was a meeting of the young adults that was well-attended with 13 people present this past Sunday. They held a potluck and discussed some qualities that lead to a long-lasting marriage. Also, the pastor mentioned there will be three funerals held this coming weekend.

The secretary's report from the last Joint Council meeting was read by Cathy Crowe. As there were no additions or corrections, minutes were approved as read.

**Open Issues:**

1. The Call Committee met last evening. They have received the name of the first candidate and have been talking about that minister's profile. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, they will be having an interview via Skype.
2. Robin Brekke reported in for the committee that was formed to evaluate the shared finances. There were three committee members from each church. They sat down with lists of congregational members to evaluate how many active members each church has. Using the same criteria that West Freeborn used a couple years ago to determine who was eligible for voting (an active member has done at least two of three criteria of: receiving communion in the last year, donating money in the last year, or participating in the church family), the committee determined that Cross of Glory has 80 active members and West Freeborn has 88. Jerry Morstad stated that he would not entertain any motions this meeting regarding the data that has been reported but rather wants the information put in the minutes for the congregations to know.
3. The parsonage will receive some work again this year as the garage will be sided and two windows will be replaced in the parsonage. We decided to hold off until April or May to allow the weather to cooperate.
4. There are two Lenten suppers left. Maundy Thursday services will be held in each church (6pm CG, 7:30 WF) and Good Friday will be at 7pm at Cross of Glory. Sunrise service will be held at 6:30am at Cross of Glory and West Freeborn will have 9am Easter worship service.

Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn this half of the meeting and reconvene in our respective councils. Ron Bartness seconded.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary, Cross of Glory

**Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting – March 8, 2016**

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Kristi Thofson and Matt Hoelscher were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read.

Cathy Crowe presented the treasurer's report. We are having to learn to re-interpret the new presentation of the financial information because it is in a different format than it used to be. Martin Johnson made a motion to

accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Tim Bartness seconded. Jerry completed and submitted a report to the SEMN Synod. We give about 2% as a congregation to the Synod.

**Old Business:**

1. We discussed the findings of the committee evaluating shared finances. Going through the bylaws in the constitution, we were unable to find any rule that would mandate how to proceed (for example, requiring a bi-congregational vote). In fact, the bylaws state that the council is in charge of financial affairs.
2. Some church members are unable to open the mailers as it is being created in a very recent version of Microsoft Word. Those who have older versions are unable to read the attachments. It was suggested that Cindi save the document as an older version of Word or send out the mailer as a PDF.

**New Business:**

1. It was mentioned that the bell tower has some peeling paint and rust. It may be prudent to check the welds to see if there are any safety issues that need to be addressed.
2. March 16<sup>th</sup> Lenten Service Supper will be served by half of the council (the remaining members who didn't serve February 17<sup>th</sup>). As crowds have been larger lately, they should plan on serving about 60. They will divide up tasks and determine what they will serve.

Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Light seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

**WEST FREEBORN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – March 8, 2016**

The West Freeborn Church Council met on March 08, 2016, following the joint council meeting at Cross of Glory. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Dave Ausen, Milo Madson, Orlen Modene, Steve Ausen, Mark Broskoff, Doug Jacobs, Mike Ehrich, Sonja Honstad, Pastor Hillmer and Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. Motion was entertained by Orlen to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Pat. Motion was made by Bob to accept the treasurer's report. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- \* Spuds and Sundaes had good food and a good turnout.
- \* Discussion was held on the church financial split. We would need to meet with the congregation before doing anything. It was tabled at this time.
- \* The following council members have been added for communion servers: Aug.-Doug; Sept.-Nancy P.; Nov.-Becky; Dec.-Sonja.
- \* In the basement the old hot water heater has been turned off. The furnace drains need to be blown out.

