

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

Hartland, MN

Sunday Morning Worship times:

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



From: Pastor Mark Hillmer

HEALING AND THE EUCHARIST

At their last meeting (May 5) the joint councils of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn approved the two recommendations that the Transition Team suggested in its report to the councils. Those two recommendations are:

1. That both churches explore the implications and applications of the healing ministry.
2. That West Freeborn increase it's offering of the Lord's Supper from once a month to twice only, adding a service of communion by intinction.

Those two recommendations are made of the same cloth, woven out of the infinite fabric of the robe of Christ who healed when He was here and who left us a sign of His love in the Last Supper. To participate as often as possible in communion is to partake of the healing presence of Him who died for us. To internalize His risen body and blood is to take into oneself His power of life and health.

It may not be visible in lab tests, MRI's or x-rays—yet then it may! – But our faith knows its Maker and Redeemer. In our hearts we know that when our soul is nourished, our body is energized.

A practical aspect of increasing Eucharistic offerings has to do with our age of people often need to work weekends. With twice-a-month communions West Freeborn will double the opportunities for its members to get healthy and stay healthy.

We who meet every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. at our staff meetings—all members are invited to participate—will be exploring how and how often to offer healing services which will support the health-giving dynamic of the Eucharist.

Jesus is the supreme illustration—not to day donation—of God's grace to those who believe. Father, Son and Holy Spirit desire our health and joy and peace more than we do.

Pastor Mark

Joint Council Meeting – Cross of Glory & West Freeborn – May 5, 2015

The Joint Council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Churches met on May 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Cross of Glory. Corky Modene, Bob Indrelie, Nancy Pederson, Milo Madson, Sonja Honstad, Becky Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Mark Broskoff, JoAnn Spooner, Ronnie Bartness, Paul Lynne, Michael Brekke, Lyle Bird, Tim Bartness, Jerry Morstad, Cathy Crowe, Roger Bakken and Pastor Hillmer were present. Also in attendance were Jill Demmer, Ann Lynne & Sue Bakken from the Task Force Committee.

Cross of Glory President Jerry Morstad called the meeting to order. Pastor Hillmer gave the opening prayer.

Jerry passed out copies of the Transition Tem Report and explained the content. Recommendations are:

Cross of Glory/West Freeborn Joint Council Recommendations: The Transition Team would request the Joint Councils to approve the exploration of the healing emphasis of the Gospel in the joint parishes of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Lutheran Churches.

West Freeborn Recommendations: Consider offering an additional Sunday of Holy Communion on a trial basis. In order to accommodate everyone, whether it be work schedules or physical limitations, it is recommended that the 4th Sunday of each month be Communion by Intinction. **Cross of Glory:** No recommendations.

Employee surveys were handed out to review & return, and pictures of both churches and the parsonage were handed out. Pastor Hillmer explained that he had brought two issues to the Transition Team: Do they want to be a Eucharistic Church (Communion every Sunday) and do they want to explore the Healing emphasis of the Gospel?

Cathy Crowe made a motion to receive the Transition Team Report with special thanks to the members for a job well done. Becky Ausen seconded the motion, motion carried.

Pastor Hillmer made a motion that the recommendation to Joint Council regarding the exploration of Healing emphasis be accepted, seconded by Sonja Honstad. Discussion was about the three levels of involvement. 1. Once a month, have a Healing service after regular Sunday worship, which is in the cranberry LBW; anoint, with oil and pray publicly. 2. Special service at either church, 30 minutes long just for healing. 3. Invite a Healer with a noted record of Healing to come to our Parish for a service. Motion carried with one no.

The Transition Team spoke about how much they enjoyed the process and how they all want our Parish to work together and move on together. Pastor explained that in June, the Joint Council needs to vote on a Call Committee. It should consist of 2 members of the Transition Team, 2 members of the Council, 2 members of the Congregation. Both Presidents are ex-officio members with both voice and vote.

Times of service change the first Sunday of June. West Freeborn will be at 9:00 a.m. & Cross of Glory at 10:30 a.m. This will be for one year. Joint Councils will evaluate what to do in June, 2016.

Bob Indrelie made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting, seconded by Paul Lynne. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Crowe, Secretary Pro-Tem

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – May 5, 2015

The West Freeborn Church Council met on May 5, 2015, following the joint council meeting at Cross of Glory. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Orlen Modene, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Mark Broskoff, Sonja Honstad, Bob Indrelie, Milo Madson, Nancy Pederson, Roger Bakken, Pastor Hillmer, Becky Ausen and visitor Sue Bakken.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. Motion was made by Milo to approve the report as read. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried.

