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West Freeborn Lutheran Church
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**Cross of Glory &
West Freeborn Newsletter**

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Sunday Morning Worship Times:

Cross of Glory service is each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
West Freeborn service is each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Come early at 9:30 a.m. for coffee!

There will be a farewell open house for Pastor Dennis Frank, Kristen, Anders and Hans, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 6.



Pastor Frank began ministry at Cross of Glory and West Freeborn in September, 1992. He has accepted a call to the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to serve St. Paul Lutheran Church in Maynard, Iowa.



A Blessing, Not a Burden

The Third Commandment calls it the “Sabbath Day.” Sometimes Christians call it the “Lord’s Day.” Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. The Sabbath, Jesus says, is God’s gift for our good. It is given to be a blessing and not a burden. The Sabbath is given to help and

not to hinder, to serve and not to enslave. To keep this good gift from God in perspective, think about the purpose of the Lord’s day in these three ways:

Relax – The creation story in the first chapter of Genesis describes God as one who rested after his work of creating. We are created in the image of a working and resting God. As God works, we are to work. As God rested, we are to rest. The necessity for rest is built right into God’s design of creation. “The best day in my life,” said a former workaholic, “was the day I resigned from being chairman of the board of the universe.” If God could take time to rest, so can we.

Remember—In Deuteronomy, chapter 5, we read verses that call for remembrance of the time of slavery in Egypt and of God’s great act of deliverance. This scripture tells us that the Sabbath is for remembrance of being a saved and delivered people. Therefore it is not surprising that the early Christians shifted their Sabbath observance from the seventh day of the week, the day of remembering the Exodus, to Sunday, the day Jesus was resurrected. We worship God in Jesus Christ, for he saved us from sin and death. We don’t want to miss hearing again in scripture, song, and sermon that word of the Lord which says, “I love you, and I will love you forever.”

Relate – In the Gospel of Mark, chapter 3, Jesus gives us a third purpose for the Sabbath observance. The Lord’s day is also a day for deeds of caring and love. The Lord’s day is a time to visit a friend or relative in the hospital, a time to write the letter we have put off writing, a time to help a neighbor who is in need. As Jesus said, “the Sabbath is for “doing good” and for “saving life.”

How about making this a part of your Sabbath day? Use the gift of the Sabbath as God intended: relax from routine, remember our salvation, and relate to others in acts of caring and compassion.

CHURCH WOMEN

Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross of Glory church. Hostess: Karen Ausen.

Eunice Circle will meet on Wednesday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the West Freeborn Church. Hostess: Pat Gjersvik.

In August, Rachel Circle will attend guest night at Ascension Lutheran in Albert Lea.



Thank you to all the parents and adult and youth helpers who joined 18 Vacation Bible School students from Cross of Glory and West Freeborn for the first three Sundays in June. Each day’s topic was introduced during the Sunday morning worship, and activities

continued on into the afternoon. The final Sunday included a pot-luck brunch for worshippers from the combined Cross of Glory and West Freeborn service.

Thank you to Pastor Frank and everyone for the 80th birthday wishes, cards and gifts. It was all very much appreciated! Sincerely,
--Marvyl Kopperud.

Thank you to all who attended my Bridal Show on June 28th. Your support, thoughtful gifts and kind words mean so much to me. And to all that organized it, Thank you! It was so sweet of you all to take on such an enormous task, and I will cherish the thoughtful kitchen devotional and gifts you presented. Thanks again to all for helping to make my bridal shower so special and memorable, and for sharing this special time in my life with me and Josh.
--Liza Demmer

Albert Lea Shine Fest Tractor Ride, July 19
Tractors will stop at the West Freeborn Lutheran Church in the afternoon for driver treats. Dome ice cream will be served.



Calling a New Pastor – The First Four Steps



An overview of the call process for transition from one pastor to another is outlined in the Call Process Resources found by going to the website of the our S.E. Minnesota Synod, www.semnsynod.org

Call Process Step 1: A Time Of Farewell

Things to do: Church Council conducts an exit interview with pastor, Council, and Synod Staff. Plan a time to say goodbye. A reception in honor of the pastor and family can be planned.

