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Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Newsletter

We Worship Our Savior During Holy Week 2014

Palm Sunday, April 13: This service begins with the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The story takes a turn, however, as we listen to the subsequent events of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. The Sunday School children will sing for worship and carry palm branches at our morning services, 9:00 a.m. at West Freeborn, and 10:30 a.m. at Cross of Glory.

Maundy Thursday, April 17: Hear the story of Jesus' final evening with his disciples. Jesus began the meal we call the Lord's Supper. Services of Holy Communion will be held at both churches this evening: 6:30 p.m. at Cross of Glory, and 8:00 p.m. at West Freeborn

Good Friday, April 18: One joint worship service for both of our congregations will be hosted at the Cross of Glory church at 7:00 p.m. This "Service of Shadows" is a solemn service of hymns and readings centered in the story of Jesus' crucifixion. This is an appropriate story for Christians to hear, and an important time to worship.

Easter Morning, April 20: Two Opportunities for Individuals and Families to Worship:



6: 30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Cross of Glory

7:30 a.m. Cross of Glory Easter Breakfast served by the youth.

7:30 – 8:45 a.m. West Freeborn Easter Breakfast served by the Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Easter Worship at W. Freeborn

April 2014



Rejoicing in the Cemetery

There is a story in the eleventh chapter of John about a trip to the cemetery that turned out to be a celebration of life.

Jesus goes to the tomb of a dear friend, Lazarus, who has died. There is much crying in that lonely place. Even Jesus cries for his good friend. If ever there was any doubt about the compassion Jesus felt for Lazarus and his family, his visit to the cemetery erases it. And if ever there was any doubt about God's power over death, the raising of Lazarus that day changed the family's doubt into faith.

I have had people tell me about how difficult trips to a grave side can be. It's not so much going there that's tough – it's leaving. Turning around and leaving the grave of a loved one can be a wrenching experience of the beginning of separation.

It's the hope in the resurrection, the knowledge that we will one day be reunited, that enables us to make that journey back from the cemetery, back to our homes, back to our lives. In this sense, faith can make that journey just as much a celebration as it was for Lazarus and his family.

In some Christian congregations they have a tradition of beginning their Easter morning celebration in the cemetery near the church building. They testify that the trip from the grave to the light of the church sanctuary is a powerful reminder that faith moves from sorrow and hurt to a celebration of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Whatever feelings you may have about a trip to the cemetery, the story of the raising of Lazarus assures us that Jesus has made that trip himself. He made it with friends who, along with himself, knew the reality of grief and tears.

Not only that – Jesus made the trip to the cemetery as one who would experience death himself. And his walk out of the tomb on Easter morning began the ultimate kind of rejoicing in the cemetery!

--Rev. Dennis Frank



CHURCH WOMEN

The Spring Event for the Women of the ELCA of the Blue Earth River area conference will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at United Lutheran Church in Walters, MN.

Rachel Circle meets on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross of Glory Church. Hostess: Kristen Simon-Frank

Eunice Circle meets on Wednesday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Viola Krogsgaard in Freeborn. (Note one week later than usual)

April 27 (Sunday) Women will serve the Confirmation Dinner at Cross of Glory, 11:30 a.m.

April 30 (Wednesday) Quilting at West Freeborn, 10:00 a.m.

Throughout the month of April, church women at Cross of Glory will be collecting bath size bars of soap for **Lutheran World Relief**.

Looking Ahead... **May 3** (Saturday) Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA meet at 9:30 a.m. Project: assemble baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

May 10 is Quilt Sunday at our churches. On Saturday, May 17 the Lutheran World Relief van will be at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea from 7:30 a.m. until noon collecting quilts and kits from area churches.

Cross of Glory Choir:

April 2 (Wednesday) – rehearsal following Lenten worship at CG

April 6 (Sunday) – 10:00 a.m. rehearse with Sunday School at CG

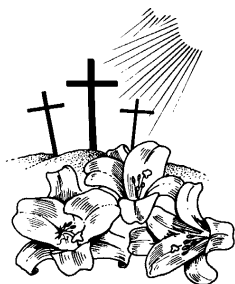
April 13 (Palm Sunday) – 10:15 a.m. warm up and sing for worship

April 16 (Wednesday) – 7:00 a.m. rehearsal at Cross of Glory

April 17 (Maundy Thursday) – 6:30 a.m. sing for worship at CG

April 23 (Wednesday) – 7:00 p.m. rehearsal at Cross of Glory

April 27 (Confirmation Sunday) 10:15 a.m. warm and sing for worship



Share lilies and other Easter memorial flowers at church for Easter worship.

