

# *Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches*

## *Hartland, MN*

***Sunday Morning Worship times: Cross of Glory service is each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.***

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

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

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



*From: Pastor Mark Hillmer*

### **How an Intentional Interim Works**

In the past (more than twenty years ago) when a pastor resigned or retired, a church would contact one nearby pastor to be its “vacancy pastor” to do the necessary pastoral duties and another (usually a retired pastor) to hold services. These people would hold the reins of the church until a new pastor arrived. The idea was to have a short vacancy and to find a new pastor as soon as possible. We now call that an unintentional interim. An intentional interim is one based on the idea that when a pastor leaves, the vacated church has an opportunity for self-examination and planning for the future.

The old-time vacancies were as short as possible; intentional interims normally last about a year.

The mechanics of an intentional interim, besides dealing with the normal pastoral duties, look something like the following.

The church council selects a group of about 4-7 people to form a task force which works for 4-6 months studying where the church has been, evaluating its current situation and planning for the future. This Transition Task Force (TTF) may break up into committees like, Self-Study, Staffing Needs and Mission-Vision. The TTF writes its findings into a report which it presents to the council.

The council then selects a call committee with the knowledge and consent of the church membership, depending on constitutional stipulations.

The call committee (often made up of two council members, two TTF people and two or more at-large congregational members) then proceeds with the calling of a new, full-time, regularly-called pastor.

The interim pastor is an active member of the TTF but has nothing to do with the call committee.

The above details can vary, depending on the needs of the congregation and the decisions of the council.

The call committee fills out a Congregational Profile (provided by the Synod), receives nominations from the Synod office (congregational members may also submit candidates), interview candidates and recommends a name to the council which passes it on to a congregational vote.

## **Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Joint Council Meeting, September 2, 2014**

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Churches met on Sept. 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage. Cross of Glory President Glenn Ausen called the meeting to order.

Secretaries report was read by Nancy Pederson.

### **Old Business:**

It was brought up that the mailing label lists need to be updated.

### **New Business:**

Update on Parsonage Repairs:

- Vents have been cleaned
- Service Master has cleaned and power washed the basement
- Floors have been sanded and resurfaced
- Walls and ceilings have been painted
- New toilet, floor and vanity in downstairs bathroom
- Kitchen cupboards have been lined
- Outlet switches have been replaced
- Window coverings have been put up
- Light fixtures have been replaced
- Four windows were replaced
- Sloped the east side of the house with dirt
- Weeds have been pulled, shrubs trimmed and flowers planted
- New carpet in the den and front entryway

Items left to be completed:

- Installation of new cupboards
- Installation of new dishwasher
- Water leaking in the basement (look into options)
- Crab apple and apple trees – look into removing
- Electrical work (upgrade). Mark Broskoff is willing to upgrade the electrical to 200 amp instead of 100 amp. We need someone willing to pay for this upgrade. Mark will head this up.

Bills to be paid:

- Duane Spooner's outstanding bill will be paid tonight
- Glenn's outstanding bill will be paid tonight

Lyle Bird mad a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

## **West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – September 2, 2014**

The West Freeborn Church Council met on Sept. 2, 2014 at approximately 7:20. Vice-President Mark Broskoff called the meeting to order. Present were Pat Ehrich, Mark Broskoff, Mike Ehrich, Steve Ausen, Nancy Pederson, Dale Christopherson, Milo Madson, Dave Ausen and Becky Ausen.

Secretaries report was read by Becky Ausen. Steve made a motion to approve the report. Dale seconded it. Motion carried.

Pat read the Treasurer's report. Nancy made a motion to approve the report. Dave seconded it. Motion carried. Mike Ehrich has graciously offered to mow the cemetery a few times at no charge. Steve made a motion to take the money from the 2012 Thrivent account and put into the cemetery upkeep fund to help pay for the mowing this summer. Dale seconded it. Motion carried.

### **Old business:**

1. Pictorial Directory: Dale has called a lot of the congregation about getting their pictures taken. Many have indicated that they would like to use their old pictures.

### **New business:**

1. Member lists: These need to be updated.
2. Storm damage update: We need Orlen to give us an update on what damage was done with this last storm.
3. Harvest Bazaar: The bazaar is on November 16. Cross of Glory was asked if they would change worship service time for that day so West can have the 9:00 a.m. service. They have agreed. The Polka Worship Service will start at 9:00 a.m. There will need to be people to help with the auction. Jackie Henke will be asked to do the Excel spread worksheet. Becky Ausen offered to help her. Orlen and Dave will be the auctioneers.
4. Sunday School Superintendent: We are still looking to find a superintendent for this coming year. It was brought up that a suggestion had been made that we look into hiring someone for a negotiable pay. Dave made this into a motion. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Becky Ausen, Secretary

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### **CHURCH WOMEN:**

***\*\*Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.***

***Hostess : Jill Demmer***

***Bible Study: Sharon Hansen***

***\*\*Eunice Circle will meet on the Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at West Freeborn Church at 1:30 p.m.***