Call Process Step 2: A Time For Interim Ministry

Church councils review a candidate for intentional Interim Ministry. The candidate is interviewed. A candidate is affirmed by a vote of the councils and receives a call.

Call Process Step 3: A Time For Self--Study

The work of the church council is important in the process of seeking a new leader for the congregation. The council should work with the interim pastor during this transition time to survey the congregation and identify leadership characteristics and gifts the next pastor should have to lead the congregation into its future. It is important to have a leader who can build on the strengths of the congregation.

Sometimes there is a tendency to seek a leader who will fill in the gaps or address the perceived weaknesses of the congregation, rather than build on the strengths. That is a much less desirable and less effective way to accomplish the mission and ministry of God's people.

Call Process - Step 4 Electing a Call Committee

The constitution governing your congregation will prescribe appointment or election of a call committee. It is likely that most of the members of the call committee will be persons not currently serving on the congregation council.

The composition of the call committee intentionally reflects the makeup of the congregation, assuring that a

- diversity of gender
- diversity of age
- diversity of ethnic/racial identity is represented
- representation from various segments of the ministry of the congregation, such as Worship, Youth, WELCA, Men In Mission, Education, Evangelism, etc. Because of additional demands on the chair

of the congregation council during a pastoral transition, it is recommended that the chair of the congregation council not be the chair of the call committee. In some congregations the chair of the congregation council serves as an advisory member of the call committee but does not vote.

The congregation council needs to inform the call committee concerning alternate members. (Will there be alternates, and if so, how and when would they have voice or vote?). Also, it is important to have youth represented on the call committee, and the council should determine if they are advisory or full members of the call committee.

The council should consider qualities and gifts of the members of the call committee. They should be people who regularly attend worship, have good gifts of discernment, are supportive of the work of the church, able to keep information confidential, good listeners, people of prayer and people able to lend considerable time to the work of the call committee.

After appointment or election, the call committee should be publicly recognized and commissioned for this work and affirmed by the congregation. The congregation should be encouraged to regularly pray for the work of the call committee.

CONFIDENTIALITY in the Call Committee discussions should be clearly agreed upon at the first meeting. Issues that are discussed about candidates need to be open and forthright among the members of the committee. However, these discussions should be kept in confidence between the Call Committee members.

A specific time line for the Call Committee should be put into place, and announced to the congregation, so that everyone is relating to the same schedule. This time line may be modified as the Call Process unfolds, and any changes also need to be communicated to the congregation.

A plan for regular communication to the congregation should be developed. This would include Sunday bulletin information, Sunday short informational updates, newsletter articles, bulletin board updates from the call committee. It is important to never disclose names of candidates being interviewed, but comments about "interviews being conducted" or "reviewing names of potential candidates for interview" are okay.

A biography page or vitae and picture of candidate and family can be printed and shared with hand-outs only on the day of the congregational vote so members can see some information about the candidate and comments from the call committee presenting rationale for the recommended candidate.

See additional steps in the process of calling a pastor by going to the website of the our Southeastern Minnesota Synod, www.semnsynod.org

Report from the New Richland Area Food Shelf



This year the New Richland Area Food Shelf has registered with Hunger Solutions for their July 2014 Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless Challenger Grant.

The grant is based on the dollars collected by the food shelves during July. Each food shelf needs to collect a minimum of \$150.00 to qualify. We are able to receive monies from \$150-\$5000 based on the amount of dollars we raise during July.

I am sending this information to ask that you put this information in bulletins and announcements to your congregations. Last year we raised the minimum and received \$150.00, this year we would like to set a goal of \$5000.00. This grant program is based on dollars collected not food. Our registration for this grant was submitted for the dollars to be utilized to purchase food for our 2014-2015 school back pack and senior programs.

Donations can be via your Church or directly to the New Richland Area Food Shelf, PO Box 186, New Richland, 56072.

We are planning to collect during the Farm and City Days Parade on July 12. Any collections, drives or campaigns will be graciously appreciated. The need in this area is still a big problem and two categories that are always hard to reach is the seniors and children. We hope those of us that are able will open our hearts and contribute so we can continue to assist those in desperate need for food.

