

# *Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches*

*Hartland, MN*

*Sunday Morning Worship times:*

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



*From: Pastor Mark Hillmer*

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## A VIABLE FUTURE

With churches closing in Freeborn county the question arises, as it did for me last year on the Iron Range at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, “Pastor, who will support this church when we’re gone?”

To that end I and some leaders of both congregations are meeting to plan an evening to which we intend to invite the young marrieds who are members at Cross and West. We plan a get-acquainted evening with pop and pizza at which we hope to pose that very question to them. Something like:

“This church has been here to marry you and to baptize and educate your children. They are both beautiful churches with grand histories. We are happy to be here for you. But it is in part up to you younger people to support and maintain these two congregations so that they have a future.

“This means regular church attendance, contributing to the budget and finding Christ among us.

“Possibly you can form a young-marrieds support group. I will be happy to meet with you. I can teach you many things. What about “Christianity 101”?

“If you respond positively these your two churches will survive and grow. If you do not, they may have to face the other thing.”

I write this to you long-time, faithful members to elicit your prayer support of this vital project.

**The Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 pm.  
at Cross of Glory**

**Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches Joint Council Meeting Dec.1, 2015**

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Church met on Dec. 01, 2015, at 7:00 pm at West Freeborn. Cathy Crowe, Rachel Knudson, Pat Ehrich, Ronnie Bartness, Bob Indrelie, Jerry Morstad, JoAnn Spooner, Paul Lynne, Steve Ausen, Milo Madson, Mike Brekke, Mike Ehrich, Matt Hoelscher, Orlen Modene, Tim Bartness, Dave Ausen, Roger Bakken, Sonja Honstad and Becky Ausen were present.

West Freeborn President, Orlen Modene, called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson. Jerry made a motion to approve the report as read. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

**Open Issues:**

- Call Process: 2 emails were still needed. Becky will meet with Martin and finalize it and get it sent off.
- Christmas Eve Services will be at Cross of Glory at 4:30 PM and Christmas Day Services will be at 9:00 AM at West Freeborn.
- If anyone can help between 2 and 3 PM on Dec. 02, they will be loading some of Pastor Hillmer's things to be moved.

**New Business:**

Seeing as there was no New Business, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.  
Becky Ausen, Secretary

**Cross of Glory Deacons and Trustees Meeting – Dec. 1, 2015**

(unavailable at print time)

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – December 01, 2015**

The West Freeborn Church Council met on December 01, 2015, following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn Lutheran Church. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Mike Ehrich, Dave Ausen, Roger Bakken, Milo Madson, Orlen Modene, Steve Ausen, Sonja Honstad and Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. In the report Robert Johnson who was looking at the tuck pointing should have been Roger Johnson. Also in the energy audit it was recommended that the basement hot water heater be disconnected. Motion was made by Bob to approve the secretary's report. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Pat. Motion was made by Dave to accept the treasurer's report. Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

\*Harvest Bazaar: Roger made a motion to give the ladies the money and ask where they would like to put it. Steve seconded it. Motion carried. This will be brought up at the annual meeting what to do with the money.

\*Communion on the Fourth Sunday: Will bring up at annual meeting if we want to continue this.

\*Thanksgiving Offering: We will combine it with the Christmas offering and will designate where it will go in January.

\*Repairs: There is a leak under the new kitchen sink. Orlen will look into getting this fixed.

**New Business:**

\*Annual Meeting: Will be held on January 17, 2016. Orlen will put the agenda in the mailer. Orlen will talk with Pastor Hillmer about leaving the church service at the regular time and going ahead with the meeting and having the potluck after.

\*We will talk in the January meeting about having a meal in February.

\*Sonja will get peanuts and candy to make the bags for passing out after the Christmas program on December 20th. The council members will get together at 9:00 AM on Dec. 19th to make the bags.

\*Orlen will start announcing after church how the nominating committee will be looking for people who would like to be on the council.. Don't be shy.....volunteer today!!!!

Milo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Becky Ausen, Secretary

**CHURCH WOMEN**

*Rachel Circle will not meet in January.*

*Eunice Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at the home of Shirley Miller – 1:30 p.m.*

***Ushers for January: Cross of Glory***

***Communion Servers:***

***Acolytes:***

***Ushers: West Freeborn***

***Communion Helper:***

***Cindi needs this information for the next mailer!***

***Thanks! ☺***

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***\*A special Thank You to Mike & Robin Brekke for donating new Christmas Decorations for Cross of Glory***

***\*Thank You to the Cross of Glory Altar Guild for their many hours spent decorating the church for Christmas.***

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***\*West Freeborn will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2016***

***See agenda below:***

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Agenda**

**January 17, 2016**

**Call the meeting to order:**

**Orlen Modene, President**

**Secretary's Report:**

**Becky Ausen, Secretary**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Pat Ehrich, Treasurer**

President's Report:

Orlen Modene

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Mark Hillmer

Old Business

- 1. Coffee Fund Review
- 2. Altar Guild
- 3. Memorial Fund
- 4. Cemetery Improvements Committee
- 5. Handicap Accessibility
- 6. Septic Tank Update
- 7. Monthly Mailers

New Business

- 1. Approve West Freeborn 2016 Budget
- 2. Election of Church Council and other Officers and Representatives
- 3. Church Building
- 4. Worship Service Time
- 5. Oscar retiring from Sextant - need new person or people willing to step forward
- 6. Cross of Glory hiring an accountant
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Adjournment and Closing Blessing

**If any member of the West Freeborn Congregation would like to add something to the agenda for the Annual Meeting, please let Orlen or Cindi in the office know before the 11th of January. Thank you!!!!**

West Freeborn Coffee Hour

West Freeborn social hour will be following the 9:00 a.m. service. We are in need of people to bring treats!  
Please sign up on the calendar on the counter! Thank you ☺

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Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
12-6-15	55	\$ 917.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00
12-13-15	95	1,211.00	0.00	0.00
12-20-15	35	1,532.00	0.00	25.00
12-24-15	140	250.00		
12-27-15	23	1,879.00	1.00	19.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 5,789.00</b>	<b>\$ 61.00</b>	<b>\$ 64.00</b>

Cemetery Fund - \$ 88.00

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>
12-6-15	52	\$ 2,259.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 140.00
12-13-15	30	995.00	0.00	85.00
12-20-15	57	1,327.00	0.00	160.00
12-25-15	31			
12-27-15	29	1,280.00	0.00	45.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 5,861.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>

2015 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the February, 2016 mailer will be: Monday, January 25, 2016. 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 ☺

***Needed for February mailer: Usher lists for both churches & Communion Servers and Acolytes List.***

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)

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Orlen Modene, West Freeborn President & Custodian 845-2832

West Freeborn Church phone – 863-2436

Rev. Mark Hillmer, Parsonage Phone – 845-2825

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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> <b>Communion Servers:</b> <b>Acolytes:</b>		<b>West Freeborn Ushers:</b> <b>Communion Server:</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Joint Council meeting @ CG 7:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Confirmation CG – 7:00p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG SS @ CG 9:00 a.m.	<b>11</b> Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Confirmation CG - 7:00 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF <b><i>Annual Meeting &amp; Potluck</i></b> 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG SS @ CG 9:00 a.m.	<b>18</b> Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	<b>19</b> Rachel Circle will not meet this month.	<b>20</b> Confirmation CG - 7:00 p.m. Eunice Circle 1:30 p.m. @ Shirley Miller's home.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG <u>SS -9:00 a.m. @ CG</u> <b>31</b> 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG SS @ CG 9:00 a.m.	<b>25</b> Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study-10 a.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Confirmation CG - 7:00 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>