

# 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 7 on Healing

On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, the healing team gathered at West to pray for our two children who have autism. We thought Pentecost would be a good time, what with our celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The last time we prayed for our two wards was Easter Sunday, which we also thought was an appropriate date. No healing has been observed.

What to do now?

Forget about it?

Or keep praying?

The believer of course says, “Keep praying.”

“Pray without ceasing,” says Paul (1 Thess. 5:17).

I plan to keep mentioning their names every Sunday and the prayer chain warriors will keep praying for them. I pray for them every morning.

We are all learning much through this process. We are going out on a limb in praying for an incurable illness to be cured. We are exercising our faith. If we do not exercise our faith, faith is just a word.

“Faith expects everything, patience expects nothing,” said Johan Blumhardt.

So now we exercise our patience. We keep reading our Bibles where we learn that Jesus healed and told his disciples to heal. We are his disciples now. The ones he spoke to are all dead. We are bold enough to think he is telling us to heal.

Through him. Through his name. Prayer is opening the door for him to come in and heal.

We hear Jesus saying in our Bibles: “Ask and it will be given you.” We remind ourselves of what believers have said for centuries, “God hears our every prayer; we leave to him the when and where.”

We also remind ourselves that healing comes in many ways and in various degrees.

What can we do beside pray? Is there anything we can do while we wait for an answer in the form of a healing?

Yes there is. We can think about--and work on—how best we can help these two families.

I have called their children who have autism our “wards.”

What can we do as a parish to support these families, to incorporate them into the family of the church, to let them know that we consider their children our children?

## **Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches Joint Council Meeting May 3, 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, Cathy Crowe, Mark Broskoff, Ron Bartness, Bob Inderlie, Milo Madson, Steve Ausen, Martin Johnson, Rachel Knudson, Tim Bartness, Nancy Pederson, Matt Hoelscher, and Pastor Mark Hillmer. Devotions were given by Pastor Mark and he led the council in prayer.

Pastor Mark expressed gratitude for being able to take his Florida vacation. He has been asked to preach June 5<sup>th</sup> in Iowa and will get a substitute. Confirmation has occurred in both churches for the year. The young adults group met for a fourth time and will resume in the fall. The SEMN Synod Assembly will be attended by Sonja and Pastor Mark. There will be a second session of healing for Brandon and Charlotte at West Freeborn on May 15<sup>th</sup>. May has five Sundays so the last Sunday of the month will be a healing service at both churches. Pastor Mark stated that all of us need healing of some aspects of our lives and he encourages a greater presence at the altar during the healing service.

The secretary's report from the last Joint Council meeting was read by Becky Ausen. There were no additions or corrections. Paul Lynne made a motion to approve them. Ron Bartness seconded.

### **Open Issues:**

1. Martin Johnson updated the council on the latest status of the Call Committee. He had called the pastor the day after the council met last meeting to extend the call. Pastor Woyen asked for some time to discuss the offer with his wife and a few days later withdrew his name from consideration. This past Thursday, the call committee had a primary interview with another pastor. Last week, they also received the name of a second candidate and will see if they will do an interview with the second candidate. Pastor Mark recommended that when the time comes for the congregation and candidate to agree on a call situation, that the budget be kept in mind. If Pastor Mark does not have another call to move to from our congregations, he is entitled to a month's salary. That may determine when the new pastor would begin, as our budgets cannot cover two salaries in one month.

2. Regarding the shared financials, West Freeborn was going to have a vote about the 50/50 split at the same time as voting for the pastor but, as he did not take the call, an early May vote has not been scheduled. We discussed the fact that having this subject unresolved may negatively impact the ability to call a minister. According to the council members who are also on the call committee, both candidates have inquired about the churches' financial situation and how the congregations get along. It would be wisest to get this situation resolved before extending another call offer. West Freeborn council members stated that when we split up and meet in our independent councils, they will further discuss the possibility of having the vote this month.

Martin Johnson made a motion to adjourn this half of the meeting and reconvene in our respective councils. Steve Ausen seconded.

Rachel Knudson

Secretary, Cross of Glory

## **Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Mike Brekke, Randy Light, and Emily Light were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read. Cathy Crowe presented the treasurer's report. Paul Lynne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Martin Johnson seconded.

