

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

THOUGHTS ON HEALING

The joint council of our Cross-West parish voted to accept the recommendation of the Transition Team that suggested exploring the healing ministry. After six months we will have an opportunity to review that subject to see if it should be a permanent part of our ministry. A good time to do that might be the annual meetings of both congregations.

We have chosen to have a healing service on the third Sunday of the month.

We have been using the ELCA suggested Order for Healing as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (referred to both as the “ELW” and also as “The Cranberry Hymnal”). Since West does not have the ELW we provide a copy at West.

We encourage all who desire to come forward for prayers for healing, either for oneself or for others. The request may be for matters other than physical healing. As the ELW puts it, “All who sense the need for God’s healing *in any aspect of their lives* may join in prayer for others and themselves.” (p.276)

This month the third Sunday is October 18. At that service we will be trying something new: we will be providing slips of paper to those coming forward. We will be asking you to write down the exact nature of the request and to hand it to the pastor when he enquires concerning your need.

The Bible mentions healing 191 times. I could write on the subject of healing—and probably will—for a long time.

The first mention of healing is in Genesis: “Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children.” (Genesis 20:17 NRSV)

Our father in faith—the very first person to receive and believe the promise of God—Abraham—prayed for the healing of barrenness. And he was heard.

God tells us, “Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up.” James 5:14-15.

Let us exercise our faith and believe this word from God to us in the letter of James.

Physical exercise is good but spiritual exercise is better. Recall that statement of Paul’s, “Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” 1 Corinthians 9:25 NIV

Joint Council Meeting – Cross of Glory & West Freeborn – September 1, 2015

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory & West Freeborn churches met on September 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Cross of Glory. Jerry Morstad, Lyle Bird, Paul Lynne, Pastor Mark Hillmer, JoAnn Spooner, Bob Indrelie, Corky Modene, Steve Ausen, Dave Ausen, Roger Bakken, Mark Broskoff, Sonja Honstad, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Milo Madson, Nancy Pederson, Becky Ausen, Tim Bartness, Matt Hoelscher, Ronnie Bartness and Cathy Crowe were present.

The meeting was called to order by CG President Jerry Morstad. Pastor Mark Hillmer gave devotions. Scot Spates, CEO/Administrator of St. John's Lutheran Community gave a presentation on the new building project that is underway on Fountain Lake. Mr. Spates spoke at length about the long history of St. John's to the local community and the 24 congregations that support it. He asked the leaders of CG/WF to encourage the congregational members to give money to this project so that it can be fully funded & completed. The Assisted Living building is projected to open in March & the Independent Living building in April of 2016.

Pastor Mark declined to give a Pastor's report. Becky Ausen read the minutes of the August joint council meeting, they were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shared Financials with CG/WF. Both councils are working on getting accurate membership numbers. Corky will get the incomes from both churches for the past few years. This information will be looked at to see if our congregations are similar and should split all costs 50/50 or if some will stay 60/40. All Parsonage bills are now 50/50, which includes utilities, mowing & insurance. Both treasurers are looking at how the office account is set up & used, everyone agrees that things need to be simplified if we want to keep volunteer treasurers.
2. Call Process-WF has 4 members on their Call Committee CG has 6 on their Call Committee. Corky is concerned that the numbers need to be equal. Cathy Crowe stated that the Constitution & By-Laws of CG specify that the Call Committee have 6 members. WF will find 2 more members so that the numbers are equal. The first meeting is Thursday, September 03, 2015 at CG with Synod Pastor Linda Gunderson.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pastor Mark will resume Tuesday evening Bible study on September 15th at WF. The book of Lamentations will be studied for 5 weeks.
2. Becky handed out a flyer about the upcoming dedication of their new social hall & the Spuds & Sundaes lunch. They will have worship services at 10:30 am followed by lunch on Sunday, September 20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Crowe, CG Secretary Pro Tem

*****The next Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6 – 7:00 p.m. at West Freeborn***

Cross of Glory Deacons and Trustees Meeting - September 1, 2015

President Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Rachel Knudson, Randy Light and Mike Brekke were absent. Cathy Crowe read the secretary's report, it was approved as read. JoAnn Spooner presented the treasurer's report, it was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sunday school will resume on September 13. There will be a Rally Day & potluck meal following the service.
2. Men are still working at the cemetery on Saturday mornings to fill in the low spots. Jerry noted that the work needs to be done by hand with great care.
3. Jerry & JoAnn have not received the bill for the concrete repair of bell tower. Jerry will check with Glen Ausen or Steve Bakken to see if they might have it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The City of Hartland had inquired about us ringing our bell every evening at curfew time. Some residents had objected to the siren ringing, but there are problems with youth staying out after curfew. Our timer doesn't work to set it to ring every night. The Freeborn County Sherriff's office said that they will deal with the youth violating curfew at this point. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm following the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Crowe, Secretary Pro Tem