Drop them off at the church by the Saturday before Easter.

If you wish, you can place an order for lilies (\$12) with the Cross of Glory Deacons by contacting Cathy Crowe at 319-327-2082.

You may designate any flowers to be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please call the church office (845-2818) so that your memorial dedication can be included in the bulletin.

Sunday School youth: Please follow the schedule you received in regards to practices and Easter morning worship for hand bells, youth band, and Easter drama. Easter Sunrise Service is at 6:30 a.m. and youth in the band and drama should have costumes on and instruments ready at 6:15 a.m. If unable to attend practices, please contact Kristen Simon-Frank at 845-2825.

Easter Breakfast Preparation is Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. at Cross of Glory. Bring glass 9X13 pans. Bring 1 dozen muffins, or coffee cake, or rolls that day or Easter morning.

Confirmation students in grade 9 and their parents will meet at Cross of Glory on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. to practice for the Confirmation service. Please bring your white robe as pictures will be taken. Students in grade 8 will not meet that night.

Confirmation Sunday at Cross of Glory will be April 27. Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Dinner is at 11:30 a.m. This dinner is for the whole congregation, including confirmation students, their families and guests. Tickets may be purchased for \$7 at church during the month of April.

Affirming their baptismal faith this year at Cross of Glory are **Josh Fleming** and **Kallie Jo Spooner**. These students will take part in an oral exam on Palm Sunday, April 13 at the church. Members of the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees will lead the exam which begins at 9:15 a.m. in the social hall.



**West Freeborn Lutheran Church
Baked Potato and Sundae Supper
Sunday, April 6
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**



Come join us for a baked-potato with all the fixin's and have a ice cream sundae for dessert. Free Will Donation

Statistics for March 2014

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH				
SUNDAY	ATTEN-DANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVE-MENT	MISSIONS FUND
March 2	26	\$ 2,392.00	\$ --	\$ 5.00
March 9	41	697.00	55.00	10.00
March 16	58	813.00	10.00	10.00
March 23	46	2,040.00	30.00	55.00
Cemetery fund = \$ 480.00				
WEST FREEBORN LUTHERAN CHURCH				
SUNDAY	ATTEN-DANCE	GENERAL FUND	BUILDING FUND	MISSIONS FUND
March 2	31	\$	\$	\$
March 9	35			
March 16	36			
March 23	35			

Funeral at Cross of Glory: A service was held March 23 for **Wesley Crowe** who passed away March 18 at his home in Albert Lea at the age of 77.

Worship helpers for May, 2014

Cross of Glory:

Ushers: Matthew Hoelscher, Earl Lynne
Acolyte: John Hoelscher, Ellie Kuhlmann
Communion Server: Cathy Crowe

West Freeborn:

Ushers: Roger Bakken, Duane Troe, Doug Jacobs, Tim Peterson
Communion Server: Mike Ehrich

Joint Council Meeting—Cross of Glory & West Freeborn March 4th, 2014

Cross of Glory President Glenn Ausen welcomed West Freeborn's council and Cross of Glory's trustees and deacons to the meeting. Present from West Freeborn were: Orlen (Corky) Modene, Dave Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Nancy Pederson, Mark Broskoff, Milo Madson, Becky Ausen, Dale Christopherson, and Bob Inderlie. Present from Cross of Glory's Deacons was Cathy Crowe. Present from Cross of Glory's Trustees Council were: Glenn Ausen, Paul Lynne, Rachel Knudson, Matt Hoelscher, Randy Light, Jon Stelter, Tim Siewert, and Steve Bakken.

Pastor Frank led the council in devotions based on 1 Corinthians with the ways a community lives together and love. He also led the council in prayer.

There were no minutes from last fall's joint council meeting at West Freeborn.

