

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

Article Number 4 on Healing

For some months our joint parishes have been holding a monthly healing service. We have always had some people coming forward for healing.

But West at its annual meeting in January and Cross at its February council meeting decided to opt for the 5th Sunday approach. This means that we will have a healing service four times in 2016 instead of twelve times.

I am perfectly OK with this. As we noted when those decisions were made, we can always go back to monthly should we feel the need.

The LBW, the older green hymnal used at West, had a healing service in the accompanying minister's handbook. The ELW, the newer cranberry hymnal used by Cross, has put a healing service in the hymnal.

The Lutheran tradition has been strong on forgiveness, as shown in the weekly order of forgiveness that we begin our services with.

But special attention has been given to healing more and more recently in many churches.

A German Lutheran pastor in the 1800's, Johann Blumhardt by name, found himself involved with one of his parishioners who seemed to be possessed by demons. Having had no training in exorcisms, he just patiently and persistently prayed for and with Gottlieben Dittus as she struggled. After two years it was all over. As the demons left they shouted, "Jesus is victor."

Pastor Blumhardt and his congregation were never the same. The entire area experienced spiritual renewal in the form of people confessing their sins and being healed of various diseases.

The Lord has given us two children in our congregations who afflicted with autism. We have been praying for them and we are not giving up. We believe that Jesus is victor over sin, death and hell. We believe that Jesus can heal where human efforts cannot.

We realize that spiritual healing is more important than physical healing. But we also believe that Jesus can--and wants to!-- heal us in spirit, soul and body.

**The Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016
7:00 pm. at Cross of Glory**

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING - February 9, 2016

Present: Jerry Morstad, Matt Hoelscher, Ronnie Bartness, Tim Bartness, Rachel Knudson, Randy Light, Emily Light, Milo Madson, Dave Ausen, Steve Ausen, Roger Bakken, Bob Indrelie, Pat Ehrich, Pastor Mark Hillmer, Paul Lynne, Mark Broskoff, Corky Modene, Cathy Crowe. Meeting called to order by Corky Modene at 7pm.

Devotions given by Pastor Hillmer regarding upcoming Lent, light to darkness.

Pastor's report: There was a very positive response to the young adult group that met for the first time on Sunday, January 31st. Seventeen members showed up to eat and visit. They have decided to continue meeting monthly for the next 3 months. They have formed an email group to communicate and agreed that they would like to have Pastor lead them in discussing marriage at their future meetings.

Rachel Knudson read the minutes from the January joint council meeting. MSC to approve as read.

Open Issues:

1. Call Process-Rachel Knudson and Martin Johnson spoke with Dennis Morreim, who is named as a reference on our Site Profile. They had a good discussion and got several suggestions for interview questions. Committee meets next Monday, February 22 @ 7pm @ CG.
2. Shared Financials-3 members from each congregation will meet and try to resolve this issue.
3. Summer Schedule-WF agreed at their Annual Meeting to once again switch service times from June-June.

Lenten suppers will be at 6pm before every service. Pastor reported that we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer service.

WF decided at their Annual Meeting to have Healing Services on the 5th Sundays. CG council agreed to change to the 5th Sunday too.

Jerry inquired about the WF funeral that is to be held @ CG next week. Pastor reported the family didn't feel WF would be large enough. Caterers & WF ladies will serve the meal @ CG social hall.

MSC to adjourn the joint meeting @ 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Crowe, Secretary Pro Tem

WEST FREEBORN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - February 9, 2016

Present: Orlen Modene, Bob Indrelie, Milo Madson, Pat Ehrich, Mark Broskoff, Steve Ausen, Roger Bakken, Dave Ausen. The meeting was called to order by Orlen. Secretary report read by Corky. Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Dave to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer report was read by Pat. Motion was made by Steve and seconded by Bob to accept report as read. Motion carried.

Old Business: Spuds and Sundaes is scheduled for Feb 28th following the church service. We will be switching worship times with Cross of Glory for this Sunday. Corky and Dave will work on getting a signup sheet out.

- Pastor Mark ordered a new cordless microphone from Rhapsody Music. It has not arrived yet and Pastor Mark was able to glue the old one and so far it is working...
- Stacie Madson has been working with Corky on the janitor job. She will take over duties in April. It was suggested if she needs help cleaning for an upcoming event (such as a funeral) she could call for help. At our annual meeting we had some people say they would be willing to help out. We will need to get a list of names and phone numbers for her.
- Corky purchased a new vacuum for the church as the old one quit working.

