

# *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*

### CONFIRMATION

Lutherans, along with Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians and a few other denominations, baptize infants. They agree that baptism is a means of grace, that is, a means, a way, a vehicle, through which God has promised to come to us bringing his grace.

Some of our fellow Christians do not baptize infants. They think that since people are saved by faith alone, and that faith is a conscious turning to the Lord, they should wait until their children can accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. Then they are baptized. For them baptism is a sign that one has come to faith.

Infant baptism is a wonderful way of picturing grace: It comes to us before we know it, before we deserve it. It is sometimes referred to as prevenient grace, operating on the human will before it turns to God.

Paul puts it this way, "When we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...While we were sinners, Christ died for us."

When we baptize our children we promise to follow up the baptism with instruction in the faith.

That is where confirmation comes in: We teach our children what it means to be a Christian.

But confirmation is more than mental. Our instruction periods involve the entire person. We pray, we sing and we encourage one another to appreciate what we have in Jesus and also to ask Him more and more to come into our lives, to guide us, to lead us.

Confirmation is a formal introduction to the Jesus who has lived inside of us from the day of our baptism.

It is a time for a renewal of our love for Him and a learning of what He has done for us and what He expects of us.

**West Freeborn & Cross of Glory Lutheran Church – Joint Council Meeting  
December 2, 2014**

West Freeborn and Cross of Glory Lutheran Churches Council Meeting – Dec. 2, 2014  
The West Freeborn and Cross of Glory Lutheran Churches met on Dec. 2, 2014 at West Freeborn Church. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Dale Christopherson, Bob Inderlie, Steve Ausen, Mark Broskoff, Steve Bakken, Glenn Ausen, Cathy Crowe, Pastor Mark Hillmer, Jon Stelter, Sue Evenson, Milo Madson, Orlen Modene, Matt Hoelscher, Doug Jacobs and Holly Dahl.

Devotions & Prayer were led by Pastor Mark Hillmer from the letter of Jude.  
Secretary's report from the Joint Meeting held on November 11, 2014 was read by Cathy Crowe. Motion was made by Matt Hoelscher to approve the Secretary's Report. Steve Ausen seconded it. Motion carried.

The final bill from Duane Spooner was submitted for payment and there was discussion to purchase a \$50.00 gift certificate at Wedgewood Cove for Duane Spooner and Gene Pedersen for all of the work that they have done on the parsonage. Steve Bakken made a motion to buy the gift certificate and Bob Inderlie seconded it. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding a possible annual walk thru the parsonage by both Churches' parsonage committees to make sure that repairs are taken care of. The purpose is so that we do not have such a large repair bill in the future all at one time. A subcommittee consisting of both Churches parsonage committees will meet with Pastor Mark Hillmer to discuss options that can be included in the new pastor's contract. This committee will meet after the Annual Meetings of both Churches.

Cross of Glory has requested that Cindy would write out their monthly checks and then have the Treasurer sign them and send them out. Cindy has agreed to code the bills and write the monthly checks as needed. She will not however, write out the payroll checks the Treasurer will still do that. Pat Ehrich, West Freeborn's Treasurer, will still write out the monthly checks and payroll for West Freeborn Church.

There are still two windows in the parsonage that need window coverings replaced. Steve Bakken and Glenn Ausen will take care of this.

A Transition Team has been formed that consists of: Sue Bakken, Jill Demmer, Wayne Hendrickson, Sonia Honstad, Ann Lynne, Jerry Morstad, Jodie Reed, and Lynda Emstad. Cathy Crowe made a motion to accept the individuals on the Transition Team. Seconded by Dale Christopherson. Motion carried. The team will begin in January meeting for 4 months and then report to the Congregation.

Pastor Mark Hillmer has sold his home in Florida and will be leaving right after Christmas to drive to Florida for the closing. Pastor Mark will find a guest pastor for the following 2 or 3 Sundays that he will be gone.

We have purchased a used copier for the church office. Cindy will check on the details of the service contract and report to the council on her findings.

Motion was made by Dale Christopherson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Matt Hoelscher. Motion Carried.

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**West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – December 2, 2014**

The West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council met on December 2, 2014 right after the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat

Ehrich, Dale Christopherson, Bob Inderlie, Steve Ausen, Mark Broskoff, Sue Evenson, Milo Madson, Orlen Modene, Doug Jacobs and Holly Dahl.

