

# *Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches*

## *Hartland, MN*

***Sunday Morning Worship times: Cross of Glory - Sunday at 9:00 a.m.***

***Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m.***

***West Freeborn - Sunday at 10:30 am. Please come early for coffee before the worship service.***

***Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m.***

***Effective June 1<sup>st</sup> – Worship times will change. West Freeborn – 9:00 a.m. Cross of Glory – 10:30 a.m.***



*From: Pastor Mark Hillmer*

### *The Call Committee*

The Call Committee is the most important committee in the life of a church: In the long-tenured congregations that one often finds in southern Minnesota, a Call Committee may be assembled about as often as Halley's Comet. So, it can be a rare thing.

It is important also because the pastor is the spiritual leader of the congregation, and as the leader goes, so goes the church. The Call Committee consists of six members appointed by the church council. A customary break-down of the committee is:

Two members of the Transition Team,

Two members of the council.

Two members selected from the congregation.

The presidents of the councils are ex-officio members of the Call Committee with both voice and vote.

Once the Call Committee is formed and selects a chair and a secretary, the synod office is informed and a representative of the synod comes out to explain the process. The synod offers names of candidates to the committee. The committee decides who to interview.

Any member may suggest a candidate, but the synod must first approve the candidate who is normally a rostered member of the ELCA.

The Call Committee may keep the congregation informed about any progress in general but it keeps confidentiality concerning the identity of all candidates except the one ultimately chosen. When a suitable candidate is agreed upon, the committee submits the name of the candidate to the council for approval. Upon approval of the council, a special meeting of the congregation is called and a vote of at least two-thirds is required to issue the call.

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## Joint Council Meeting – Cross of Glory & West Freeborn – April 7, 2015

The Joint Council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Churches met on April 7, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at West Freeborn. Mark Broskoff, Cathy Crowe, Randy Light, Rachel Knudson, Pat Ehrich, Tim Bartness, Mike Ehrich, Bob Indrelie Roger Bakken, Ronnie Bartness, Jerry Morstad, JoAnn Spooner, Paul Lynne, Steve Ausen, Milo Madson, Doug Jacobs, Dave Ausen, Sonja Honstad and Becky Ausen were present.

Cross of Glory President Jerry Morstad called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson. Mark mad a motion to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

- Cathy Crowe brought up about a web-site for the churches. Maybe we could ask Cindi in the office to do some research on this. Cross of Glory has a Facebook site which pictures can be posted. It could also be used for church cancellations or posting events which are coming up. Someone in the Synod should be able to help with the construction of this. Cathy will bring back ideas to the next meeting.
- The first Sunday in June the church service times will change. West Freeborn will be at 9:00 a.m. and Cross of Glory, 10:30 a.m. This will continue for the year.
- We will continue with joint council meetings at this time.
- JoAnn stated that Farmers State Bank has free shredding the month of April.

Cathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Becky Ausen, Secretary

## West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – April 7, 2015

The West Freeborn Church Council met on April 7, 2015, following the Joint Council meeting at West Freeborn. Vice President Mark Broskoff called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Mark Broskoff, Steve Ausen, Sonja Honstad, Bob Indrelie, Milo Madson, Dave Ausen, Doug Jacobs Roger Bakken, ad Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. Motion was made by Dave to approve the secretary's report. Bob seconded it. Motion carried. Pat read the Treasurer's report. Motion was made by Doug to accept the report as read. Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

- Septic System – tank on the north end is good. An alarm will need to be mounted. Dave will talk with Orlen and Dale Christopherson about this.
- Handicap Accessibility Project – More molding will be going on. Plumbing needs to be hooked up. Shelves need to be put in the closet for the quilting ladies and the carpet needs to be put down.

### **New Business:**

- SE MN Synod – Anyone who would like to volunteer is more than welcome.
- Lawn Mowing – Mike Ehrich is willing to do the mowing for the same price this year. He would like to have some of the stones lowered again. If anyone would like to help let us know.
- Sonja has \$250.00 from Thrivent which could be used towards putting plants outside in front of the church. Roger Bakken will check with Wallin Landscaping and get a price by next council meeting on doing some landscaping. We need to ask Orlen if the flagpoles which got damaged have been replaced.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Becky Ausen, Secretary

### **Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting – April 7, 2015**

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Lyle Bird, Matt Hoelscher, and Mike Brekke were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read. JoAnn Spooner read the treasurer's report and Paul Lynne made a motion to approve the report and pay bills as money allows. Tim Bartness seconded. Cathy Crowe made a motion to designate the Easter offering to the New Richland Are Food Shelf and the Lenten offering to Peace and Power. Ron Bartness seconded.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Ron Bartness has gotten the light bulbs for the sanctuary. He also got bulbs to replace the burned out lights behind the cross. If we can get the ladder in, we can get this job done.
2. Tim Bartness made a motion to increase the hourly rate of the snow removal to \$15/hour. Paul Lynne seconded.
3. We discussed more the church secretary role. She should fill out one time sheet, with copies going to both treasurers. Then Cross of Glory could pay 60% the first week of the month and West Freeborn could pay their 40% the third week of the month. As we were in a huge transition trying to fill the pastor's position when we hired a secretary, we neglected to write out a job description. It may be something we want to do at this point.
4. We want to recognize Jon Stelter for the fabulous job he has done, going above and beyond as treasurer for years. Thanks for all your hard work!

