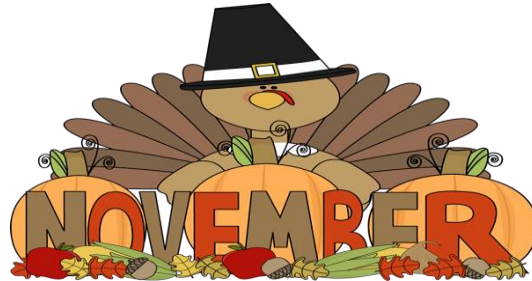


Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches – November 2021

Sunday Morning Worship times:

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



A Time for Thanksgiving

“And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?” (Matthew 6:27)

Sometimes when we open our Bibles and read a passage we are left wondering about what this means. There are other passages that are as plain as the nose on your face, and this month’s has to be in that category.

Will worrying add one hour to your life? Of course it won’t. Then why do we worry about things? That is the question that Jesus puts before us in this verse from Matthew. Worrying accomplishes nothing. Why worry?

Good question. Think for a minute about those things that have caused you to worry in the last couple of weeks or so. My guess is that your worrying did not improve the situation one bit and probably only served to make you feel worse. As something that causes us to lose sleep and get grumpy, worry ought to be eliminated from our lives.

That is easier said than done if you have lost your job and the bills keep coming. Turn on the news or read the paper and you are confronted with a list of subjects that someone somewhere thinks you need to be worrying about. It may be terrorism or flu, Covid, global warming or politics. It is hard not to become a worrier.

Jesus seems to think that the solution to our worrying problem is thanksgiving. If we could simply become more thankful for what God has done and is doing for us we would find it hard to waste our time worrying. When you know that God is looking after you, taking care of you, say a prayer of thanks and turn it all over to God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Schwartz

Do-It-Yourself Bible Study

For our Bible study this month, let's look at some parables. If you find the topic intriguing I hope that you will join others to go deeper.

We sometimes read Jesus' parables as if they were little stories, like an Aesop's fable, that make some point or teach some lesson. It makes more sense to think of them as being like riddles. They pose a question and make you think. This month we will look at two short parables.

Read Matthew 13:44.

This parable sets two riddles before us. One involves what is hidden, the other involves joy. The treasure is said to be hidden, found, and hidden again. How is that like the Kingdom of Heaven?

If a picture is worth a thousand words, a parable is a picture attempting to describe something that is extremely difficult or impossible to describe; like the Kingdom of Heaven. So Jesus gives us pictures to consider.

Read Matthew 13:44.

How would you describe the joy the man feels?

Each parable that Jesus tells stands by itself, the way paintings in an art gallery are all unique in some way. So read the parable and allow it to speak to you.

Read Matthew 13: 45-46.

What does this tell you about the Kingdom of Heaven?

Church Councils will meet on Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Cross of Glory Council Minutes - October 5, 2021

Present: Jerry Morstad, Linda Brekke, Jill Morstad, Pastor Steve Schwartz. No quorum for voting.

President Jerry Morstad called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve led us in prayer.

Pastor's report- Pastor Steve asked if those present felt it would be OK for him to resume greeting those in attendance at Sunday services by standing at the door. Hand shaking would still not be done but he could at least greet people. Those present from the council agreed and stated this would be good to do.

Pastor mentioned that with confirmation being the last Sunday in October it may be good to change communion from the 4th Sunday to the 5th Sunday for the month of October. All present agreed. Jill asked if a gift was usually given to the confirmands from the congregation. Jill agreed to check into some options and we also agreed to offer a gift certificate or something similar to Ned (our one confirmand) since Angela had informed Jill that he didn't want a dinner at the church as is our usual tradition. Jill will follow up with this as well. Pastor was asked about Wednesday school and he reported it was going well but that some illness had caused some absences but that some students had brought friends so the numbers in attendance have been changing.

Secretary's report was summarized by Jill.

Treasurer's report was given by Linda. In addition to the review of the monthly statements Linda reported she has spoken to Cindi (the office secretary) and she had replaced the drum on the copier at a cost of \$143. She is using less color and less toner and using the desktop printer some to manage cost. Martin had stated previously that the new drum should be under warranty so that cost should be reimbursed. We discussed that there were costs involved with the lease previous to the purchase of this copier and that it would be good to have a breakdown of copier expenses so we have a better idea specifically. Linda will check with Allyson and Cindi regarding this request.

