

# Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

March, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship times:

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



**The Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Cross of Glory**

**Our parish is voting Sunday March 5 to extend a Call to Pastor Steve Schwartz.  
Please attend services so that you can be part of this important time in our parish. 🙏**

**Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches Joint Council Meeting February 7, 2017**

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Church met on February 07, 2017, at 7:00 pm at West Freeborn. Shirley Miller, Paul Lynne, Doug Jacobs, Tim Bartness, Pastor Hillner, Martin Johnson, Rachel Knudson, Pat Ehrich, Jerry Morstad, Orlen Modene, Kristi Thofson, Sonja Honstad, Mike Ehrich, Dave Ausen, Mark Broskoff, Bob Indrelie, Emily Light, Steve Ausen, Ronnie Bartness and Becky Ausen were present.

West Freeborn President, Dave Ausen, called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Pastor Hillmer gave devotions.

**Secretary's report:** was read by Rachel. They were approved as read.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Hillmer said it was great being here for 2 ½ years. He shared 3 things he loved about our congregations. 1.) The rootedness. How we love the land and staying put on it. 2.) Volunteerism is alive and well in both churches. 3.) Attentiveness to meetings.

**Open Issues:**

- Call Committee Update: We have received three names to look at. We are interviewing 2 of the candidates. If we do extend a call, we will need to announce to the congregation 2 times and then take a congregational vote.
- Planning for Lent: We will be doing the round-robin again this year with different pastors. Jerry and Dave will contact Pastor Espe about being our supply pastor until we can find a permanent pastor.
- Parsonage Steps: both the front and side entrances need attention. Jerry will have Gene Pederson take a look at them.
- Farewell for Pastor Mark: We have scheduled a joint worship service on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 with a "Spuds and Sundaes" send off for Pastor Hillmer.
- Vacation for pastors: It is recommended by the synod that we allow a pastor 4 weeks of vacation. Paul made this into a motion. Steve seconded it. Motion carried. Becky will update the web site. It was decided that we would require 5-6 years before they could take a sabbatical and then if they did take one, they would have to work for at least a year after taking it before they could move on.
- Note from Cindi: She needs the usher lists from both churches.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Martin seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted - Becky Ausen, Secretary

**Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting - February 7, 2017**

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Matt Hoelscher, Aaron Gilliland, Carol Riskedahl, and Cathy Crowe were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read. Jerry Morstad went over the treasurer's report in Cathy's absence. We received gifts for repaving from Norlie Knudson, the Hartland Evangelical Church, and the Cemetery Board. Cathy will send in what we have received and we will continue working on the balance. Paul Lynne made a motion to close the library fund and put the money in the improvement fund. Tim Bartness seconded. The Mission Support account will be sending out a check this month. Paul Lynne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Martin Johnson seconded.

- Old Business:** 1. March 1<sup>st</sup> is Ash Wednesday and part of the Council will be providing the light supper beforehand.
2. The gas bill is higher this month. We attribute it to the windy days we've had.

**New Business:**

1. We asked for volunteers from the deacons and trustees to help serve communion throughout the year. The schedule is: Feb: Kristi, March: Emily, April: Cathy, May: Kristi, June: Jerry, July: Ron, Aug: Paul, Sept: Kristi, Oct: Cathy, Nov: Emily, Dec: Rachel. Kristi Thofson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Emily Light seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – February 07, 2017**

The West Freeborn Church Council met on February 07, 2017, following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. Present were Orlen Modene, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Dave Ausen, Steve Ausen, Doug Jacobs, Mark Broskoff, Sonja Honstad, Shirley Miller, Glenn Ausen, Roger Bakken and Becky Ausen.

President Dave Ausen called the meeting to order. Becky read the secretaries report. Stand approved as read. Pat read the treasurer's report. Sonja made a motion to approve the report. Orlen seconded it. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

\* **Spuds and Sundaes:** It will be on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be a joint service with Cross of Glory and a farewell for Pastor Hillmer. Sonja will get a gift card from West Freeborn and a card for us to sign. Service Group one will do the planning and serving.

\* **Church Building:** Bell Tower, tuck pointing and windows were discussed. Has been put on hold at this time.