1. The parsonage faucet is not yet repaired. Bob Inderlie made a motion to call another plumber (such as Greg Johannsen) if the current plumbers don't come. Dave Ausen seconded.
2. We discussed worship schedules. After talking about different times, Randy Light made a motion that, as of June 1st, 2014, Cross of Glory's worship will begin at 9am and West Freeborn's will begin at 10:30am. This schedule will last throughout the summer and the school year. Next year, June 2015, we will exchange times. Nancy Pederson seconded. We also discussed the success of having two joint services last summer. Dave Ausen made a motion that we will have a joint service at Cross of Glory in June (corresponding with Vacation Bible School) and one at West Freeborn in August. The service will be held at 9am with a potluck brunch to follow. Tim Siewert seconded.
3. We also had a conversation about other shared community opportunities. West Freeborn will be having a baked potato supper on April 6th. Corky suggested the possibility of a camping weekend on the West Freeborn property one weekend in July. Folks could camp Saturday night and then participate in an outdoor worship service Sunday morning. We decided the plans could be hammered out by a Combined Event Committee who would work on planning events for both congregations.

After this discussion, Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the joint portion of our meeting and separate into our respective councils for the rest of the business. Dale Christopherson seconded. This portion closed with the Lord's Prayer. *Rachel Knudson, Secretary*

Cross of Glory Trustees Meeting March 4th, 2014

The trustees reassembled after the joint meeting with West Freeborn. President Glenn Ausen called this half of the meeting to order. Cathy Crowe stayed for this portion of the meeting.

The secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson. Tim Siewert made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Hoelscher seconded.

The treasurer's report was read by Jon Stelter. Steve Bakken made a motion to pay bills as money allows. Paul Lynne seconded.

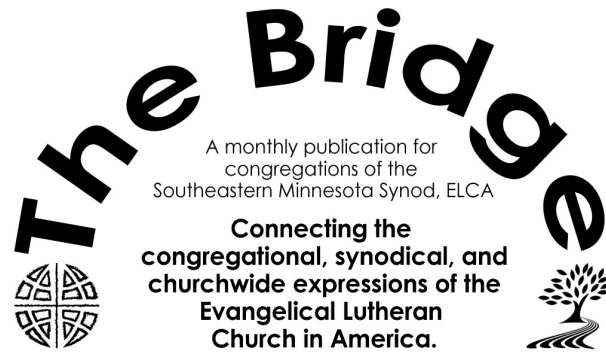
Old Business:

1. Glenn and Steve offered to work on fixing the coat racks.
2. There's no news on the easement.
3. There is a programmable thermostat that Bohlen will install. We won't need to install a taller toilet in the women's bathroom because one of the toilets is already the taller height.
4. Paul went to Staples to check out laptops and projectors. We have enough memorial money to purchase them. Matt made a motion for Paul to go ahead and buy them. Tim seconded.
5. We still have to buy a sump pump but we decided to wait and see if it is needed, depending on gravity and the placement of the tile.

New Business:

1. The mechanics on the front door is leaking oil. We will need to replace the closure. As long as we are doing one, we may as well do all four (they are all 50 years old and will probably need replacing soon). Steve made a motion to complete this project. Tim seconded.

Randy Light made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Stelter seconded. *Rachel Knudson, Secretary*



Introduction to Our Synod Assembly Bible Study Leader

Posted on March 19, 2014 by S.E. MN Synod

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly for 2014 is right around the corner. The event will be held at the Mayo Civic Center on May 2-3, 2014. Hopefully there are clergy and lay voting members from your congregation who are planning to attend!

The theme of Synod Assembly this year is “We are Called: A Glocal Mission Event.” Engaging worship, insightful workshops, and uplifting music will be cornerstones of the experience this year.

Our Bible study leader will be Rev. Rafael Malpica-Padilla. He serves as Executive Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Division for Global Mission. Rev. Malpica-Padilla is a faithful, long-time leader in the Lutheran Church. He leads from a commitment to being a denomination that is both thoroughly global and intensely local. For Rev. Malpica-Padilla, following Jesus is central to all we say and do.



In a 2013 sermon in at the South Dakota Synod Assembly, he preached: *“We are an inclusive and open community of followers of Jesus, serving a world in need. We, the church of Jesus Christ, are God’s instruments for the transformation and renewal of individuals, communities, and the whole creation. Through our witness, people will come to know who this Jesus is, and to follow in his steps.”*

As a way to get to know Rev. Malpica-Padilla, he graciously shared a few thoughts on ministry and our global community.