New Business:

Corky believes the drains for the basement furnace are condensating. He spoke with Dale Christopherson about it and Corky and Dave will look into what needs to be done.

The Call Committee update is in the Joint Council minutes. The next meeting is February 28th.

Communion List for 2016-

February-Mark Broskoff

August-

March-Dave Ausen

September-

April-Pat Ehrich

October-Mike Ehrich

May-Bob Indrelie

November-

June-Roger Bakken

December-

July- Orlen Modene

January 2017-Orlen Modene

If there are any members of the congregation who would like to help serve communion the 4th Sunday of the month please sign up or let Corky know. If no one signs for the 4th Sunday it will be the council person who served the 1st Sunday responsibility. Council members missing from this meeting will be asked to sign up next month.

Church Committees for 2016-

Building: Mark Broskoff & Dave Ausen

Parsonage: Bob Indrelie & Roger Bakken

Financial: Pat Ehrich & Orlen Modene

Education: Becky Ausen & Sonja Honstad

Cemetery: Mike Ehrich & Steve Ausen

Council members missing from this meeting will be put on committees next month.

West Freeborn will host the Ash Wednesday Service and serve a light supper before the service. Serving for Ash Wednesday will be Omer & Linda Emstad, Corky & Vicki Modene, and Roger & Sue Bakken

The light supper & service on Feb 24th will be served by Mark & Sue Broskoff, Mike & Pat Ehrich, and Bob & Shirley Indrelie.

The light supper and Service on March 9th will be served by Dave & Becky Ausen, Sonja Honstad, Steve Ausen, and Doug & Diane Jacobs. We will check with these members who were not at this meeting to verify that they are able to serve.

Corky spoke with Jane Christopherson & Julie Morrison about the duties of the activity committee. He will visit with them again to get a complete list. Some of the duties include taking care of Confirmation and selling tickets for the dinner and getting a group to serve dinner, decorate the social hall for the different seasons, call groups when need them to serve, go to staff meetings occasionally on Mondays at Cross of Glory. This list will get updated after Corky's next meeting with them.

Steve Ausen will check to see where the Cemetery Guidelines are at. It was suggested these be reviewed to include specifications for a cremation burial.

A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Steve to adjourn. We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Becky Ausen, Secretary, Submitted by Pat Ehrich

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting - February 9, 2016

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Martin Johnson and Mike Brekke were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read.

Cathy Crowe presented the treasurer's report. She stated that JoAnn did January's finances but Allyson will be doing February's. There will be a learning curve but it seems like it's going to go well. Paul Lynne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Randy Light seconded.

Old Business:

1. The case of the missing snow blower has been solved. Tim Bartness reports Aaron Gilliland has it because he has been using it to blow snow for the church.
2. Regarding the unusual bill from the Albert Lea Tribune, Jerry has determined that Cindi authorized the ad to be placed. Therefore, it is a legitimate bill and has been paid.
3. There has been no word on the boiler pump.
4. The hosts for the three Lenten meals before services have been established. The council/deacons will do two nights and Sunday School will do the third. Cathy, Kristi, Martin, Rachel, and the Lights will prepare supper for February 17th. Jerry, Paul, Tim, Ron, and Mike will plan for March 16th. Matt will probably have to help with the Sunday School for March 2nd. We should plan for 50 and it only needs to be a light meal.
5. We have struggled to get enough volunteers to sign up for ushering, leaving Earl to shoulder more of the burden than he should need to. In the past, gentlemen from the congregation were assigned months to usher and would have to find replacements if they were unable to fulfill their duties. At the WELCA meeting, since it is such a challenge to get usher volunteers, it was decided to revert to the manner of assigning the roles. It can also go to teens or women if they wish to participate.

New Business: 1. West Freeborn has decided that their Healing Service will change from the 3rd Sunday of every month to the 5th Sunday in a month. Therefore there will be approximately 4 held per year. Paul Lynne made a motion to go with West Freeborn's schedule for healing services. Randy Light seconded.

2. There was some discussion about where to designate the Easter offering. Cathy Crowe made a motion to donate it to the New Richland Area Food Shelf Capital Campaign, to help with their building renovations (which is a completely separate fund from the services they provide to those in need). Tim Bartness seconded.