Pat Ehrich read the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made by Mark to accept the report as read. Mike seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Septic System – Check with Dave on how this is coming.
- SE MN Assembly on May 8 & 9. There is no one going from either church at this time.
- Orlen will check with Holly Dahl on the flagpoles for the cemetery and see where we are with the ones that needed to be replaced.

New Business:

- Pastor Hillmer made a motion to consider to increase the frequency of communion from one time per month to two. One time would be regular communion with the second time being intinction (dipping of the bread in the wine). The intinction version would be on the fourth Sunday of the month. The reason for the second communion Sunday is for people who work on weekend. Roger made an amendment to the motion to try this for six months and at that time the council will review how it has gone and if we want to continue.
- Roger brought plans from Wallin Landscaping for the front of the church. Orlen will talk with the congregation about these plans on Sunday. Also it was talked about putting the Mission Statement on the wall when you first walk into the church.
- June 21st there will be a joint service with Cross of Glory at West Freeborn, starting at 10:00 a.m. We will grill and have ice cream and brownies. Everyone is invited.

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Becky Ausen, Secretary

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting – May 5, 2015

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Rachel Knudson, Matt Hoelscher, and Randy Light were absent. Cathy Crowe read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read. JoAnn Spooner read the treasurer's report and Ronnie Bartness made a motion to pay bills as money allows. Paul Lynne seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Jerry reported on the outside clean-up day. Shrubby was trimmed and some removed. Areas where tree stumps were ground were clean up. Cathy commented that when she picked up sticks she noticed many dandelions. Ronnie said that in the past Wes Crowe sprayed every fall so that hasn't been done for 2 years. Jerry will contact Royal Lawn in Clarks Grove to get cost to spray once or twice a year for church lawn only.
2. The new keypad lock has been installed on the secretary door. Pastor has reported that the lock on his office is worn also. The cost for the new lock installed was \$218.00. Paul made a motion to have a keypad lock installed on the Pastor's office door. Seconded by Tim, motion passed.
3. The bulbs and ladder are here and the Trustees will change the flashing sanctuary bulb after the meeting this evening.

New Business:

1. Ronnie asked JoAnn how it is going for her as the new treasurer. She said that it is confusing and time consuming to decide which shared bills with West Freeborn are 60/40 and which are 50/50. Council agreed that it would be much easier for both church treasurers if all shared bills were divided 50/50. Our congregations are very similar in size and it is an equal partnership.
2. Sunday, May 31 will have a Baptism and receive new members. Council will sponsor coffee after the 9:00 a.m. service to honor our new members.
3. Sunday, May 10 is the last day of Sunday School. The children will sing during church service. Plans are still being made for VBS.

Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ronnie. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cathy Crowe, Secretary Pro-Tem

CHURCH WOMEN

*****Rachel Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. (note date change)
Ardelle Knutson – Hostess, Sharon Hansen - Bible Study.***

*****Eunice Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17th at the home of LaVaun Ausen.***

***** 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 – Matt Hoelscher

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

There is also a sign-up sheet for summer coffee hour too.

Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe & Shauna Hoelscher

Acolytes: Andrew & John Hoelscher

Ushers: West Freeborn – June: *Tim Beyer, Orlen Modene, Mark Evenson, Jeremy Henke

Communion Helper: not available at print time.

***** Good Earth Village is bringing Summer Camp to our community! June 21-25, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland. If you are interested, please call the church office for more information & a registration form.***

WELCA

I'd like to extend a big Thank You to those who contributed to our Lutheran World Relief mission of collecting, assembling and sending the kits to those in great need of them. Cross of Glory Lutheran Church members collected enough baby items to complete 46 'Baby Care Kits'. A few women also purchased items to complete 23 'Personal Care Kits'. These kits were delivered to a van at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea on Saturday, May 16th. From there it will travel to a warehouse in the Twin Cities, which is one of two warehouses in the United States that collect, sort and distribute them. Thank you JoAnn Spooner for delivering the boxes to Albert Lea!

Do you have a personal mission in your life? If not, won't you consider one or more of the following found in our Cross of Glory Church Family Booklet for the coming year?

