

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches – April 2024

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



Congratulations to our Confirmands!

From Cross of Glory -

*Logan Dolton, Brooks Gilliland, Caralee Koopal, Wyatt Larson
and JP Lynne*

From West Freeborn -

Zack O'Connor and Sydney Rysavy

May God bless you in your life of faith!

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Mar. 05, 2024

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council met Mar. 05, 2024, via Zoom.. Members present were Glenn, Kristin, Steve, Corky, Pat, Mike, Pastor Marcia and Becky. Glenn called the meeting to order. Pastor Marcia gave a prayer. Becky read the secretary's report. Corky made a motion to accept the report as read.. Corky seconded it. Motion passed. Pat read the treasurer's report. We did not make budget this month. Kristin made a motion to pay the bills. Steve seconded it. Motion passed.

Old Business: · Fire Extinguishers: Pat and Mike had the fire extinguisher company out here. They replaced the old ones and put new ones in. We are up-to-date and code on the fire extinguishers now.

New Business: · Window Review and Name Plates: Becky will bring name plates on Sunday to show the people who have donated to have the original sanctuary windows refurbished.

- Painting the Balcony: Mike is close to getting the balcony ready to paint, Will let us know when that time comes.
- Church Yard: Corky made a motion to have Schrader move the cemetery again this summer. Pat seconded it. Motion passed. Becky will have Dave contact him and ask him to do this.
- Church Clean up Inside and Outside: Becky will send out a text message and it will be announced in church on Sunday that we will do this March 16. (Note: It was decided to go ahead and do this a week earlier for any that could come. Becky sent out a text)
- Washing church windows: Glenn will bring his boom truck to do the outside.
- Roof installation: Pat will contact Bob at Rightway Roofing and see where we are on the list.
- Website: Becky will contact Dave Pederson about our Website and maybe when they get back, we could get a group together and Dave can give us the highlights of what he does.
- Confirmation: Becky will check with different caterers about availability and pricing. We tentatively talked about pulled pork, beans, fruit and cupcakes. Will check with Sydney and Zack and see what they think. (Sidenote: the kids thought sloppy joes, chips, fruit and cupcakes. This has been ordered from TB3's.)
- Easter Sunday: There will be coffee and goodies at 8 AM on Easter Sunday since church starts at 9 and people will more than likely be going home to family gatherings.
- Water filters: They seem to be working well. The water is not orange anymore. These are self-cleaning.
- Social hall windows: These will be tabled till next meeting. They do need to be replaced, so we will discuss how to go about raising funds for this. Next council meeting will be on Tuesday Apr. 02, 2024 via Zoom. Corky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded it. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer by Pastor Marcia.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

Cross of Glory Council Minutes –March 4, 2024

Present: Pastor Marcia Pedersen, Steve Bakken, Ron Bartness, Linda Brekke, Matt Hoelscher, Zack Jacobson, Martin Johnson, Carol Light, Paul Lynne, Jerry Morstad, Jill Morstad, and Emily Wakefield. President Jerry Morstad called the meeting to order and Pastor Marcia led us in a devotion and prayer. Carol read the minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting. Secretary's report WAS approved as read with the correction that primary elections will be held on March 5.

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Martin made the motion to accept the report and Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Linda gave the Treasurer's report. Martin made the motion to approve Treasurer's report as read and pay bills as funds allow. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Marcia presented a detailed report to the council for the month of February. It was noted that 4 students between Cross of Glory and West Freeborn are receiving Communion instruction. If you would like to see the report, there will be one in the office to view.

Old Business: Building project updates include the following: Jim and Dude's Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning will be contacted to evacuate the gas for the air conditioners in social hall before digging begins this spring. Also, Martin noted that the Centerpoint Gas Company owns the gas line to the meter. There should be no cost to minimal cost to disconnect the line when digging begins. Robin Brekke, financial secretary, made suggestion regarding offering received. Council agreed with Robin's suggestion. Kathy Spooner has agreed to sub for Robin or Shauna when needed. Paul made a motion to pay for 50% of the camp fee for students that wish to attend. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business: Primary elections for the City of Hartland and Hartland Township will be held in the Cross of Glory Social Hall from 7:30 am-8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The council suggested a \$100.00 custodial fee to be charged for

the use of the social hall. Lenten meal for 3/6/24 will be Jake's Pizza and 3/20/24 will be a chili supper. There will be an Easter Brunch sign-up in the Narthex. Service will begin at 7:00 am with brunch to follow. Jill made a motion to donate monetary donations from the Easter brunch to the Cross of Glory Youth Fund. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried. A reminder that the Lent/Easter offering is designated to Lutheran World Relief and our Lenten service project is collecting items for personal care kits for LWR. Confirmation for Cross of Glory will be held on April 21. West Freeborn has requested that we switch worship times on April 14 for their Confirmation Service. Cross of Glory will hold service at 9:00 am on April 14 to accommodate this request. There has been a request from the WELCA Blue Earth River Conference to host their conference at Cross of Glory the spring of 2025. The group prefers to hold the conference in April. Martin made the motion to host the conference and Emily seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion for adjournment was made by Steve and seconded by Martin. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Light, Secretary

West Freeborn Confirmation Dinner – Sunday, April 14th

A Sloppy Joe dinner will be served after the service.