**New Business:**

- **Communion Servers for each month:**

|             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| Mar.: Orlen | Sept.: Roger              |
| Apr.: Bob   | Oct.: Mike                |
| May: Becky  | Nov.: Sonja               |
| Jun.: Pat   | Dec.: Dave                |
| Jul.: Doug  | Jan. "18": Orlen or Steve |
| Aug.: Glenn | Feb. "18": Mark           |

- **Church Committees for "2017":**

Building: Mark, Orlen and Dave  
 Parsonage: Bob, Roger and Glenn  
 Financial: Pat and Dave  
 Education: Sonja, Shirley and Becky  
 Cemetery: Steve, Mike and Omer

- **Lenten Services:** People serving light supper

Mar. 08: Shirley, Orlen, Mike & Pat, Roger  
 Mar. 22: Sonja, Dave & Becky, Mark  
 Apr. 05: Bob, Doug, Glenn and Steve

- **Date for Outdoor Clean-up:** Sent a paper around so everyone could put their name and phone numbers and emails on it. Will just wait until it looks like the weather will cooperative and make calls to everyone to come and help.

- **Ice Cream Machine:** In Activity Book put a charge if ice cream machine is used.

Bob made a motion to adjourn meeting. Doug seconded it. Motion carried.  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted.  
Becky Ausen, Secretary

**Special Joint Meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Lutheran Churches**

Pres. Dave Ausen, from West Freeborn, called a Special Meeting of the two church councils to order on February 19, 2017, at West Freeborn Lutheran Church.

Present were: Cathy Crowe, Kristi Thofson, Orlen Modene, Roger Bakken, Doug Jacobs, Glenn Ausen, Steve Ausen, Bob Indrelie, Emily Light, Paul Lynne, Mark Broskoff, Jerry Morstad, Sonja Honstad, Shirley Miller, Ron Bartness, Pat Ehrich, Rachel Knutson, Martin Johnson, Mike Ehrich, Dave Ausen and Becky Ausen.

Martin Johnson, head of the Call Committee, made the recommendation that the Call Committee would like to extend a call to Pastor Steven Schwartz. Pastor Steve resides in Cannon Falls. He is a rostered ELCA pastor. He has had 4 calls in his career. After discussion by the councils, Orlen made a motion to extend the call to Pastor Steve. Rachel and Sonja seconded it. Motion carried. Martin will notify the Synod tomorrow, so they can get the background check started.

The presidents of both churches for the next two Sunday's will announce that a call would like to be extended to Pastor Steve. On March 05, 2017, there will be a vote taken in each church by the congregation to see if we can go ahead and extend this call.

Rachel thanked all who have been on the Call Committee for their dedication in this 2 ½ year process of looking for a new pastor. Let's all say a prayer that Pastor Steve will accept this call if extended.

Pastor Espe will be filling the pulpit next Sunday and for Ash Wednesday. There will be the round-robin again this year for Lenten Services. Paul made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted.  
Becky Ausen, Secretary of West Freeborn

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WEST FREEBORN - Sunday School will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. If you have questions, please contact Sonja Honstad – 863-2154 or Becky Ausen – 863-2165.**

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**CHURCH WOMEN**

***Eunice Circle will meet on Wed. March 15<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 p.m. at the church.***

***Rachel Circle will meet on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the church for a potluck lunch & assembling birthday bags.***

**Ushers for March: Cross of Glory – not available at print time - Communion Server: Acolytes:**

**Ushers for March: West Freeborn: not available at print time - Communion helper: Orlen Modene**

**A note from Cindi: Please send me the usher lists as soon as possible. Thanks! ☺**

**Info on the Baby Care Kits**

The Baby Care Kits were shipped on January 26, 2017 to Mauritania, a country in the Meghreg region of West Africa. It is 90% desert. Life expectancy is 61.14 years. Infant mortality is 60.42 deaths/1000 live births. About 20% of the population live on less than US \$1.25 per day. The country suffers from several human rights issues including slavery. At least 4% of the population are enslaved against their will.

**March is Minnesota Food Share Month – Please consider making a donation to your local food shelf. Thank You**

**Please see enclosed flyer**

**Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**

| <b>SUNDAY</b>               | <b>ATTENDANCE</b> | <b>GENERAL FUND</b> | <b>IMPROVEMENTS</b> | <b>MISSIONS</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2-5-17                      | 28                | \$ 1,070.00         | \$ 0.00             | \$ 0.00         |
| 2-12-17                     | 41                | 1,265.00            | 100.00              | 0.00            |
| 2-19-17 –Joint service @ WF |                   | 870.00              | 200.00              | 0.00            |
| <u>2-26-17</u>              | <u>30</u>         | <u>651.00</u>       | <u>0.00</u>         | <u>0.00</u>     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>               |                   | <b>\$ 3,856.00</b>  | <b>\$ 300.00</b>    | <b>\$ 0.00</b>  |