- Baby Care Kits
- School Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Soap
- Mission Quilts
- New Richland Are Food Shelf

Thanks again,
Karen Ausen

OUR CHURCHES ARE GROWING 😊

The following people have recently become members:

West Freeborn welcomed Les & Sonja Honstad and Jeremy Henke.

Cross of Glory has welcomed Corbin Peterson & Samantha Davis, Lisa & Aaron Gilliland, Brandon & Angela Kroeger, Jack & Ardine Reiss & Martin A. Johnson. Welcome everyone!!!

Attention Cross of Glory members:

The vinyl vertical blinds in the social hall are beyond repair & need to be replaced. Robin Brekke, Kathy Spooner and Jane Crowe have spent many hours researching new window coverings. They have shown the options to WELCA, Rachel Circle and at coffee on May 17th. We have several large windows and a few smaller ones that need to be covered, so even reasonably priced coverings really add up. Please consider donating to this project or designate memorial funds to it. Any money can be given to Kathy Spooner, WELCA Treasurer.

Thank You.

Cathy Crowe, Cross of Glory Council Member

WEST FREEBORN QUILTERS

Quilting Day at West Freeborn Lutheran Church is the 4th Wednesday of each month. Wed. June 24th is their next scheduled Quilting Day. They begin at 9:00 a.m. & bring sack lunches to continue through the lunch hour. Everyone welcome! Recently the Quilters made 38 quilts that were donated to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank You Ladies!!! 😊

West Freeborn Coffee Hour

Starting June 7th, West Freeborn social hour will be following the 9:00 a.m. service. The Altar Guild will be serving most of the summer.

Open House Baby Shower

Open House Baby Shower for Baby Boy Henke, son to be of Jackie & Jeremy Henke.
Saturday, June 27th @ 9:30 a.m. at West Freeborn Church.

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 7th – Theme: The Lord’s Army –9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. at Cross of Glory

Sunday, June 21st - Theme: Jesus keeps me safe – Survival at West Freeborn – 9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (Joint Service at West Freeborn – 10:00 a.m.)

All children from Cross of Glory & West Freeborn are welcome to attend as well as any other children from the local community.

Other Community events coming up:

*Salad Luncheon at First Lutheran Church, Bethany Hall on Friday, June 12, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$7.00 – proceeds will benefit the Stained Glass Window Fund.

*Ladies Guest Night at Central Freeborn Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: Salad Luncheon, followed by entertainment by “The Stray Notes”

Statistics for

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
5-3-15	31	\$ 1,937.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
5-10-15	41	972.00	0.00	20.00
5-17-15	51	1,150.00	10.00	10.00
5-24-15	40	2,200.00	110.00	5.00
5-31-15	82	1,124.00	35.00	25.00
TOTALS		\$ 7,383.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 70.00

Cemetery - \$ 670.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS	BUILDING
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5-3-15 \$ 18,633.75

5-17-15 21,259.75

(Other WF stats not available at print time)

2015 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the July mailer will be: Monday, June 22, 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

Cross of Glory Website: www.crossofglory.weebly.com

West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

Thank You ☺

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Orlen Modene, West Freeborn President & Custodian	845-2832
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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>
Cross of Glory Ushers: Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe (1 st Sunday) Shauna Hoelscher (4 th Sunday) Acolytes: Andrew & John Hoelscher		West Freeborn Ushers: *Tim Beyer, Orlen Modene, Mark Evenson, Jeremy Henke Communion Server:				
	1 Staff meeting – 9:00 a.m. @ Cross of Glory Text Study 10:00 a.m.	2 Bible Study at WF 6:00 p.m. Joint Council mtg. @ WF – 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn 10:30 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory VBS -9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (see details in mailer)	8 Staff meeting – 9:00 a.m. @ Cross of Glory Text Study 10:00 a.m.	9 Bible Study at West Freeborn 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12	13
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21 Joint Worship Service @ West Freeborn 10:00 a.m. Grilling & ice cream & brownies. VBS – 9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (see details in mailer)	22 Staff meeting – 9:00 a.m. @ Cross of Glory Text Study 10:00 a.m.	23 Bible Study at West Freeborn - 6:00 p.m. Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Ardelle Knutson, hostess (note date change)	24 Quilting at WF 9:00 a.m.	25	26	27 Open House Baby Shower for Baby Boy Henke @ WF 9:30 a.m.
28 9:00 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn 10:30 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory	29 Staff meeting – 9:00 a.m. @ Cross of Glory Text Study 10:00 a.m.	30 Bible Study at West Freeborn 6:00 p.m.				