3. Cathy Crowe also mentioned something else that was discussed at the WELCA meeting. In the past, the families involved with confirmation host an egg-bake breakfast after Sunrise Service on Easter. In recent years, the number of confirmation families has decreased so the large task of preparation and cooking has fallen on a few families. Next year, both confirmation students will come from one family. It was brought up to the council to get their approval for making sunrise brunch into a more informal affair, such as pastries or donuts that the kids would serve. There was a consensus among the council for this change.

4. The Albert Lea Tribune has contacted us regarding Easter advertisement. As circulation of the paper is dropping and most families searching for a church turn toward the internet rather than a newspaper, we decided not to spend the money. Further, when we struggle to make our monthly budget, this is one expense that can be easily cut.

5. Another topic discussed at the WELCA meeting was the use fees for the church. This is a subject that is occasionally reviewed and modified depending upon need. It was suggested that we increase the fees for the sound system technician, especially for weddings since that person has to be present for two days (rehearsal and wedding). We will also slightly increase non-member use fees.

6. Next Monday, a member of West Freeborn, Les Honstad, will be having his funeral at Cross of Glory as they are anticipating a larger turnout than West Freeborn can hold in the winter. The women from West Freeborn will serve the meal. Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Crowe seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Rachel Knudson, Secretary

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

- **Wed. Mar. 2 – Supper at 6:00 p.m. Service at 7:00 p.m. at Cross of Glory with Pastor Hillmer**
- **Wed. Mar. 9 – Supper at 6:00 p.m. Service at 7:00 p.m. at West Freeborn with Pastor Hillmer**
- **Wed. Mar. 16 – Supper at 6:00 p.m. Service at 7:00 p.m. at Cross of Glory with Pastor Scott Williams.**
- **Sun. Mar. 20 – Palm Sunday – both services at their regular times.**
- **Thurs. Mar. 24 – Maundy Thursday – 6:00 p.m. @ Cross of Glory; 7:30 p.m. @ West Freeborn.**
- **Fri. Mar. 25 – Good Friday – Joint Service at West Freeborn – 7:00 p.m. The Joint Choirs will sing during Good Friday Service.**
- **Sun. Mar. 27 – Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at Cross of Glory – 6:30 a.m. Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.**
- **Sun. Mar. 27 – Easter Sunday West Freeborn – Breakfast @ 7:30 - Service at 9:00 a.m.**

CHURCH WOMEN

***NOTE CHANGE: Rachel Circle will meet on Saturday, Mar. 19th - 9:30 a.m. Jane Crowe, hostess; Kathy Spooner, Bible Study. Anyone is welcome to join us for bible study and refreshments. If you would like to come, please RSVP to Jane at 507-473-2030. Looking ahead: Rachel Circle will meet on April 19th – Anne Lynne Hostess – 7:00 p.m. Eunice Circle will meet on Wed. Mar. 16th - 1:30 p.m. at West Freeborn Church.**

CROSS OF GLORY WELCA

Birthday Bag Items Needed: Cake Mix, Frosting, Candles, Birthday Napkins, Plates & cups, Birthday Cards. Optional items: Party Favors – Hats – Noise Makers - NO BALLOONS!

Baby Care Kits: Items needed: hand towels & bath size bar soap

Coming up: Women of the ELCA – Blue Earth River Conference Spring Event – Saturday, April 9, 2016. Please see attached flyer for all the information.

Ushers for March: Cross of Glory - Randy Light & Alex Bell.

Communion Servers: Emily Light

Acolytes: Andrew Hoelscher

Ushers for March: West Freeborn: *Roger Bakken, Kaleb Bjornstad, Dave Ausen, Steve Hannegrefs & Sue Bakken.

Communion helper: Dave Ausen

INVITATION

**Invitation to all members of Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches
in their 20's, 30's & 40's to a potluck get together on
Sunday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. at West Freeborn.**

INVITATION TO ALL YOUTH

Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland invites all area youth!

From: Pastor Paul Andree

This is a good day long experience at Gustavus Adolphus College. You can get out of school for a day!

STEP UP. We are excited to announce the creation of a new congregation resource called STEP UP, a leadership development resource for high school youth.

STEP UP is a day-long experience that will introduce youth to college level concepts of leadership and will help them develop a stronger personal plan for continuing to grow as a leader.

Upon completion of the event, participants will receive a certificate from Gustavus Adolphus College certifying the student's completion of the STEP UP leadership curriculum.

Congregations can bring up to five students at each STEP UP training workshop.