Secretary's Report was read by Holly Dahl. Mark Broskoff made a motion to accept the Report. Seconded by Steve Ausen. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Pat Ehrich. Bob Inderlie made a motion to accept the Report. Seconded by Doug Jacobs. Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business:**

**Harvest Bazaar:** Bazaar Donations were \$600.00, Bazaar Raffle was \$255.00, and the Bazaar Auction was \$2,826.00. Pat Ehrich said that it looked like Thrivent would be donating \$500.00 to the grand total. All proceeds will be going to the Handicap Accessibility project. The polka band has been booked again for next year.

**Handicap Accessibility:** Matt Staloch has said that he should be able to begin his part the middle of January. We will start with the upstairs Sunday School rooms portion first. We will need volunteers from the Church right after Christmas to begin the demolition of that area. We will try and save as much of the existing trim work, hardware, doors etc. as possible. A sign up form will be put in the entryway for volunteers to put their names on with their phone numbers so that when we plan a day of work we can call everyone who is willing to help. Please consider giving your Church some of your time as it is greatly needed for the success of this project! If anyone has a question regarding the demolition or has a free day and is wondering what they can do to help please call one of the three following people: Orlen Modene 507-383-4306, Dale Christopherson 507-391-4865, or Mark Broskoff 507-383-0446.

Matt Staloch will be getting the permit from the County for the work. Doug Morrison was contacted about possibly doing the new Septic System but his license for Septic Systems has expired. Orlen will be checking with Shannon Jensen to see if they can do the work.

**Electrical Audit:** Dale has been working on gathering information off the Internet. There are possible rebates and sales tax reimbursements that he will be checking into. Also, it was discussed about changing the lighting to a T8 bulb to be more efficient.

**Telephone:** Our telephones were not working but Bevcomm has repaired them and they are in working order now.

**Storm Damage:** Mark Broskoff brought an estimate from Albert Lea Electric for the repairs to electrical and lighting damage caused by a storm this summer. He will check to make sure that Albert Lea Electric emailed the estimate into the insurance company. If they get the go ahead we will need to remove one side of pews in the church to make room for their lift to come in and work on the lights. We will be looking for volunteers to help remove those pews and then replace them after the work has been completed.

**Land Sold:** Some land was sold south of our church to which we have approximately 1 acre of land that adjoins it. Milo has contacted the new owners about them possibly buying our 1 acre to go with what they just purchased. He will report on the progress.

#### **New Business**

**February Meal:** A tentative date of Sunday February 1, 2015 has been set to have a fund raising meal for the Handicap Accessibility project. The time would be from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. We will decide at the January meeting what the menu will be.

**Christmas Bags:** The council will be putting the Christmas Goody Bags together on Saturday December 20th, 2014 at 9:00 am at the Church. Doug Jacobs will get the oranges and Dale Christopherson will get the peanuts and candy.

**Nominating Committee:** The following individuals will consist of the Nominating Committee for the next Annual Meeting: Bob Inderlie, Dale Christopherson, Holly Dahl, Becky Ausen and Diane Jacobs. Please consider a position in the Church if you are called upon or talk to one of the committee members if you have an interest in a position.

**Flag Poles:** This summer three flag poles were stolen from the cemetery. A report was submitted to the sheriff's office in Freeborn County. We will be submitting a claim to the insurance agency. We may have to remove the poles and store in the brick building behind the Church through winter.

Pat Ehrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Holly Dahl seconded it. Motion carried. Closed with the "Lord's Prayer".

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Dahl (substitute Secretary)

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## **Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting - December 2, 2014**

Glen Ausen, President, called the second half of the meeting to order. Randy Light, Lyle Bird, Kyle Wakefield, Tim Bartness, Lori Fleming, Paul Lynne, and Rachel Knudson were absent.

Cathy Crowe read the Secretary's report in Rachel's absence. Jon Stelter made a motion to amend the minutes to read that the Annual Meeting will be held on the second Sunday of December, seconded by Matt Hoelscher. Steve Bakken made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jon Stelter.