***Hostess: Marion Springer Mathwig***

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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>
9-7-14		\$ 909.00	\$ 660.00	\$10.00
9-14-14		1,117.00	45.00	0.00
9-21-14		1,574.50	210.00	10.00
9-28-14		717.00	430.00	10.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 4,317.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,345.00</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

Cemetery - \$.00

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>
8-24-14	50	\$ 786.00	\$ 50.00	0.00
8-31-14	28	\$ 330.00	\$ 20.00	0.00
9-7-14	60	\$ 2,956.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
9-14-14	37	\$ 524.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
9-21-14	41	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 20.00	0.00
9-28-14	52	\$ 1,291.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 7,767.00</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

*\*\* Congratulations to Jade Wiplinger & Joshua O'Byrne, who were married on September 20, 2014. Parents of Jade are Chris & Holly Dahl and John & Marlene Wiplinger.*

*\*\* Congratulations to Shannon & Kristin Modene on the birth of their son, Tucker David Modene, born on Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 inches long. His sister is Charlotte & Grandparents are Orlen & Vicky Modene.*

*\*\* Congratulations to Brandi (Modene) & Eric Grunske on the birth of their son, Easton Alexander Grunske, born on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Grandparents are Orlen & Vicky Modene.*

*\*\* Congratulations to Liza Demmer & Josh Ness who were married on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Liza is the daughter of Reed & Jill Demmer.*

*\*\* Evelyn LaVaun Madson was baptized at West Freeborn Church on August 24<sup>th</sup>. She was born on July 11, 2014 to Casey & Stacie Madson. Her sponsors are Michael & Stacie Walterman. Grandparents are Glen & Karen Ausen. Great Grandparents are Oscar & LaVaun Ausen.*

*\*\* Isabella Ann Langhans was baptized at Cross of Glory on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. She was born Feb. 13, 2014. Her parents are Kayla & Ryan Langhans. Her sponsors are Madison Reed & Casey Langhans.*

*\*\* Welcome to Aaron & Lisa Gilliland, Brooks, Mack and Trevor, who recently transferred their membership to Cross of Glory.*

*\*\* An Open House Bridal Shower for Jenna Brekke, bride to be of Nick Christensen, will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Cross of Glory Church.*

***\*\*LOOKING AHEAD: Preparations for the Soup & Pie Supper at Cross of Glory coming up on November 5<sup>th</sup> will begin soon.***

***Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle, Hobo, and Ham & Potato soups, fresh baked bread and desserts. Each family is asked to bring a pie or dessert to the social hall by 3:00 p.m. This annual fund raiser is a wonderful time to work together as a church family. Please watch for lists in the narthex to sign up for various tasks and also for food donations. Your help is very appreciated! Contact Jill Morstad with any questions.***

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### ***Coming up: Community Events***

*Thursday, Oct. 9 – Soup & Dessert at Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. Serving times: 11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. & 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

*Friday, Oct. 10 – Grace Lutheran Church in Albert Lea will host their 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Salad Luncheon. Pulled Pork and selection of salads.*

*Sunday, Oct. 12* – Zion Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, “Oktoberfest” 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Serving a German family style dinner.

*Sunday, Oct. 19* - Redeemer Lutheran Church in Alden – Annual Harvest Dinner 4:00 -7:00 p.m. at the Alden-Conger School Cafeteria.

*Tuesday, Nov. 11* – Emmons Lutheran Church – Lutefisk Supper – Servings at 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

\*\*A note from Cindi: The deadline for the November mailer will be: Friday, October 24, 2014. 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 ☺

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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:</b> Brad Spooner, Jon Stelter <b>Communion Servers:</b> Lori Fleming <b>Acolytes:</b> Andrew Hoelscher, Sawyer Van Maldeghem		<b>West Freeborn Ushers:</b> Wayne Hendrickson, Ron Lageson, Dale Indrelie, Rich Honstad <b>Communion Server:</b> Pat Ehrich				
			1 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation at Cross of Glory	2	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. 10:30 – Worship at West Freeborn Sunday School – 9:15 a.m. School kits displayed at Cross of Glory	6 Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.  Text Study at Cross of Glory 10:00 a.m.	7 7:00 p.m. Joint Council meeting at West Freeborn  7:00 p.m. Cross of Glory Trustee and Deacons meeting	8 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation at Cross of Glory	9	10	11
12 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. 10:30 – Worship at West Freeborn Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.	13 Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.  Text Study at Cross of Glory 10:00 a.m.	14	15 **No confirmation tonight MEA week Eunice Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. at West Freeborn Church	16	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. 10:30 – Worship at West Freeborn Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.	20 Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.  Text Study at Cross of Glory 10:00 a.m.	21 Rachel Circle meets at 7 p.m.	22 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation at Cross of Glory 2	23	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. 10:30 – Worship at West Freeborn Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.	27 Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.  Text Study at Cross of Glory 10:00 a.m.	28	29 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation at Cross of Glory	30	31	

**Looking ahead to November: Ushers for Cross of Glory – Dean Schwartz & Duane Spooner - - November Ushers at West Freeborn – Casey Madson, Les Honstad  
Communion Server: Cathy Crowe  
Acolytes: Andrew H. & Sawyer V.**

**Communion Server: Holly Dahl**