

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 6 on Healing

While on my vacation just past I read a book. Guess what it was about. You're right: Healing, my favorite subject. The author is Francis MacNutt whom I met years ago at the seminary, around 1975 I would guess. He was into the healing ministry then already. I asked him what the secret was, how does one get into the healing ministry, and what does one have to do.

His answer was simple: "Pray!" The book of his that I read is entitled, "The Healing Reawakening: Reclaiming our Lost Inheritance." It was published 11 years ago.

MacNutt used to be Father Francis, a priest in the Dominican Order. He left the priesthood and married Judith, a psychologist, to whom he dedicates the book. He remains a catholic in good standing. And he is a dear brother in the Lord, though I hardly know him and he does not know me. (Our spiritual family is made up of all those who have crossed our paths to bless us.)

The first chapter is called, "The Nearly Perfect Crime" and the major part of the book is labeled, "How the Nearly Perfect Crime Was Committed." What is the crime? That the healing ministry of the church has been nearly killed in the church.

The first generation of Christians—the apostles—undoubtedly healed. You can read about it in the book of Acts. The first 300 years experienced much healing, though the documentation is a bit thin. Then two things happened in 300 A.D.? —312 to be exact: Constantine became the emperor and Christianity turned from being outlawed to becoming the official religion of the Roman Empire.

Then guess what. Christianity became organized. Only bishops could heal. Soon the bishops stopped healing. MacNutt traces the ups and downs of Christian healing through the centuries.

It's a fascinating story. It's sad that the healing aspect of the Gospel was often lost. It's wonderful, though, that more and more Christians are taking seriously the healing dimension of the gospel.

Cross and West have been given two autistic children to pray for. Medical science—bless it!—says they have no cure. Jesus says, "Heal the sick."

Our challenge is set before us. It is going to take work involving prayer and hope and patience. But for the sake of Charlotte and Brandon and their families—and for our sakes!-- we must rise to the challenge. The reward will be great.

Come Holy Spirit of Healing.

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting – April 5, 2016

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. No one was absent.

Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read.

Cathy Crowe presented the treasurer's report. Matt Hoelscher made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Mike Brekke seconded.

Old Business:

1. Even though the mailer was sent as a .doc this time, there were some people who still couldn't open it so Martin or Tim offered to stop in the office one day when Cindi is there to see the computer's capability of making a PDF.

New Business:

1. Bayview Funeral Services sent a letter for us to update them on our fees for various services for funerals.
2. There has been a new flat screen television purchased for the church. Robin & Mike Brekke did the leg work to get it. It has already been used and worked very well for doing the Skype interview with the pastoral candidate. It will be available to the Sunday School, can be moved to the sanctuary if we need it for anything during a service, or can be used to show movies if we schedule Family Movie Nights again. It was also mentioned that the Sunday School was inquiring about an iPad or something portable they can use, as the laptop that was designated for the Sunday School is now being used in the church office. Cathy Crowe made a motion to pay for the new television out of the Luther League fund (and any other hardware that is needed [HDMI cords, RCA plugs, etc.) and to give the Sunday School superintendent the authority to pick a tablet that would be compatible with the television. Matt Hoelscher seconded. The television is to be locked away for security reasons. It can either be kept in the basement in the locked Sunday School rooms or the closet in the social hall could be rekeyed so we could keep it upstairs.
3. The first Sunday in June will signal the changing of worship times. From June 5, 2016, until the end of May 2017, Cross of Glory will have worship services at 9am. West Freeborn will gather at 10:30am.

Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Light seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – April 05, 2016

The West Freeborn Church Council met on April 05, 2016, following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Milo Madson, Orlen Modene, Steve Ausen, Sonja Honstad, Roger Bakken, Nancy Pederson and Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. Bob made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Pat. Motion was made by Bob to accept the treasurer's report. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- The drain has been cleaned. Clean up went well.
- A church member would like to donate 300 gal. of LP to the church for next heating season. There was also 900 gal. left on our contract from last year.
- The Lenten suppers and Easter loose offerings will be donated to the Food Shelf and Salvation Army.

New Business:

- A member is willing to make a donation for gravel to be put down outside by the sidewalk. Roger will look into getting this done
- A letter will need to be written to the congregation on the calling of the pastor that the call committee is suggesting we give an offer to. It will be determined to send the letter if this pastor has not accepted another call.
- Tuck pointing will cost \$6,000 for the SE corner of the church. A rubber roof will be an additional \$10,450. It was brought up that we need to get and estimate on the slant roof with steel. Steve will call Matt about the roof.

Pat made a motion to adjourn. Milo seconded it. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted. Becky Ausen, Secretary

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches Joint Council Meeting April 05, 2016

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Church met on April 05, 2016 at 7:00 pm at West Freeborn. Cathy Crowe, Rachel Knudson, Pat Ehrich, Ron Bartness, Bob Indrelie, Jerry Morstad, Paul Lynne, Steve Ausen, Milo Madson, Mike Brekke, Matt Hoelscher, Orlen Modene, Tim Bartness, Roger Bakken, Sonja Honstad, Kristi Thofson, Randy Light, Martin Johnson, Nancy Pederson and Becky Ausen were present.

West Freeborn President, Orlen Modene, called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson. Matt made a motion to approve the report as read. Martin seconded it. Motion carried.