#### **New Business:**

1. We had a discussion regarding using other pastors for services in our church. If families wish to use other clergy for weddings or funerals, they are welcome to as an adjunct to our pastor's role in the service.
2. The lock on the office door is getting worn out and is difficult to use. If we use a keypad, we will have fewer keys floating around. Further, it can easily be changed if needed. Pal Lynne made a motion to call Total Lock to replace the current lock with a keypad. Randy Light seconded.
3. Paul Wyrum ground out the stumps left by the removal of the crab apple trees.
4. We decided we should have an outside clean-up at the church now that spring has arrived. It will be held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers should bring their own tools.
5. The questioning of the confirmand (Lillian Bell) will be Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All deacons and council members are invited to participate. The answers to the questions will be provided for us!

Cathy Crowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Paul Lynne seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

## **CHURCH WOMEN**

**\* Saturday, May 9 – WELCA Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Program: LWR Baby Care Kits. Spring cleaning and Garage Sales are just around the corner. Be on the lookout for clean, gently used baby items from the list in our 2015 church booklet. Place the items in the collection box in the narthex. Contact Karen Ausen for questions or pick up if needed. \*\*New this year: The sizes of new or gently used clothing requested for the LWR Baby Care Kits has changed to sizes 6-24 months. In place of sleepers or gown, tops and pants may be substituted. Kathy Spooner has been very busy making the flannel diapers for the kits and the diaper pins have been purchased in quantity for this project. We are still looking for dark colored hand towels, bath-sized bars of gentle soap (in wrappers), light-weight cotton t-shirts, sock, gowns or sleepers without feet and receiving blankets. These completes kits will be shipped off the Lutheran World Relief in May.**

**Items needed for the Personal Care Kits: Soap, nail clippers with a file, tooth brushes and wide-tooth combs.**

**\*\*Rachel Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. Sharon Hansen – Hostess, Karen Ausen - Bible Study.**

**\*\*Eunice Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ardie Madson.**

**\*\* On Communion Sundays at Cross of Glory, Gluten free bread will be available. Please indicate when you commune if you would prefer Gluten free.**

**Ushers: Cross of Glory – No one is signed up for May.**

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for 2015 ushers.

**Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe & Angela Bell**

**Acolytes: Lillian Bell**

**Ushers: West Freeborn – May: \*Roger Bakken, Doug Jacobs, Tim Peterson**

**Communion Helper:** not available at print time

**\*\* Please contact the church office with the names of high school graduates, college graduates, technical school graduates, so they can be recognized in church on May 24th.**

**Thank You. 845-2818**

**Other Community events coming up:**

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Salad Luncheon at Zion Lutheran in Albert Lea. - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \$6.00 donation.**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Meatball Dinner at Community Lutheran Church in Geneva. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.**

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Service at Cross of Glory – 9:00 a.m. The Altar Guild will provide refreshments. If you'd like to share some treats, they will be appreciated.**

**Statistics for**  
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>
4-5-15 Sunrise Service	69	\$ 1,442.00 (includes Holy Week offering & Easter breakfast)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
4-12-15	46	\$ 1,172.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 35.00
4-19-15	34	\$ 1,413.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
4-26-15	75	\$ 753.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 4,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 255.00</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>

Cemetery - \$ 60.00

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>
3-1-15		\$ 1,977.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 40.00
3-8-15		580.00	0.00	0.00
3-15-15		843.00	0.00	20.00
3-22-15		555.00	0.00	40.00
3-29-15		1,085.00	0.00	0.00
4-5-15	88	2,230.00	0.00	20.00
4-12-15	43	650.00	0.00	0.00
4-19-15	55	1,051.00	0.00	20.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 8,971.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>

2015 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

**Community News**

The "Construction and Trades" classes from NRHEG are busy working at the old hotel – or the new home of the Area Food Shelf of New Richland. Brad Root, instructor, supervises the removal of construction debris and other garbage left by the building's previous owner. Members of the classes are also removing walls, taking out old carpet, and doing all the work necessary for the renovation of the building. So far they have filled 4 dumpsters with construction debris and 3 dump trucks of garbage. (Thanks to Rick Schultz for letting us use his truck.) The Construction and Trades class will continue during the summer giving the students the opportunity to rebuild what they have taken down! We are very grateful for the wonderful gifts the students and staff of NRHEG are bringing to the building and to our community. We are getting estimates for a new roof. This is an expense we are hoping to avoid for several years, but have found too many areas of concern and can't put it off. Our goal is to have part of the building open (not done – just open) for the New Richland Area Historical Society's Farm & City Days display. This will give everyone a chance to see a wonderful

work in progress. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact Larry Goehring, NRFS President at 507-463-3421.

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A note from Cindi: The deadline for the June mailer will be: Monday, 18, 2015. 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)

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)

Thank You ☺

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<b>Cross of Glory Ushers:</b> <b>Communion Servers:</b> Cathy Crowe (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday) Angela Bell (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday) <b>Acolytes:</b> Lillian Bell		<b>West Freeborn Ushers:</b> *Roger Bakken, Doug Jacobs, Tim Peterson <b>Communion Server:</b>			1	2 Lillian Wyrum Funeral 11:00 a.m. Cross of Glory
3 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory – SS – 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn – SS- 9:15 <b>Confirmation at West Freeborn</b>	4 Staff meeting at Cross of Glory 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	5 Bible Study @ WF 6:00 p.m. Joint Council meeting @ CG 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8	9 WELCA mtg. at Cross of Glory 9:30 a.m. (more info in mailer)
10 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory – SS – 10:15 a.m. Last day of Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn – SS- 9:15	11 Staff meeting at Cross of Glory 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	12 Bible Study @ WF 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16
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24 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory – SS – 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn SS – 9:15 a.m.	25 Memorial Day Service 9:00 a.m. Office closed (staff mtg. on Wed. May 27 – 9:00 a.m.)	26 Bible Study @ WF 6:00 p.m.	27 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m.	28	29	30
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