

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

STILL MORE ON HEALING

At a recent pastoral meeting in Albert Lea I heard the remark, “Every one of the people Jesus healed died.” I am not exactly sure what my fellow clergy meant (she did not say), but I think she was pointing to the difference between salvation and healing.

We are saved for eternity. Healing is temporary.

True. God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have *eternal life*. This is the big thing. The enormous thing. The crown. The goal to which we are heading. Endless life with the eternal God. To see Jesus. To be with him. To be reunited with all our loved ones.

So why bother about healing? Why have a healing service once a month on the third Sunday as we have been doing? Why not just be satisfied with salvation?

I can think of three reasons.

1. People who need healing are hurting. Jesus did not come to earth only to save us for heaven. He came that we might have life and have it abundantly. The kingdom of heaven has broken in to our earthly existence. To pray for healing is to acknowledge that.
2. One of my favorite psalms passages is the last verse of Ps 86: “Give me a sign of your goodness.” Believers know that God is good. When they suffer that faith is challenged. Healing is a sign of God’s goodness.
3. When non-believers experiences the grace of healing they thank their lucky stars. When believers feel relief from pain they thank Jesus afresh and anew. Healing strengthens their relationship with God.

Yes, healing is temporary. We may well get sick again. Should Jesus delay his return we will certainly die. But how wonderful to receive some relief from the one who died that we might live. Healing is a down payment on the pain-free, no tears existence in store for us. Healing makes believers more eager to see God.

Joint Council Meeting – Cross of Glory & West Freeborn – July 7, 2015

Cross of Glory's president, Jerry Morstad, called the meeting to order. Present were: Jerry Morstad, Randy Light, Becky Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Paul Lynne, Cathy Crowe, Milo Madson, Steve Ausen, Mike Ehrich, Doug Jacobs, Mark Broskoff, Mike Brekke, Tim Bartness, Ron Bartness, Orlen Modene, Sonya Honstad, Bob Inderlie, JoAnn Spooner, Nancy Pederson, Roger Bakken, Lyle Bird, and Rachel Knudson.

The secretary's report from the last Joint Council meeting was read by Becky Ausen. Minutes were approved as read.

Open Issues:

1. Pastor Mark's year-long contract is coming to a close. After checking with the Synod, we are able to extend the contract as long as is needed without drafting a new one. We discussed details of how to proceed with finding a new pastor, and determined both congregations need to settle on their members of the call committee. We will try to get a mid-September meeting scheduled with Linda Gunderson from the SEMN Synod to learn about the call committee duties. We know that a Ministry Site Profile will need to be completed but we are unsure as to how much time that requires. Linda will inform the call committee as to the timeline for this process.
2. There will be a privacy fence going up at the parsonage.
3. There is water in the basement of the parsonage in the section that is under the steps on the east side. The parsonage committee will check out the basement after the next rain to try to identify the source of the problem.
4. Each congregation will be working on their roster of members, sorting out who are active or inactive members as an attempt to figure out current member lists.

We then finished the joint meeting to reconvene in our respective councils.

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting – July 7, 2015

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Matt Hoelscher was absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read.

JoAnn Spooner read the treasurer's report. Russell Olson will be painting the radiators in the social hall since the walls have now been painted. Randy Light made a motion to approve the report and pay bills as money allows. Paul Lynne seconded. JoAnn wondered about the money for the emergency fund that the pastor gives out at his discretion. We decided that she could get gas cards or something similar instead of giving out cash.

Old Business:

1. Alvin Morstad sprayed the lawn.
2. Glenn Ausen is looking into the bell tower cement project.
3. Cathy Crowe made a motion to use the money for the paint and labor for the social hall to come from the improvement fund. However, the money for the window treatments will be coming from the WELCA. Ron Bartness seconded.

New Business:

1. We discussed working on a job description for the church secretary so her tasks (and what aren't her tasks) are clear. It had been so long since we had a church secretary and she was hired in such a chaotic time with Pastor Frank leaving and Pastor Mark coming that we neglected to lay out all the duties then. Cathy Crowe has a generic list that we can work from.
2. The names of the volunteers for the call committee from Cross of Glory are: Jill Demmer, Jerry Morstad, Cathy Crowe, Robin Brekke, Martin Johnson, and Emily Wakefield. Cathy Crowe made a motion to nominate the six people who've offered to serve. Tim Bartness seconded.
3. Paul Lynne made a motion to purchase a computer program that has Office software so JoAnn will be able to do her treasury work from home, instead of being in the church office late at night. Ron Bartness seconded.

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

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting – August 11, 2015

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Tim Bartness and Lyle Bird were absent.