**Old Business:**

1. There was no old business.

**New Business:**

1. Matt Hoelscher and boys are planning to mow the lawns again this year.
2. Last year we had a clean-up day in early summer. It was stated that the shrubs probably won't require trimming this year. June would be a good time for a work day but the discussion will be tabled until next month's meeting.
3. Ron Bartness took the wireless mike to Scheitel's in Mankato because of the crackling issues that have been occurring during services. The problem comes from the thin wires in the mike breaking. We have had this problem in the past. Ron said that there is a new style of mike on the market with a screw-in cord that we can buy to reduce the likelihood of this happening again.
4. The first Sunday in June, the 5<sup>th</sup>, will mark the new worship times. Cross of Glory will worship at 9am for the calendar year and West Freeborn will meet at 10:30am.
5. Altar Guild will be serving food after the Memorial Day service.
6. There will be two showers hosted in the church this month.
7. Paul & Linda Lynne donated a year-old laptop to the Sunday School so now there is no need to purchase a new tablet.
8. There will be Senior Recognition on Memorial Sunday to honor the graduates.
9. We will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex for post-worship fellowship coffee for the summer. Please sign up!
10. This Sunday is the last day of Sunday School for the school year.
11. We discussed the possibility of holding Sunday School on Wednesday after school. There may have to be an age cut-off because that would be a very long day for the little students. Perhaps the little ones could still meet Sunday mornings. We will continue brainstorming and welcome feedback or suggestions.
12. It was suggested that one of the long-range projects for the cemetery would be to have a nice location identification guide like West Freeborn's cemetery has. This would make it much easier to locate graves.

Cathy Crowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Hoelscher seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – May 03, 2016**

The West Freeborn Church Council met on May 03, 2016, following the joint council meeting at Cross of Glory. Vice-President Mark Broskoff called the meeting to order. Present were: Mark Broskoff, Pat Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Milo Madson, Steve Ausen, Sonja Honstad, Nancy Pederson and Becky Ausen. Secretary's report was read by Becky. Bob made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

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

**Old Business:**

- \*Steve had called Matt about the roof. Matt hasn't had a chance to look at it yet. Was tabled till next month.
- \*The gravel has been put down in the parking lot.

**New Business:**

\*We will be taking a vote on dividing all expenses 50-50 with Cross of Glory. According to our constitution we will need to announce this for 2 Sunday's and then take the vote on the third Sunday. Letters will be sent out with the details. Bob made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.  
Becky Ausen, Secretary

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church Annual Meeting – January 24, 2016**

President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Secretary's Report: Minutes from annual meeting of 2015 were read by Sonja Honstad for Becky Ausen. Motion made by Tim Beyer and seconded by Sue Bakken to approve minutes. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report: Report from annual meeting of 2015 read by Pat Ehrich. Motion made by Shirley Indrelie and seconded by Omen Emstad to approve report. Motion carried. President's Report: Orlen encouraged everyone to read his letter in the annual meeting booklet. The annual meeting was delayed one week due to bad weather. It is usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in January.

**Old Business:**

- \* Coffee Fund: A total of \$4,649.22 for the year. Scholarship from this fund are available to students.
- \*Women's Funds: Memorial fund – contact Viola Krogsgaard if you have suggestions for using the money in the memorial fund.

Altar Guild: Linda Emstad reported there is a total of \$467.17.

Cemetery Improvement Committee: Omer Emstad, Roger & Sue Bakken. Suggested the flag poles be replaced and the roads extended.

Church Building: Looks very good. A special thank you to Dale Christopherson for replacing the covers for the heating units in the social hall.

Worship Schedule: Motion was made to switch worship service time with Cross of Glory as of June 1, 2016 for 1 year. Effective June 1, 2016, Cross of Glory will be 9:00 a.m. & West Freeborn 10:30 a.m. Motion was made by Mark Broskoff and seconded by Omer Emstad. Motion passed.

Note: West Freeborn receives approximately \$500.00 a year for wind rights for the wind turbines.

Need list of New Members: Orlen will put a note in the mailer in regards to new membership. There are some concerns about people not receiving the mailer.

**New Business:**

Election: Motion made to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion made by Sonja Honstad and seconded by Milo Madson. Motion carried.

Church Council: Doug Jacobs, Mike Ehrich and David Ausen will take another 3-yr. term. Bob Indrelie and Roger Bakken were added to the 2018 – 3-yr. term.

Auditors: Linda Emstad, Shirley Indrelie and Sue Bakken audited the financial report.

Activities Committee: The activities committees would like a list of responsibilities and descriptions of their duties. The 2 committees are headed by Jane & Dale Christopherson and Julie & Doug Morrison.