Allyson (with ARO accounting) has met with DeeAnn Bergland regarding her employment as janitress. It wasn't clear if DeeAnn planned to turn her hours in to Allyson. Linda will check on that. It was noted that she started later in September.

The financial secretaries aren't planning to issue statements again this year but if someone needs a statement it could be obtained. Some offerings are directed to the bank and not all come through the offerings at church.

Linda asked about the health insurance process for Pastor and stated it needed to be completed by Oct 15th. Pastor requested it remain the same as last year. There were no objections to the treasure's report.

Old business: The message to the congregation asking to consider changing their mailer to email has been in the bulletin and the most recent mailer. That should continue.

No bill yet for the painting on the social hall and entry.

Jerry will check with Alvin regarding maintenance, mowing and snow removal services.

Pastor Steve's picture is in the social hall. Cost for both ours and West Freeborn's picture was paid by C. of G. West Freeborn knows that.

New Business: It was noted that attendance for services at C of G haven't been listed in the mailer recently. The # in attendance has been listed on each Sunday's record so it would be easy to obtain. It was suggested that Cindi just be informed that we would like it added.

Council members and budget planning was mentioned to be included in our November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by, Jill Morstad (Deacon)

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – Sept. 07, 2021

The West Freeborn Church Council met on Sept. 07, 2021, at Cross of Glory following the joint council meeting. Present were Glenn Ausen, Steve Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Pastor Steve and Becky Ausen. President Glenn Ausen, called the meeting to order. Pastor had given a prayer and report during the joint council meeting with Cross of Glory.

Becky read the secretaries report. Steve made a motion to approve the report as read. Mike seconded it. Motion passed. Pat read the treasurers report. Pat reported that we were short this month with our offering 😊. Mike made a motion to pay the bills. Steve seconded it. Motion passed.

Old Business: Cemetery Stones: Stayed tuned.

New Business: Social Hall Windows: The windows are needing attention. It was decided that we would bring this up at Annual Meeting. Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky seconded it. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

There was no October Council meeting at West Freeborn due to field work.

West Freeborn Sunday School following Sunday worship



Wednesday Worship – 6:00 p.m. @ Cross of Glory - Confirmation – 7:00 p.m. @ Cross of Glory

Thanksgiving Eve Service @ West Freeborn - Wednesday, November 24th – 7:00 p.m.



West Freeborn Attendance: September, 2021: 9-5-21 – 12; 9-12-21 – 44; 9-19-21 – 26; 9-26-21 – 35.

West Freeborn Ushers: November: *Casey Madson, Dale Christopherson, Jane Christopherson, Mike Ehrich.

Cross of Glory Attendance: September, 2021: Sept. 5 – 25; Sept. 12 – 22; Sept. 19 – 29; Sept. 26 – 19.

Cross of Glory Attendance: October, 2021: Oct. 3 – 27; Oct. 10 – 24; Oct. 17 – 24; Oct. 24 – 16.

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Date	General Fund	Improvement Fund	Mission Fund	Cemetery Fund
10-3-21	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10-10-21	1,730.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
10-17-21	865.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
10-24-21	945.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$ 5,105.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00

Sunday, Oct. 31st amounts will be included in the December newsletter.

Community Events

Time & Talent Bazaar - Saturday, November 6, 2021

8:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Ascension Lutheran Church – Albert Lea

(See flyer on bulletin board for more details)

Holidays Ahead – Saturday, November 20, 2021

9:00 – 11:30 am.

First Lutheran Church – Albert Lea

(See flyer on bulletin board for more details)

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November - 2021 ✠ Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches, Hartland, MN

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Church Councils meet.	3 Worship Wednesday for Youth – 6:00 p.m. - CG Confirmation – 7:00 p.m. - CG	4	5	6
7 <i>WF – 9:00 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Sunday School following</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>CG – Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>Communion</i>	8	9	10 Worship Wednesday for Youth – 6:00 p.m. - CG Confirmation – 7:00 p.m. - CG	11	12	13
14 <i>WF – 9:00 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Sunday School following</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>CG – Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i>	15	16	17 Worship Wednesday for Youth – 6:00 p.m. - CG Confirmation – 7:00 p.m. - CG	18	19	20
21 <i>WF – 9:00 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Sunday School following</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>CG – Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i>	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i> <i>Service @ WF</i> <i>7:00 p.m.</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Day</i>	26	27
28 <i>WF – 9:00 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Sunday School following</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>CG – Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>Communion</i>	29	30				

*West Freeborn Ushers – November, 2021: *Casey Madson, Dale Christopherson, Jane Christopherson, Mike Ehrich*