Thursday, March 10, 2016 (Registration deadline: February 29, 2016)

COST: \$40/student (includes lunch and STEP UP t-shirt)

To register please visit www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations/ stepup or contact Cyndi Berg at 507-933-7001.

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 ☺*

NEW MEMBER LIST FOR WEST FREEBORN

The following people joined the West Freeborn Congregation in 2015: **Jeremy Henke, Josh O'Byrne, Jan & Dean Hoeve, Allan & Kathy Evenson. Transferred from Cross of Glory: Glenn & Karen Ausen**

****Welcome to: Jace Alixander O'Connor who was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at West Freeborn.
Parents: Patrick & Cassie O'Connor; Grandparents: Mike & Kris Erlandson ☺**

NEW MEMBER LIST FOR CROSS OF GLORY

The following people joined the Cross of Glory Congregation in 2015: **Samantha Pederson, Jack & Ardine Reiss, Martin Johnson.**

Minnesota Food Share – March Campaign

For 34 years, Minnesota Food Share has coordinated the largest grassroots food and fund drive to help restock Minnesota food shelves. We look forward to another year of partnering with you and to another successful March Campaign. Faith communities play a large part in ensuring that food shelves have the supplies and resources they need to serve the one in 10 Minnesotans who experience hunger. It is through your dedication, hard work, and support that food shelves in your communities are able to raise the funds and food needed to keep the doors open and the lights on year after year. We hope that your congregation along with schools, companies, civic groups and individuals across the state will join us for the **2016 Minnesota food Share March Campaign: A Different Kind of Food Fight.** The following is a schedule of campaign efforts:

- February 27 – March 4: Collect in the school classrooms
- March 5 – 11: Cram the cubicles (corporations & businesses)
- March 12 – 18: Kick-in at the Kitchens (local restaurants)
- March 19-25: Pack the Pews (congregations)**
- March 26 – April 1: Stuff the Stores (grocers and other stores)

More information about each of the listed weeks as well as resources for faith communities can be found at gmcc.org/mfs/marchcampaign

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Saturday, March 5 – Dad’s Belgian Waffles at Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Ellendale, MN
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Sunday, March 6 – Soup & Dessert Luncheon – St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, New Richland, MN
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thurs. March 10 – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at “The Rock”, 116 W. Clark St. Albert Lea
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
2-7-16	28	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
2-14-16	42	1,135.00	15.00	10.00
2-21-16	37	1,481.00	50.00	

2-28-16	32	1,391.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS		\$ 5,082.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 10.00

Cemetery- \$ 10.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

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2-7-16	41	\$ 2,341.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 145.00
2-14-16	44	876.00	0.00	45.00
2-21-16	44	901.00	0.00	165.00
2-28-16	87	664.05	0.00	365.00
TOTALS		\$ 4,782.05	\$ 0.00	\$ 720.00

2016 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the April, 2016 mailer will be: Monday, Mar. 28, 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 Thank You 😊

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

West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches contact information:

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Pastor's cell phone: 651-925-6509

Jerry Morstad, Cross of Glory President 507-373-0085

Cindy Stelter, Cross of Glory Sunday School 507-444-9727

Alvin & Cindy Morstad, C.G. Custodians 845-2813

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>
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6 9:00 a.m. - Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. - Worship at CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m. <i>*Healing Team meeting following worship @ CG</i> <i>*Young couples potluck @ WF 6:00 p.m.</i>	7 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m. <i>Call Committee meeting - 7:00 p.m. @ CG</i>	8 Joint Council meeting @ CG 7:00 p.m.	9 <i>Lenten Service @ WF w/Pastor Hillmer</i> <i>6:00 p.m. supper</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Service</i>	10	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. - Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. - Worship at CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m.	14 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	15	16 <i>6:00 p.m. supper @ CG</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Lenten Service</i> <i>Eunice Circle will meet at WF church 1:30 p.m.</i>	17	18	19 Rachel Circle 9:30 a.m. at Jane Crowe's home.
20 Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. - Worship at CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m.	21 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	22	23 Confirmation @ CG – 7:00 p.m.	24 Maundy Thursday CG – 6:00 p.m. WF – 7:30 p.m.	25 Good Friday Service @ CG 7:00 p.m.	26
27 Easter Sunday <i>6:30 a.m. Sunrise @ CG followed by breakfast.</i> <i>WF – breakfast @ 7:30 & service @ 9:00 a.m.</i>	28 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	29	30 Confirmation @ CG – 7:00 p.m.	31		