Cemetery Sextant: Oscar Ausen is retiring after many years of service as the church cemetery sextant. Thank you Oscar for a job well done! Steve Ausen will continue to serve as sextant and Omer Emstad will replace Oscar. Help or questions about the cemetery: call Steve Ausen at 507-383-5452 or Omer Emstad at 507-383-3960.

Budget: The budget for 2016 - \$ 63,780.00 Motion was made to accept the budget by Mike Ehrich and seconded by David Ausen. Motion carried.

Sunday School: Prairie River Bible Camp will hopefully come to West Freeborn to do a Bible School. More information to follow.

Gathering Meeting: A meeting for information on a Bible Camp for 18-40 year olds will be held Jan 31, 2016 a Cross of Glory.

Church expenses: Cross of Glory now pays 60% of pastor's salary along with some other expenses. Cross of Glory want it split so both churches will pay 50%. That could raise West Freeborn's expenses by about \$7,000.00 per year. There has been a lot of discussion on this. We think it is a great advantage for Cross of Glory to have the parsonage and the church office on their site. More discussion is needed with Cross of Glory. Glenn Ausen suggested we get a committee of 3 people from each church to discuss the issue. Glenn Ausen, David Ausen & Mike Ehrich will form the committee from West Freeborn.

Building projects: 1. Flat roof above church entry needs to be re-roofed or redone. One estimate received is \$10,000.00. Looking at more estimates.

2. Tuck-Pointing: An estimate is coming on the tuck-pointing needed on the upper brick part of the church.

3. Landscaping behind social hall.

4. Landscaping needs to be done to keep water from leaking into building.

Building projects completed: 1. Septic tank alarms – One of the alarms is in the upper bathroom, the other one is in the basement. Let David Ausen or Orlen Modene know if you hear them going off.

2. Thank you to Mike & Pat Ehrich for mowing the cemetery. It was a very wet year, so a lot more mowing was done.

3. New front door has been installed. The old keys should work, but if yours does not, check with Orlen Modene. He has had some keys made.

Call Committee: Paper work has been sent into the synod and waiting for a response.

Communication: Discussed pros and cons of intinction. Decided to try continuing the intinction communion the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month with one change. We will use the small cups versus dipping the communion wafer in a larger cup of wine. We will try this for one year, and bring it up for discussion at the next annual meeting. The list of servers will be posted in the mailer and in the back of the church.

Pastor Hillmer: No comment.

Healing Service: Will be having a Healing Service on months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Those months are January, May, July & October.

Janitor: Discussed sharing the janitor job. Stacie Madson, Susan Broskoff and Jane Christopherson are willing to help with the cleaning. Orlen will still be the go-to person. His number is 507-845-2832.

Adjournment: Motion made by Pat Ehrich and seconded by Susan Broskoff. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Honstad for Becky Ausen, Secretary.

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**West Freeborn Coffee Fellowship**

*Effective Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, coffee fellowship will be before services, due to the change in service times.*

*Coffee will be ready by 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild will be serving during June, July and August.*

*Hope to see you there!!*

**Coming up in June at West Freeborn:**

*On June 26, 2016, Garrett Michael Modene will be baptized.*

*His parents are: Shannon and Kristin Modene. He was born on March 11, 2016.*

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**CHURCH WOMEN**

***Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 21 – 7:00 p.m.***

***Ardelle Knutson, Hostess – Sharon Hansen, Bible Study***

***Eunice Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 22 at West Freeborn – 1:30 p.m.***

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***Ushers for June: Cross of Glory – Jerry Morstad & Alvin Morstad***

***Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe***

***Acolytes: Andrew Hoelscher***

***Ushers for June: West Freeborn: \*Roger Bakken, Orlen Modene, Mark Evenson, Doug Jacobs, Sue Bakken***

***Communion helper:***

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**West Freeborn Quilters**

The West Freeborn Quilters have resumed their quilting schedule on

Wednesday, June 22nd at West Freeborn Church – 9:00 a.m.