Please plan to come and support Zach & Sydney!



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Cross of Glory Confirmation Dinner – Sunday, April 21st



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Upcoming Quilting dates @ West Freeborn

Wed. April 3 & 17 ** Wed. May 1, 15 & 29 ** June 5 & 19



Community Events

Salad Luncheon at Hartland Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 13th – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (See flyer on bulletin board)



Geneva Cancer Mini Auction & Pancake Breakfast

**Sat. April 6 – Mini Auction – 2:00 p.m. - Sun. April 7 – Pancake Breakfast - 8 :00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
(see flyer on bulletin board for more information)**

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Winding Down...for children and youth at Cross and West

Wednesday Worship winds down on Wednesday, April 10 as we serve our community by preparing Care Kits to send through Lutheran World Relief to areas most in need. Items are still needed and it's not too late to drop yours or bring them on that last day of class. Drivers will be needed, and donations can be accepted as students will prepare to go shop for needed items at local-ish stores. We'll celebrate the end of this school season with Pizza, so bring a beverage, side or dessert to share!

Thanks for making it a great year! Watch for fun summer outings to come!

Confirmation concludes in April for the 2023-24 class year, and we'll resume again in September. Classes will be as follows..

April 4th for 3rd year Confirmands only – Mentor Night from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Bring yourself and your mentor, and a dessert, a side or a beverage to share as we wrap up the mentor experience and prepare final details for Confirmation Sunday!

Last Confirmation Class night on Wednesday, April 12th for all students – we'll have pizza, so bring a side or a beverage to share as we celebrate with, bless and send our 3rd year students into their own Confirmation Sundays in the following weeks!

West Freeborn Sunday School continues through April and will conclude in May – watch for more specific communication in the weeks to come.

Mission Minute

Time remains to contribute to the Care Kit collection for this Spring. Students will pack what has been gathered on Wednesday, April 10 during their last class at Cross of Glory. Kits will be prayed over and blessed on Sunday, May 12 during worship, then be delivered to the Spring Ingathering collection on Saturday, May 18th at 1st Lutheran in Albert Lea.

Each kit needs –

- **One lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-sized towel** (20"x40" to 27"x52")
- **Two or three bath-sized bars of soap equaling 9-9 oz.** any brand, in original wrapping (no min or hotel sized bars please)
- **One adult sized toothbrush** in its original packaging
- **One sturdy, wide-toothed comb** (since there are many different types and textures of hair, no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- **One metal nail clipper**



Personal Care Kits

Provide much-needed self-care and critical germ fighting tools.

Attendance for WF – Feb. 2024: Sun. Feb. 4 – 29; Sun. Feb. 11 – 24; Wed. Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday – 48; Sun. Feb. 18 – 37; Sun. Feb. 25 – 34; Wed. Feb. 28 – Lenten – 50.

Attendance for CG – Feb. 2024: Sun. Feb. 4 – 41; Sun. Feb. 11 – 33; Sun. Feb. 18 – 29; Sun. Feb. 25 – 33.

Ushers for WF – April, 2024: * Wayne Hendrickson, Richard Bakken, Mark Broskoff, Nanette Hendrickson.

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Statistics for Cross of Glory

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Mission Fund</u>	<u>Cemetery Fund</u>
Sun. Feb. 4	1,895.00	45.00	30.00	150.00
Sun. Feb. 11	675.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Sun. Feb. 18	775.00	25.00	30.00	0.00
Wed. Feb. 21	244.00 (Lenten)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sun. Feb. 25	655.00	75.00	100.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$ 4,244.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 150.00
Sun. Mar. 3	1,793.00	100.00	70.00	0.00
Wed. Mar.	214.00 (Lenten)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sun. Mar. 10	1,210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$ 3,217.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 0.00

March totals were not complete at print time – will run the complete amounts in the next newsletter.

Cross of Glory email address: cgwf@smig.net - Cross of Glory Website: www.crossofglory.weebly.com

West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

Pastor Marcia Pedersen – Office Hours: M-TH – 9:30 – 5:00 p.m. Cell # 507-509-3396.

Jerry Morstad, Cross of Glory President : 507-373-0085 - Glenn Ausen, West Freeborn President – 402-4287

Church Office – 507-845-2818 – Fax # - 507-845-2732 - Stacie Madson, West Freeborn Custodian 845-2525

Cindy Morstad – contact for funerals, etc. 845-2255 (home) – 402-4577 (cell) - Alvin Morstad, Grounds keeper
& boiler maintenance – 845-2813 (home) – 402-8612 (cell) - Kristin Malmberg – Custodian – 612-816-3271