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

JoAnn Spooner read the treasurer's report. Paul Lynne made a motion to approve the report and pay bills as money allows. Randy Light seconded.

Old Business:

1. The concrete work around the bell tower was completed by John Hulloper. Jerry mentioned to JoAnn that when the bill comes in, the Riskedahl family will be covering it as a memorial for Newman.
2. JoAnn has decided that she would prefer having some space in the church office rather than getting a program for her home computer.

New Business:

1. We are wondering if there will be a Rally Day for the first day of Sunday School. We haven't heard from Cindy Stelter when the first day will be but we are guessing that the 13th of September will be the best day (Labor Day is very late this year and the 20th, we are swapping worship times with West Freeborn).

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

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

Joint Council Meeting – Cross of Glory & West Freeborn – August 11, 2015

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Church met on August 11, 2015, at 7:00 pm at West Freeborn. Cathy Crowe, Rachel Knudson, Pat Ehrich, Ronnie Bartness, Bob Indrelie, Jerry Morstad, JoAnn Spooner, Paul Lynne, Steve Ausen, Milo Madson, Mike Brekke, Mike Ehrich, Randy Light, Matt Hoelscher, Pastor Mark Hillmer, Doug Jacobs and Becky Ausen were present. Devotions were given by Pastor Mark Hillmer.

West Freeborn President, Orlen Modene, called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson. It was approved as read.

Open Issues:

- Shared Financials with both churches: After discussion, a motion was made by Matt Hoelscher to share all parsonage expenses 50/50. Ronnie Bartness 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- Pat, JoAnn, Jerry and Orlen will talk with Cindi, our secretary and ask about the office expenses. It will then be determined how to split those bills.
- Call Process: There will be a meeting on Sept. 03 at 7:00 pm at Cross of Glory for the Call Committee with Pastor Linda Gunderson. A site profile will need to be filled out.

New Business:

- Milo Madson, Bob Indrelie and Matt Hoelscher will get together and do the yearly walk-through of the parsonage.
- Pastor Mark Hillmer will be communicating with the upcoming Confirmation students. There are 3 from Cross of Glory and 1 from West Freeborn. Confirmation will start on September 16th.
- A motion was made for Cross of Glory to switch service times on Sept. 20th with West Freeborn, so that West Freeborn could have their Dedication/Open house for the new Social Hall. Motion carried.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.
Becky Ausen, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – August 11, 2015

The West Freeborn Church Council met on August 11, 2015, following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Milo Madson, Steve Ausen, Doug Jacobs, Mike Ehrich, Orlen Modene and Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. Motion was made by Steve to approve the secretary's report. Mike seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Pat's computer crashed, so she was unable to pass out a treasurer's report, so she told us an abbreviated version. Motion was made by Bob to accept the abbreviated treasurer's report. Doug 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. Cross of Glory is willing to switch times with us for this Sunday Service. It needs to be put in the mailer and the bulletin. Orlen will put it on Party Line and Becky will make posters.
- Steve and Casey cleaned up the mulch pile and Dave sprayed for weeds in the church yard. We still need dirt brought in to slope rain water away from the church.
- Orlen has not heard from the insurance company yet about the claims that he turned in. He will check with them again.
- Orlen got LP contracted for 90 cents.

New Business:

- We need to get our insurance company out to take a look at our remodel project and get a new estimate on the premium. Orlen will contact them.
- The call committee will meet with Pastor Linda Gunderson on Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. at Cross of Glory. They will talk about the next steps that need to be taken to call a pastor.
- A motion was made by Doug to take 1/2 of the money received by the selling of a cemetery plot and use that towards cemetery upkeep. Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Becky Ausen, Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School will resume at Cross of Glory on Sunday, September 13th

9:15 – 10:15. We will have Rally Day and a potluck!

SERVICE TIME SWITCH

On Sunday, September 20th, service times will switch. Cross of Glory worship will be held at 9:00 a.m. and West Freeborn worship will be at 10:30 a.m. West Freeborn will be celebrating their new renovation & installation of the chair lift. Please join West Freeborn for a meal following the worship service.