Thank you for your assistance in getting this information to the congregations.

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Cross of Glory Trustees Meeting -- June 3rd, 2014

President Glenn Ausen called the combined meeting of the Trustees and Deacons to order. Matt Hoelscher, Tim Bartness, Steve Bakken, Lori Fleming, and Tim Siewert were absent.

Pastor Frank led the council in devotions and prayer.

The secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson. Paul Lynne made a motion to approve the minutes. Randy Light seconded.

Jon Stelter read the treasurer's report. Randy Light made a motion to pay the bills as money allows. Paul Lynne seconded.

Old Business:

1. Regarding the tile around the church, we haven't checked to see if it is still leaking into the Sunday School rooms but we will look after the meeting.
2. The floor tile in the furnace room is working; it is better than it was before. However, there is still some moisture because of seepage from the walls.

New Business:

1. A dehumidifier needed to be replaced.
2. Vacuum repairs have been done and paid for.
3. We received a bid from the electrician for the air conditioning system. We are letting people know so that we can generate donations to cover the costs.
4. The furnace motor wasn't turning well. The replacement on the shelf didn't work (it needed an adjustment that has now been done). In the end, the original motor is fine and working better.
5. In August, we will be taking photos for the pictorial directory. Look for signup information to come.
6. The event fees for using the social hall for graduation parties was not clearly addressed. After discussion, Jon Stelter made a motion to connect it with the weddings and funerals with a \$75 janitorial fee (made

out to the janitors) and \$25 for sound system technician if the sound system is used.

7. Vacation Bible School held their first Sunday. 18 kids participated and there may be more coming the 2nd and 3rd Sundays.

8. The new worship schedule has begun with Cross of Glory worshipping at 9am and West Freeborn at 10:30am. This schedule will continue until June 2015.

9. After looking at various types of pew bibles, one has been found that will be nice. It has a good binding, black cover, and the print is not tiny like most pew bibles. It will be the New Revised Standard Version and we can order them through the Luther Seminary bookstore at a discount. Paul Lynne made a motion to go ahead and use the memorial money from Wes Crowe to purchase the number of bibles needed. Kyle Wakefield seconded. When they arrive, we will let folks take the current red pew bibles. Any remaining extras will be donated.

10. Thank you to Gene Pederson for making the crosses for the VBS. Thank you also to Root River who donated the wood.

11. Pastor Frank's last day of preaching will be July 6th. We will need to get supply pastors to fill in until we get a chance to interview interim pastors. We will have to have a few volunteers from the councils Cross of Glory and West Freeborn to be on the committee to choose an interim pastor.

12. On the afternoon of July 6th, the two churches will be hosting a farewell open house for Pastor Frank, Kristen, Anders, and Hans from 2-4pm. We need to put ads in the Albert Lea Tribune and the Star Eagle.

13. Pastor Frank and Kristen will be going on vacation June 23-30. Marcia Hall will be the supply pastor on the 29th.

13. Pastor Frank mentioned that their new parsonage has a washer and dryer so they will be leaving theirs here.

Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Stelter seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. *Rachel Knudson, Secretary*

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council – June 5, 2014

Present: Orlen Modene, Dale Christopherson, Steve Ausen, Holly Dahl, Nancy Pederson, Bob Indrelie, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Mark Broskoff, Milo Madson, Pastor Frank, and Becky Ausen

President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Pastor Frank led the council in devotions based on Matthew 7:7. The secretaries' report was read by Becky Ausen. Steve Ausen made a motion to approve the secretaries' report. Dale Christopherson seconded it. Motion carried. Pat