Open Issues:

- ❖ Call Process: Martin talked about the Skype interview. We had a face-to-face interview with Rev. Woyen on March 31. The Call Committee had a meeting on Monday, April 4th and voted to move forward on giving a call to Rev. Woyen.
 1. Jerry gave a breakdown of salary and benefits. There was discussion on negotiating salary. Paul made a motion that the chair of the Call Committee and the 2 presidents negotiate the salary. Matt 2nd it. Motion passed. Also what would be shared as far as the parsonage and health costs if his wife took a call in the area at another church.
 2. The synod strongly recommends we have a Sabbatical policy in place.
 3. It was set up that we would have a congregational vote on May 08, 2016 if we would give Rev. Woyen a call request. Martin will check with him to see if he has accepted another call.
- ❖ Shared Financials: West Freeborn has to bring before our congregation if we increase our budget by \$2,500.00. This will be checked into.

New Business:

- ❖ Pat brought up about how much the copier in the church office was costing us. There is a different copier we can try out. Discussion was held. Randy made a motion we try out the other copier. Martin seconded it. Motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cathy seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.
Becky Ausen, Secretary

CHURCH WOMEN

Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at Cross of Glory – 7:00 p.m.

Eunice Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 18th at West Freeborn – 1:30 p.m.

CROSS OF GLORY WELCA

The Baby Care Kits were assembled on Wed. April 27th at CG – 9:00 a.m.

40 kits were assembled for Lutheran World Relief.

There will be a Litany & Dedication as part of the church service on Sunday, May 8th.

The loose offering will be designated to help defray expenses.

JoAnn Spooner will deliver the kits on May14th.

Ushers for April: Cross of Glory – Donn Riskedahl & Jon Stelter

Communion Servers: Kristi Thofson

Acolytes: Sawyer VanMaldeghem

Ushers for March: West Freeborn: *Tim Beyer, Jeremy Henke, Tim Peterson, Jim Heidemann

Communion helper: Bob Indrelie

Confirmation at West Freeborn on May 1st

Josie Sailor will be confirmed at West Freeborn on Sunday, May 1st

Service at 9:00 a.m. Brunch to follow.

West Freeborn Quilters

The West Freeborn Quilters have resumed their quilting schedule on

Wednesday, April 27th at West Freeborn Church – 9:00 a.m.

They will continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

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, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. at West Freeborn. This group will not meet during the summer months; they will resume in the fall, watch the newsletters for more information this fall.

***** It's a Couples Meet & Greet for Kaiyah Liu Lynne, daughter of Kevin & Tina Lynne. Saturday, May 7th, 1:00 p.m. at Cross of Glory. Grandparents are Ann & Earl Lynne and Liu Qihua Peng Kefu.***



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- *Grief Support Services: Wednesdays, April 6 through May 11, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Hospice Conference Room, Mayo Clinic, Albert Lea.*
- *Sunday, May 1st – Polka Service & Bake Sale, American Legion, 700 S. State St. Waseca. Polka Service @ 10:30 with Pastor Scott Williams. Lunch 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Music by Chuck Thiel and His Jolly Ramblers. Sponsored by St. Peter’s Lutheran Church of Otisco.*
- *Thursday, May 5 – National Day of Prayer. 12:00 Noon at the Freeborn County Courthouse or 6:30 p.m. at the New Life Christian Church in Albert Lea.*
- *Sunday, May 15 – Community Lutheran Church in Geneva will hold their annual Meatball Dinner 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free Will donation. Raffle tickets available to win a beautiful homemade quilt.*
- *Thursday, June 16, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. The Benson Family Singers will perform at Family Guest Night @ Cross of Glory – Everyone Welcome. Free Will Offering – Refreshments to follow.*

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
4-3-16	35	\$ 2,606.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
4-10-16	40	1,273.00	50.00	0.00
4-17-16	51	707.00	25.00	0.00
4-24-16	83	436.50	20.00	25.00
TOTALS		\$ 5,022.50	95.00	25.00

Cemetery- \$ 80.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS	BUILDING
4-3-16		\$ 1,250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 140.00
4-10-16		390.00	0.00	0.00
4-17-16		362.00	0.00	0.00
4-24-16		827.00	0.00	100.00
TOTALS		\$ 2,829.00	0.00	\$ 240.00

2016 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016: WORSHIP TIMES WILL SWITCH.

Cross of Glory – 9:00 a.m.

West Freeborn – 10:30 a.m.

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the June, 2016 mailer will be: Monday, May 23, 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

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Orlen Modene, West Freeborn President 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: Don Riskedahl & Jon Stelter Communion Servers: Kristi Thofson Acolytes: Sawyer VanMaldeghem		West Freeborn Ushers: *Tim Beyer, Jeremy Henke, Tim Peterson, Jim Heidemann Communion Server: Bob Indrelie				
1 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG *Confirmation @ WF SS at CG – 9:15 a.m.	2 Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	3 Joint Council mtg. @ CG 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Come & meet Kaiyah Liu Lynne 1:00 p.m. (see attached flyer)
8 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m. Mother's Day Last Day of Sunday School	9 Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Bridal Shower</i> <i>for Rachel</i> <i>Knudson</i> <i>10:00 am.</i> LWR kits & quilts shipped
15 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m.	16 Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	17 Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m.	18 Eunice Circle 1:30 p.m. at WF	19	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m.	23 Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m. Text Study 10:00 a.m.	24	25 West Freeborn quilters meet 9:00 a.m. @ WF Church	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG SS at CG – 9:15 a.m.	30 Memorial Day Service 9:00 a.m. @ CG (treats served)	31	Reminder: Service times will switch on Sunday, June 5th. CG – 9:00 a.m. WF – 10:30 a.m.			