(see attached flyer)

CHURCH WOMEN

*****Rachel Circle– Tuesday, September 15 – 7:00 p.m. Jill Demmer, hostess – Carol Light, Bible Study.***

*****Cross of Glory WELCA meeting - Wed. Sept 16th at 6pm. We will be planning for our annual Soup and Dessert supper. Pizza will be provided at this planning meeting. Come join us! Contact Jill Morstad for questions.***

*****Eunice Circle will meet Wednesday, September 16 @ 1:30 p.m. at Ardie Madson's home.***

***** Guest Day at Geneva Community Lutheran Church invites all ladies to attend on Friday, Sept. 11 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a program at 2:00, followed by a light lunch. The program will be a musical group from the Cities, "Sister Productions."***

***** 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. There is also a sign-up sheet for summer coffee hour.

Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe and Angela Bell

Acolytes: Aaron Fleming

Ushers: West Freeborn – August: *Chris Dahl, Mike Ehrich, Russ Engel and Lyle Helm

Communion Helper: not available at print time.

West Freeborn Quilters

Quilting Day at West Freeborn Lutheran Church is the 4th Wednesday of each month. Wed. September 23rd 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 were 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jeremy & Jackie Henke

on the birth of their son Emmett David who was born on August 13th.

Other Community events coming up:

Minnesota Food Share Harvest Campaign

Please join the Area Food Shelf of New Richland and Minnesota Food Share for the 2015 Harvest Campaign: A statewide food drive focused on bringing fresh, locally grown produce into food shelves. Our food shelf will be participating in the Harvest Campaign August 1 – September 30 and we need your help to stock our shelves with healthy options for the families we serve.

- **Plan for Pack the Pews, a final Harvest Campaign effort to fill the pews of faith communities with fresh produce to donate, the weekend of September 18-20. Cross of Glory will participate in “Pack the Pews” on Sunday, September 20. Please bring your items to church & they will be transported to the New Richland Food Shelf. THANK YOU! ☺**

The goal of the Harvest Campaign is to get high-quality, locally grown produce to neighbors in need. Congregations can do this by sharing the produce from a community garden, asking members with home gardens to bring in a contribution, or shopping at a farmers market for produce to donate. While the Harvest Campaign highlights produce, it's also important to remember that dry beans, rice, whole grains, and other minimally processed foods are essential staples in every food shelf.

Thank you for all you do to support our food shelf by sharing healthy food with your neighbors!

Sincerely, Larry Goehring, President – AFSNR

New Richland Care Center is celebrating 40 years this year!

You are invited to New Richland Care Center's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, Sept. 13, starting at 12:00 noon at the Care Center

(alternate location due to weather would be at the NRHS Gym.)

Please bring your lawn chair. Featured entertainment: The Bankesters, NRHEG Panther Band,

Dunnell Lenort and Just Friends. Vendors Include: Red Leaf Café, George's of Geneva, Mini Donuts, and Kettle Corn - - - Crazy Hair and Face Painting by the NRHEG Cheerleaders

*Saturday, Sept. 19th – Salad Luncheon at Bear Lake Concordia Lutheran Church - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Sunday, Sept. 20th – St. John's Auxiliary Benefit Luncheon - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Central Freeborn Lutheran Church Soup and Dessert Supper - Mon. Sept. 21st. 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Statistics for
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
8-2-15	32	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 35.00
8-9-15	29	784.00	0.00	0.00
8-16-15	39	1,120.00	25.00	10.00
8-23-15	35	2,780.00	10.00	10.00
8-30-15	32	1,315.00	10.00	50.00
TOTALS		\$ 7,014.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 105.00

Cemetery Fund - \$ 5.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>
8-2-15		\$ 1,445.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 70.00
8-9-15		1,085.00	0.00	0.00
8-16-15		834.00	0.00	0.00
8-23-15		675.00	0.00	40.00
8-30-15		682.00	0.00	170.00
Totals		\$ 4,721.00	0.00	\$ 280.00

2015 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the October mailer will be: Monday, September 28, 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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Alvin & Cindy Morstad, C.G. Custodians 845-2813

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) Angela Bell (4 th Sunday) Acolytes: Aaron Fleming		West Freeborn Ushers: *Chris Dahl, Mike Ehrich, Russ Engel, Lyle Helm Communion Server: not available at print time				
		1 Joint Council meeting @ CG 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Call Committee meets with Linda Gunderson 7:00 p.m. @ Cross of Glory	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG	7 Labor Day (church office closed) No text study	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG Sunday School 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. “Rally Day” & Potluck	14 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	15 Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Jill Demmer, hostess – Carol Light-Bible Study	16 WELCA mtg. @ CG - 6 pm (see more in mailer) Confirmation @ CG 7:00 p.m. Eunice Circle meets 1:30 p.m. at Ardie Madsons home	17	18	19
20 9:00 a.m. – Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF (note switch in times) “Pack the Pews” Sunday (see info in mailer)	21 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	22	23 Confirmation @ CG 7:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG	Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	29	30 Confirmation @ CG 7:00 p.m.			