They will continue to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

***\*Tues. June 14 - 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Austin 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.***

***\*Thursday, June 16, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. The Benson Family Singers will perform at Family Guest Night @ Cross of Glory – Everyone Welcome. Free Will Offering – Refreshments to follow.***

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**Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>
5-1-16	35	\$ 1,121.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
5-8-16	60	1,345.00	0.00	0.00
5-15-16	30	1,585.00	0.00	0.00
5-22-16	21	290.00	45.00	5.00
5-29-16	32	700.00	20.00	5.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 5,041.00</b>	<b>\$ 165.00</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
		Cemetery- \$ 25.00		

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>
5-1-16		\$ 1,219.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 70.00
5-8-16		530.00	0.00	120.00
5-15-16		725.00	0.00	525.00
5-22-16		777.00	0.00	120.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 3,251.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 835.00</b>

2016 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

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**EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016: WORSHIP TIMES WILL SWITCH.**

**Cross of Glory – 9:00 a.m.**

**West Freeborn – 10:30 a.m.**

**For Your Information**

The Cross of Glory Church Council will be addressing the issue of paving the road on the south side of the church at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00. The bell tower needs to be painted as well. There is no estimate on the cost of this at this time.

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the July, 2016 mailer will be: Monday, June 20, 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)

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches contact information:

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Pastor's cell phone: 651-925-6509

Jerry Morstad, Cross of Glory President 507-373-0085

Cindy Stelter, Cross of Glory Sunday School 507-444-9727

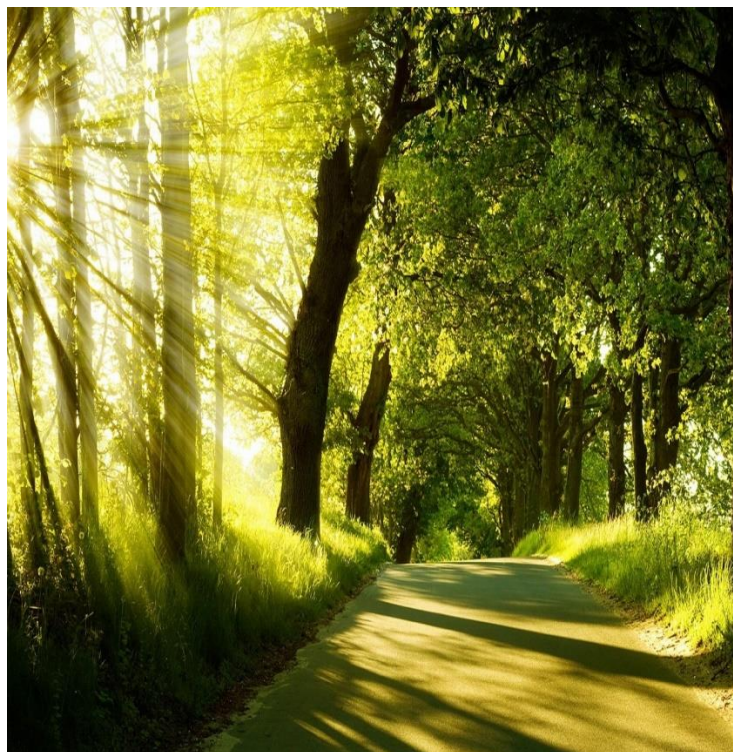
Alvin & Cindy Morstad, C.G. Custodians 845-2813

Orlen Modene, West Freeborn President 845-2832

Stacie Madson, West Freeborn Custodian 845-2501

West Freeborn Church phone – 863-2436

Rev. Mark Hillmer, Parsonage Phone – 845-2825





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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: Jerry Morstad, Alvin Morstad</b> <b>Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe</b> <b>Acolytes: Andrew Hoelscher</b>		<b>West Freeborn Ushers: *Roger Bakken, Orlen Modene, Mark Evenson, Doug Jacobs, Sue Bakken</b> <b>Communion Server:</b>  <b>NOTE: SERVICE TIMES CHANGE SUNDAY, JUNE 5</b>				
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<b>5</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship at CG</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship at WF</b> <b>Pastor Hillmer out of town</b> <b>Marcia Hall – pulpit supply</b>	<b>6</b> <b>No staff meeting or text study today.</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Joint Council meeting @ WF</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	8	9	10	<b>11</b> <b>WF Altar Guild work meeting</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship at CG</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship at WF</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Text Study</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	14	15	<b>16</b> <b>Benson Family Singers @ CG</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	17	18
<b>19</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship at CG</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship at WF</b>  <b>Happy Father's Day ☺</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Text Study</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Rachel Circle</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Ardelle Knutson, hostess</b> <b>Sharon Hansen. Bible Study</b>	<b>22</b> <b>West Freeborn quilters meet</b> <b>9:00 a.m. @ WF Church</b> <b>Eunice Circle 1:30 p.m. @ WF Church</b>	23	24	25
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship at CG</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship at WF</b>	27	28	29	30		