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – September 1, 2015

The West Freeborn Church Council met on September 01, 2015, following the joint council meeting at Cross of Glory. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Milo Madson, Steve Ausen, Mike Ehrich, Orlen Modene, Dave Ausen, Roger Bakken, Mark Broskoff, Sonja Honstad, Nancy Pederson and Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. There was a correction that at the previous month's meeting there had been a motion made to replace the front door of the church. The motion had been made by Steve and seconded by Doug Jacobs to replace the front door and sidelights. Motion had carried. Motion was made by Steve to approve the secretary's report with the correction. Bob seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Pat. There was discussion of why the electric bill was higher than normal. This will be checked into. Motion was made by Dave to accept the treasurer's report. Mike seconded it. Motion carried

Old Business:

- We will have a dedication/open house of the new Social Hall on Sept. 20th. It will be Spuds and Sundaes. Becky will make a sign-up sheet for food items that will be needed that day.
- Roger will bring in black dirt after Dave levels off the yard at the side of the church. Those two will get together and get this done before our dedication/open house.
- There will be a meeting with Linda Gunderson on Sept. 03 at 7pm. at Cross of Glory to start the process of calling a pastor.
- Orlen needs two more for the call committee.
- Pat contacted the insurance company about inspecting our new remodel of the social hall. Dave can open the church up whenever they want to come out and take a look at it.

New Business:

- There is condensation in the drains for the furnace. Dave will bring an air tank up and blow them out.
- There is a leak in the ceiling above the old entrance door to the sanctuary. Pat will do some checking in to get someone out to take a look at this.
- We need to check with Dale to see if he is willing to get the heat back up and running in the social hall.
- The office account expenses are divided 60% Cross of Glory ~ 40% West Freeborn at this time. We have decided to leave this as is for the time being.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Becky Ausen, Secretary

9-15-2015

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you are aware, Cross of Glory and West Freeborn congregations have formed a call committee for the purpose of locating and calling a new pastor. This process may take months or longer to complete.

If any member has a pastor in mind that they would like to nominate for the candidate pool, please use a "Pastoral Candidate Nomination Form" to do so.

Please remember during this process, due to confidentiality, the Call Committee members will not share specific information regarding potential Pastoral candidates, until a candidate is chosen, and presented for a congregational vote.

Sincerely,

Martin A. Johnson

Call Committee Chair

Call Committee Members for Cross of Glory are: Martin Johnson, Jerry Morstad, Robin Brekke, Jill Demmer, Emily Wakefield & Cathy Crowe. West Freeborn Members: Orlen Modene, Sue Bakken, Becky Ausen, Casey Madson, Mark Broskoff & Brandi Grunzke.

CHURCH WOMEN

*****Rachel Circle – Tuesday, Oct. 20 – 7:00 p.m. Pat Benson, Hostess – Jill Demmer, Bible Study.***

*****Eunice Circle - Wed. Oct. 21 - 1:30 p.m. at West Freeborn Church, Marion Mathwig, hostess.***

The Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church Women will be hosting a Guest Day on Wednesday, October 7th at 9:00 a.m. The program will be a musical medley by the Young Oldies. Located 2.5 miles north of Corning on Mower-Freeborn Road or 5 miles south of Blooming Prairie on County Road 36 (94th Ave. SE).

**** 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 – Paul Lynne. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for 2015 ushers.
Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe and Lori Fleming
Acolytes: Aaron Fleming

Ushers: West Freeborn – October: *Wayne Hendrickson, Ron Lageson, Dale Indrelie, Adam Dahlen.

Communion Helper: not available at print time.

Needs for Cross of Glory: New countertops & air conditioning in the kitchen. There is also an Air Conditioning fund for the sanctuary.

Lutheran World Relief

The Social Ministry Commission will be hosting its Fall Lutheran World Relief Ingathering on Saturday, October 10 from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Currently, the greatest need is for Quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Kits, and monetary donations for LWR shipping costs. As always, Baby Care Kits, Fabric Kits, and bars of soap are also in demand.

The Cross of Glory Sunday School children have been packaging the kits. They will be delivered to First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea on October 10th. (Items can still be brought to the church until October 8th).