Cemetery - \$ 150.00      Air Conditioning - \$ 0.00

**Statistics for West Freeborn Lutheran Church**

| <b>SUNDAY</b>         | <b>ATTENDANCE</b> | <b>GENERAL FUND</b> | <b>IMPROVEMENTS</b> | <b>MISSIONS</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| December 2016 balance |                   | \$ 1,520.00         |                     |                 |
| 1-1-17                | 29                | 1,460.00            | \$ 65.00            | \$ 0.00         |
| 1-8-17                | 26                | 866.00              | 145.00              | 0.00            |
| 1-15-17               | 46                | 788.00              | 45.00               | 0.00            |
| 1-22-17               | 25                | 1,555.00            | 520.00              | 0.00            |
| <u>1-29-17</u>        | <u>33</u>         | <u>825.00</u>       | <u>170.00</u>       | <u>0.00</u>     |
| <b>January Totals</b> |                   | <b>\$ 5,494.00</b>  | <b>\$ 945.00</b>    | <b>\$ 0.00</b>  |

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|------------------------|-----|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2-5-17                 | 25  | 1,830.00           | 70.00            | 0.00           |
| 2-12-17                | 52  | 555.00             | 45.00            | 0.00           |
| 2-19-17                | 105 | 2,091.00           | 170.00           | 0.00           |
| <b>February Totals</b> |     | <b>\$ 4,476.00</b> | <b>\$ 285.00</b> | <b>\$ 0.00</b> |

**Budget - \$ 62,110**

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Cross of Glory email address: [cgwf@smig.net](mailto:cgwf@smig.net) Cross of Glory Website: [www.crossofglory.weebly.com](http://www.crossofglory.weebly.com)

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

**NEEDS: Cross of Glory Sunday School is in need of a new toy box. If anyone has a toy box in good condition to donate, please contact the church office. Thanks!**



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Hartland, MN*

| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                                    | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i>                                                                       | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                                                                                     | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i>                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Cross of Glory Ushers:</b> not available at print time<br><b>Communion Servers:</b> “ “<br><b>Acolytes:</b>   |               | <b>West Freeborn Ushers:</b> not available at print time<br><b>Communion helper:</b> |                                                                                                                                      |                 |               |                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                  |               |                                                                                      | <b>1</b><br><i>Supper – 6:00 p.m.</i><br><i>Ash Wednesday</i><br><i>Service @ CG</i><br><i>7:00 p.m.</i>                             | <b>2</b>        | <b>3</b>      | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>5</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. Worship at CG</b><br><b>SS – 10:00 – 10:45 - CG</b><br><b>10:30 a.m. Worship at WF</b>  | <b>6</b>      | <b>7</b><br><b>Joint Council</b><br><b>7:00 p.m. @ CG</b>                            | <b>8</b><br><i>Supper – 6:00 p.m.</i><br><i>Lenten Service</i><br><i>7:00 p.m. @ WF</i>                                              | <b>9</b>        | <b>10</b>     | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>12</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. Worship at CG</b><br><b>SS – 10:00 – 10:45 - CG</b><br><b>10:30 a.m. Worship at WF</b> | <b>13</b>     | <b>14</b>                                                                            | <b>15</b><br><b>Eunice Circle</b><br><b>1:30 @ WF</b><br><i>Supper – 6:00 p.m.</i><br><i>Lenten Service</i><br><i>7:00 p.m. @ CG</i> | <b>16</b>       | <b>17</b>     | <b>18</b><br><i>Rachel Circle</i><br><i>will meet @ CG</i><br><i>10:00 a.m.</i><br><b>Potluck Lunch</b><br><b>&amp; Birthday Bag</b><br><b>Assembly</b> |
| <b>19</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. Worship at CG</b><br><b>SS – 10:00 – 10:45 - CG</b><br><b>10:30 a.m. Worship at WF</b> | <b>20</b>     | <b>21</b>                                                                            | <b>22</b><br><i>Supper – 6:00 p.m.</i><br><i>Lenten Service</i><br><i>7:00 p.m. @ WF</i>                                             | <b>23</b>       | <b>24</b>     | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>26</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. Worship at CG</b><br><b>SS – 10:00 – 10:45</b><br><b>10:30 a.m. Worship at WF</b>      | <b>27</b>     | <b>28</b>                                                                            | <b>29</b><br><i>Supper – 6:00 p.m.</i><br><i>Lenten Service</i><br><i>7:00 p.m. @ CG</i>                                             | <b>30</b>       | <b>31</b>     |                                                                                                                                                         |