Jon Stelter read the Treasurer's report. \$2,645.80 was transferred from General Fund savings to the General Fund in November which makes a total of \$5,000 transferred in 2014. \$9,900 was transferred from General Fund savings to the Improvement Fund to cover the expense of the Parsonage renovation. \$26,483.72 has been spent to date on the Parsonage which is shared evenly with West Freeborn. Jon also passed out copies of the General Fund Annual Report and proposed 2015 budget. Cathy Crowe made a motion to accept the report, Steve Bakken seconded.

### **Old Business:**

1. The cement around the bell tower did not get repaired before winter. Discussion was held about finding someone else to do the job. Decided to wait until spring and ask John Hullopeter one more time to fix it, if it doesn't get done will ask someone else.

### **New Business:**

1. Some lights in the sanctuary need to be fixed. The sockets are melted to the bulbs so bulbs can't be changed. Glen will ask Hartland Electric to fix ASAP for upcoming wedding and Christmas Eve services. Motion made by Steve Bakken and seconded by Matt Hoelscher to have Hartland Electric fix the lights.

Cathy Crowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon Stelter. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cathy Crowe, Secretary Pro Tem

## **CHURCH WOMEN:**

***\*\*Rachel Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.***

***\*\* ALL CHURCH WOMEN: Please join us for a WELCA meeting following worship on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing the shades in the Social Hall and other activities for the coming year. We need your input. Thank You.***

***\*\*Eunice Circle will not meet in January.***

**\*\* Cross of Glory is seeking Sunday School teachers – if you are able to help out with Sunday School, please contact Cindy Stelter.**

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

**\*\* Ushers: Cross of Glory – January:** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for 2015 ushers. At the time of printing, no one had signed up for January.

**Acolytes: Andrew H. & Sawyer V.**

**Ushers: West Freeborn – January – Casey Madson, Milo Madson & Bob Inderlie**  
**Communion Server: Orlen Modene**

**\*\*West Freeborn will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. A potluck meal and meeting will follow the worship service at 10:30 a.m. All reports are due to Cindi in the office no later than Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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

<u><b>SUNDAY</b></u>	<u><b>ATTENDANCE</b></u>	<u><b>GENERAL FUND</b></u>	<u><b>IMPROVEMENTS</b></u>	<u><b>MISSIONS</b></u>
12-7-14	59	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
12-14-14	91	792.00	110.00	0.00
12-21-14	43	586.00	100.00	0.00
12-24-14	109	716.00	0.00	0.00
12-28-14	27	1,333.00	10.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 4,767.00</b>	<b>320.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church**

<u><b>SUNDAY</b></u>	<u><b>ATTENDANCE</b></u>	<u><b>GENERAL FUND</b></u>	<u><b>BUILDING FUND</b></u>	<u><b>MISSIONS</b></u>
10-26-14		\$ 1,080.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
11-2-14		1,800.00	0.00	0.00
11-9-14		680.73	0.00	0.00
11-16-14		1,350.00	100.00	20.00
11-23-14		881.00	0.00	0.00

11-30-14	346.00	0.00	0.00
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,057.73</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
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12-7-14	37	\$ 1,607.00	100.00	20.00
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12-14-14	29	375.00	0.00	0.00
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12-21-14	61p	1,168.00	0.00	20.00
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<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 3,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
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A note from Cindi: The deadline for the February mailer will be: Monday, January 26, 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)  
Thank You ☺

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*January 2015 ✠ Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches,  
Hartland, MN*

<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> please sign up in the Narthex <b>Communion Servers:</b> <b>Acolytes:</b> Andrew H. & Sawyer V.		<b>West Freeborn Ushers:</b> Casey Madson, Milo Madson, Bob Indrelie <b>Communion Server:</b> Orlen Modene				
		<b>Pastor Hillmer will be gone Dec. 28 - Jan. 15</b>	<b>Pastor Charles Espe will be the supply pastor during his absence. He can be reached at 507-465-0153 if needed.</b>	1	2	3
4 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. WELCA mtg. after worship 10:30 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.	5 No staff meeting during Pastor Hillmer’s absence.	6 Joint Council meeting at Cross of Glory 7:00 p.m.	7 No confirmation		9 ** West Freeborn annual meeting reports due to Cindi in the office	10
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18 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. <b><u>10:30 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn, potluck &amp; Annual Meeting</u></b> Sunday School – 9:15 a.m	19 Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m. Text Study at Cross of Glory 10:00 a.m.	20 Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall at the church.	21 Confirmation at Cross of Glory 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24
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