Coming up at Cross of Glory

Soup & Dessert Supper – Wednesday, November 4.

We need all CG families to bring 1 pie or dessert & to sign up for food or cash donations and to work that evening. Friday, Oct. 9 – 9:00 a.m. Kitchen Clean-up; Sun. Oct. 25 at 9:00 a.m. we will meet to wrap silverware and again on November 1st @ 8:30 a.m. to wash & cut vegetables & move tables. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



***Congratulations to Kyle & Emilie Wakefield on the birth of their daughter Naomi Joy
Naomi was born on September 11, 2015***



West Freeborn Quilters

Quilting Day at West Freeborn Lutheran Church is the 4th Wednesday of each month. Wed. October 28th 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 will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank You Ladies!!! ☺

West Freeborn Coffee Hour

West Freeborn social hour will be following the 9:00 a.m. service.

Coming up at West Freeborn

Harvest Bazaar - Sunday, November 15th



Other Community events coming up:

New Richland Care Center Luncheon & Silent Auction

Saturday, October 3, 2015

NRCC Activity/Chapel Area 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Serving Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Bars, Lemonade & Coffee

Cost: \$6.00

* Hartland Evangelical Lutheran Church will be commemorating the 125th Anniversary of its organization on *Sunday, October 4, 2015*. The Anniversary Festival Service will be held at 10:45 a.m. with former Pastor John E. Smith serving as the festival preacher. A catered meatball dinner will be served at noon by the Hartland Lutheran Ladies' Aid. A free will offering will be donated to ELS missions.

Also, on *Sunday, October 4th*, Manchester Evangelical Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary of its organization. There will be a 2:30 p.m. Anniversary Festival Service at Manchester with Pastor John Smith serving as festival preacher. There will be a fellowship hour following the service with refreshments served by the Manchester Lutheran Ladies' Aid. You are cordially invited to join us in praising and thanking God for these many years under His grace and blessings.

Pastor Shawn D. Stafford

- *Thursday, Oct. 8* – Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea will be having a Soup & Pie Meal. Serving times are: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

- *Sunday, Oct. 11* – 6:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall) in Albert Lea is hosting a seminar on: “How should Christians respond to the challenges of Climate Change? We are upsetting Earth’s balance. Join us for a Christian perspective and discussion led by Pastor Luther Dale and Alan Anderson. Our kids’ and grandkids’ futures depend on how we respond in the present. Sn
- *Sunday, Oct. 11* – Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland will be hosting the Benson Family singers. They will be sharing some of their music during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service as well as doing an hour long concert at 11:15. More information can be found at: www.BensonFamilyMusic.com
- *Sunday, Oct. 18* – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church in Alden – Annual Harvest Dinner At Alden-Conger School Cafeteria.
- *Saturday, Nov. 7* – 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. “Time and Talent Bazaar”

Statistics for

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
9-6-15	34	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00
9-13-15	50	1,232.00	0.00	0.00
9-20-15	42	1,115.00	0.00	0.00
9-27-15	46	755.00	0.00	0,00
TOTALS		\$ 4,232.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00

Cemetery Fund - \$ 50.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS	BUILDING
9-6-15	25	\$ 1,475.00	0.00	0.00
9-13-15	30	545.00	0.00	20.00
9-20-15	65	1,006.00	0.00	120.00
9-27-15	32			
Totals		\$ 3,026.00	0.00	\$ 140.00

2015 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the November mailer will be: Monday, October 26, 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 Thank You ☺

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

West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

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507-444-9727

Rev. Mark Hillmer, Parsonage Phone – 845-2825

Alvin & Cindy Morstad, C.G. Custodians

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Orlen Modene, West Freeborn President & Custodian 845-2832

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Hartland, MN*

<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: not available at print time Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe (1 st Sunday) Lori Fleming (4 th Sunday) Acolytes: Aaron Fleming		West Freeborn Ushers: *Wayne Hendrickson, Ron Lageson, Dale Indrelie, Adam Dahlen Communion Server: not available at print time				
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4 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG SS @ CG 9:00 a.m.	5 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	6 Bible Study @ WF – 6:00 p.m. Joint Council meeting @ WF 7:00 p.m.	7 Confirmation CG - 7:00 p.m.	8	9 9:00 a.m. CG Kitchen Clean- up in prep for Soup & Pie Supper	10
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25 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG SS @ CG – 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. CG - Wrap Silverware for Soup & Pie supper	26 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	27 Bible Study @ WF – 6:00 p.m.	28 Confirmation CG – 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31