Ehrich read the treasurer's report. Mark Broskoff made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Nancy Pederson seconded it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Septic System Update – Pat made a motion to table the septic system until next month. Holly seconded it. Motion carried.
2. Roofing for Basement Bathroom – next week Rightway Roofing should be up to do the roof.
3. Painting Update – Orlen will try to get someone here next month.'
4. Handicap Accessibility – Pat had drawings of the new way for the handicap accessibility. With her drawings the current bathroom upstairs would not be affected. Dale, Mark and Pat will pursue getting costs and then bring before the congregation.
5. Website – Dave Pederson is working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Forming Call Committee – Pastor Frank has taken a call in Maynard, Iowa. July 06 will be his last day in the pulpit here. Pastor stated that a person from the synod would like to meet with the 2 councils on June 17th at 7pm at Cross of Glory. This meeting has to happen before a Call Committee can be formed. Once an interim pastor has been selected he will help the congregation do a profile of ourselves as a congregation on what we are good at and what we would like in a pastor. An interim pastor is usually with a congregation from 6 months to a year. This will also be an exit interview for the pastor. We will probably need to get some supply pastors until we select an interim pastor.

2. Bible School - The Pastor told how there are 2 more Sunday's of Bible School. This takes place right after church from 10am to 2pm at Cross of Glory. Eighteen children attended the first Sunday. They have a scavenger hunt, crafts, songs, lesson and a lunch. About 7 children for West Freeborn attended the first Sunday. On the third Sunday which is Father's Day there will be a joint worship service followed by a potluck brunch.
3. Pictorial Directory in August – There will be a new directory for in which we need to have members of the congregation have their pictures taken. Our church dates for pictures are Wednesday and Thursday August 13th and 14th. We will place the sign up sheets in the front entry for people to start signing up. A couple of people will be needed to help those two days that pictures are being taken and to do reminder calls a few days before.
4. Pastor Frank will be on vacation the last Sunday of June. He has a pastor already lined up for that day. He is working on a roster of the Congregation as well for the new incoming pastor.
5. It was brought up about hiring a secretary for the church. This would be to get the mail, take care of package deliveries, type the bulletin, doing the mailings, etc. Nancy Pederson has been doing the bulletins for us as of now and we would like to thank her for the time she puts into this. We will need to bring up hiring a secretary at a joint meeting.
6. SHINEFEST will be having their annual tractor ride on July 19th. They will be making a stop at West Freeborn. Orlen will get this put in the mailer.
7. Next meeting will be July 10th instead of July 3rd.

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

Respectfully submitted. Becky Ausen, Secretary

Statistics for June 2014

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH				
SUNDAY	ATTEN- DANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVE- MENT	MISSIONS FUND
May 25	38	\$ 630.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00
June 1	68	1,591.00	--	--
June 8	45	1,562.00	50.00	--
June 15	82	1,060.00	75.00	75.00
June 22	41	365.00	--	--
June 29	37	1,459.00	800.00	--
Cemetery fund = \$ 505.00				
WEST FREEBORN LUTHERAN CHURCH				
SUNDAY	ATTEN- DANCE	GENERAL FUND	BUILDING FUND	MISSIONS FUND
April 27	23	\$ 365.00	\$ 20.00	\$
May 4	41	1,666.00	20.00	
May 11	43	431.08	20.00	
May 18	39	820.00	20.00	
May 25	28	1,181.00	20.00	
June 1	43	2,491.00	--	
June 8	55	593.75	45.00	
June 15	Combined service at Cross of Glory			
June 22	22			
June 29	30			

Funeral at Cross of Glory: A service was held June 14 for **Darlene Bird** who passed away June 9 at her home in Freeborn at the age of 77.

Looking Ahead: Worship Assistants for the Month of August 2014

Cross of Glory:
 Ushers: Paul Lynne, Kyle Wakefield
 Acolyte: John Hoelscher, Ellie Kuhlman
 Communion Server:

West Freeborn:
 Ushers: Tim Beyer, Dave Pederson
 Acolyte: see schedule in narthex
 Communion Server: Bob Indrelie

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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: Steve Bakken, Ron Bartness Communion Server: Cathy Crowe Acolytes: Andrew Hoelscher, Sawyer VanMaldeghem		1 7:00 p.m. Cross of Glory Trustee and Deacons meet at the church	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory 10:30 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Farewell Open House at Cross of Glory	7	8	9	10 7:00 p.m. West Freeborn Church Council	11	12
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