Rev. Malpica-Padilla, what are a few aspects of ministry that bring you the most joy as a pastor? □ The opportunity to touch people’s lives and be touched by their experiences.

Luther called this the “mutual consolation of the saints,” which I believe should be the third sacrament in our church if there were to be another one. This is the vision for mission emanating from the Lutheran Confessions, that in the midst of our brokenness, God reaches out to us and restores community with us (justification), and through the Holy Spirit calls and gifts us to restore community with one another (sanctification), to bear each other burdens, and to be “little Christs” to one another. Seeing what God does through us, globally and locally is a great joy.

If a congregational member in rural Minnesota wants to start engaging with ministries happening in other parts of the world, where do you recommend they get started?

In their local community. He or she must ask, what are the opportunities for mission and service in this place where God has called her or him to be? The most important missiological question today is how do we engage the other, and conversely, how are we engaged by the other? A prominent theologian has said that we, the church, are becoming who we are, “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.” The ELCA, as a member of the global Lutheran communion knows that the reason we engage the peoples of the world, as well as communities of different racial, ethnic, economic backgrounds is that without them we are not whole. We engage the other in the same manner that God in Jesus engaged us. In the Global Mission Unit we call that movement accompaniment.

We look forward to his Bible study leadership in May. Thanks be to God for the ministry of the ELCA Division for Global Mission.

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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>
<p>Cross of Glory Ushers: Alvin Morstad, Donn Riskedahl, Communion Servers: Lori Fleming Acolytes: Josh Fleming, Sawyer VanMaldeghem</p>		<p>1 7:00 p.m. Cross of Glory Trustees Board</p>	<p>2 6 p.m. Light supper at <u>CG</u> 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship hosted at Cross of Glory 7:45 p.m. CG Sr. Choir</p>	<p>3 7:00 p.m. West Freeborn Church Council</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Spring Event for Women of the ELCA at United Lutheran in Walters MN 9 – 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>6 9:00 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn 9:00 a.m. Cross of Glory Sunday School 10:00 a.m. West Freeborn Sunday School 10:00 a.m. CG Sr. Choir rehearses 10:30 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory 4:30pm. to 6:30pm. Spud and Sundae Supper, at West Freeborn Lutheran</p>	<p>7 9:30 a.m. Week Day Bible Study at Cross of Glory</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 6 p.m. Light supper at <u>WF</u> 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship hosted at West Freeborn</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn 9:00 a.m. Cross of Glory Sunday School 9:15 a.m. CG Confirmation Oral Exam held with church council in the social hall 10:00 a.m. West Freeborn Sunday School 10:15 a.m. CG Sr. Choir warmup 10:30 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory</p>	<p>14 9:30 a.m. Week Day Bible Study at Cross of Glory</p>	<p>15 7:00 p.m. Rachel Circle will meet at Cross of Glory. Hostess: Kristen Simon-Frank</p>	<p>16 7:00 p.m. Cross of Glory Choir rehearses</p>	<p>17 <i>Maundy Thurs.</i> 6:30 Communion at Cross of Glory 8:00 Communion at West Freeborn</p>	<p>18 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00 p.m. Joint service hosted at Cross of Glory</p>	<p>19 9:00 a.m. confirmation students and parents prepare for Easter Breakfast</p>
<p>20 <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i> <hr/> 6:30 Sunrise Service at Cross of Glory with Holy Communion 7:30-8:45 Breakfast at West Freeborn 7:30 Easter Breakfast at Cross of Glory 9:00 West Freeborn Easter Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>21 9:30 a.m. Week Day Bible Study at Cross of Glory 7:00 Cross of Glory Deacon Board</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 1:30 p.m. Eunice Circle will meet at the home of Viola Krogsgaard 7:00 p.m. CG Sr. Choir 7:00 p.m. 9th grade confirmation students and parents meet at CG</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:00 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn 9:00 a.m. Cross of Glory Sunday School 10:00 a.m. West Freeborn Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Rite of Confirmation at Cross of Glory 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Dinner – Purchase your tickets at church</p>	<p>28 9:30 a.m. Week Day Bible Study at Cross of Glory</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Confirmation class meets at Cross of Glory</p>	<p>West Freeborn Ushers: * Wayne Hendrickson, Richard Bakken, Orlen Modene, Mark Broskoff Communion Servers: Milo Madson</p>		