**New Business:**

- The new microphone is here and has been paid for.
- Church cleanup is scheduled for April 02 with a rain date of Apr. 09.
- We will have Cindi call about the copier and see if there is a different rate that we can get.
- Orlen will look into the church insurance's workman's comp.
- Sonja made a motion that the Ehrich family do the lawn mowing again. Dave seconded it. Motion carried.  
Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted. Becky Ausen, Secretary

**CHURCH WOMEN**

***Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Cross of Glory – 7:00 p.m.***

***Eunice Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at West Freeborn – 1:30 p.m.***

**CROSS OF GLORY WELCA**

***Coming up: Women of the ELCA – Blue Earth River Conference Spring Event – Saturday, April 9, 2016. Please see attached flyer for all the information.***

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***Ushers for April: Cross of Glory – Kyle Reed & Paul Wyrum.***

***Communion Servers: Kristi Thofson***

***Acolytes: John Hoelscher***

***Ushers for March: West Freeborn: \*Wayne Hendrickson, Gene Cichos, Richard Bakken, Mark Broskoff, Nanette Hendrickson.***

***Communion helper: Pat Ehrich***

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***Confirmation at Cross of Glory will be Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> & West Freeborn on May 1<sup>st</sup>.***

The Joint Choir is planning to sing at both Confirmation Services. We will rehearse on Wed. April 13<sup>th</sup> at Cross of Glory & again on Wed. April 20<sup>th</sup> at West Freeborn. Both rehearsals will be @ 6:30 p.m. The title of the song is "As the Deer". Everyone welcome!



**INVITATION**

***Invitation to all members of Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches in their 20's, 30's & 40's to a potluck get together on Sunday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Cross of Glory.***

**Open House Baby Shower**

***An open house baby shower for Marcus David Stevens, son of Stefanie (Ausen) and Matthew Stevens, will be held at West Freeborn Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.***



**COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

*\*Grief Support Services: Wednesdays, April 6 through May 11, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Hospice Conference Room, Mayo Clinic, Albert Lea.*

*\*Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea will be hosting a Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, April 6th at noon. Program by Jeff Buege “Music and Ministry”.*

*\* “Retire Wisely by Thrivent Financial” Join us for this free 1-hour presentation to learn how to manage six risks all retirees face. This event is hosted by Leah Owens & Diane Beckman, Financial Associates on Thursday, April 7, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland. Please RSVP to 507-835-4844.*

*\*Sat. April 9 – 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at the Fairlane Bldg. at the Freeborn County Fairgrounds. Free will donation. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a bulletproof vest for the new Freeborn County Sheriff K9, Stalker.*

*\*Sat. April 16 – Brunch, Rummage & Bake Sale at St. John’s Lutheran Home in Albert Lea. Free will donation. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon*

**Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>
3-6-16	43	\$ 1,510.11	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
3-13-16	35	830.00	25.00	0.00
3-20-16	63	2,509.00	150.00	0.00
3-27-16	71	849.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 5,698.11</b>	<b>\$ 175.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Cemetery- \$ 0.00

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>
3-6-16		\$ 2,290.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00
3-13-16		299.00	0.00	20.00
3-20-16		1,332.00	0.00	165.00
3-27-16		900.00	10.00	50.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 4,821.00</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ 255.00</b>

2016 Budget: \$ 62,455.00



A note from Cindi: The deadline for the May, 2016 mailer will be: Monday, April 25, 2016. If you have items or reports, please have them turned into the office by that date, or email them to me at: [cgwf@smig.net](mailto:cgwf@smig.net)

Thank You ☺

Cross of Glory Website: [www.crossofglory.weebly.com](http://www.crossofglory.weebly.com)

West Freeborn Website: [www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com](http://www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com)

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Cross of Glory Ushers: Kyle Reed &amp; Paul Wyrum</b> <b>Communion Servers: Kristi Thofson</b> <b>Acolytes: John Hoelscher</b>		<b>West Freeborn Ushers: *Wayne Hendrickson, Gene Cichos,</b> <b>Richard Bakken, Mark Broskoff, Nanette Hendrickson</b> <b>Communion Server: Pat Ehrich</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m.	<b>4</b> Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	<b>5</b> Joint Council mtg. @ WF 7:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Salad Luncheon @ Trinity Lutheran in A.L. - 12 noon Confirmation @ CG 7:00 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> WELCA Spring Event (see attached flyer)
<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m. <i>Welcome Pastor Charles Espe</i>	<b>11</b> No staff meeting or text study today. Pastor Hillmer out of town.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Confirmation @ CG 7:00 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m. <i>Welcome Pastor Marsha Hall</i>	<b>18</b> No staff meeting or text study today. Pastor Hillmer out of town.	<b>19</b> Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. @ CG	<b>20</b> Eunice Circle 1:30 p.m. at WF Confirmation @ CG 7:00 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m. <b>Confirmation @</b> <b>Cross of Glory</b>	<b>25</b> Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>