

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

May, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship times:

Cross of Glory: 9:00 a.m. – West Freeborn: 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Pastor Steven Schwartz



Hello people of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn. I am going to use this newsletter opportunity to introduce you to your new pastor.

My name is Steven Schwartz, and you are free to call me Pastor Steve, Steve, or whatever else happens to pop into your head. I am not particular, and I hope that you will be forgiving of me as I go about my task of learning your names. I am terrible at remembering names, so be patient with me.

I was born and raised in Minneapolis, attended South High School, and as I like tell my kids I do not say that I graduated but that I survived. College at Concordia up in Moorhead, and I got my Master of Divinity at Princeton Seminary in New Jersey. That is where I met my wife, Nancy, who was also a student there and who grew up in New Jersey. Nancy is Presbyterian, but has gotten used to being with Lutherans. She has been working as a bank teller.

We have two sons, Tommy who is our musician, he is married to Shelley, they live in Sioux Falls and Tommy, as is true for many musicians, makes a living doing something other than music. Right now he is food and beverage manager for a hotel in Sioux Falls. Our other son Ethan is living in our home in Cannon Falls and works at Tommy Bahama at the Mall of America. Ethan speaks and understands a lot of languages.

I have been serving churches for over thirty years now, two church parishes in Western Pennsylvania and Southwest Minnesota, a church in Roland, Iowa, and most recently St. Mark's in Randolph where I spent the last almost thirteen years.

The door to the office will always be open, feel free to stop by and make yourself at home. I look forward to our time together.

***Please join us on Sunday, May 7, 2017 for Pastor Schwartz' 1st Worship Service with us!
Potluck meal at West Freeborn following the 10:30 worship. Everyone welcome! ☺☺☺

The Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Cross of Glory

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches Joint Council Meeting March 7, 2017

Cross of Glory's president, Jerry Morstad, called the meeting to order. Present were: Jerry Morstad, Pat Ehrich, Cathy Crowe, Rachel Knudson, Mike Erich, Bob Indrelie, Mike Brekke, Emily Light, Ronnie Bartness, Tim Bartness, Orlen Modene, Kristi Thofson, Sonja Honstad, Mark Broskoff, Glenn Ausen, Matt Hoelscher, and Roger Bakken. There were no devotions or pastor's report given due to Pastor Mark's departure. The secretary's report from the last Joint Council meeting was read by Sonja Honstad. There were no additions or corrections. Minutes were approved as read.

Open Issues:

1. The call committee reported that the vote passed. Jerry took the information over to the Synod but he will have to call Portico to get the numbers for the insurance for the final offer for the new pastor. The paperwork were signed by the Bishop. The minister has 30 days to accept or reject our offer.
2. Tomorrow, the Salvation Army truck will arrive to pick up some of the items of Pastor Mark. His moving truck will come on March 18th.
3. Gene Pederson will look at the wooden steps at the parsonage. Duane Spooner has a mason who will look at the south steps. We may need to hold off on fixing the flower box on the east steps.
4. Four bedroom windows in the parsonage need replacing. Pat can have somebody come out from Freeborn Lumber for an estimate.
5. Services for lent will be at West Freeborn tomorrow.

Cathy Crowe made a motion to adjourn this half of the meeting to allow the councils to reconvene for our respective council meetings. Orlen Modene seconded.

Rachel Knudson - Secretary, Cross of Glory

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting - March 7, 2017

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Martin Johnson, Aaron Gilliland, Carol Riskedahl, and Paul Lynne were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read.

Cathy Crowe read the treasurer's report. We are alternating the cost of the supply pastor with West Freeborn. The idea of e-giving was brought up. That way, even if church is cancelled due to inclement weather, people could still provide their offering. Ron Bartness made a motion to offer online giving and Matt Hoelscher seconded. Matt Hoelscher made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Tim Bartness seconded.

Old Business: Lent will be at West Freeborn this week. Next week, the Sunday School will be serving the light supper before services. The second half of the council will serve on the 29th.

New Business:

1. Matt mentioned that he would like some sort of confirmation curriculum to keep the ball rolling for his kids in confirmation. John is supposed to be confirmed but with Pastor Mark's surgery in the fall and his early departure this winter, there hasn't been a consistent program for confirmation.

2. Matt also made a motion to designate the Lenten and Easter offerings for the New Richland Area Food Shelf. Mike Brekke seconded.

Cathy Crowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ron Bartness seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – March 7, 2017

Present: Mark Broskoff, Glenn Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Roger Bakken, Orlen Modene and Sonja Honstad.

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Broskoff for President David Ausen.

Secretary's Report: was read by Sonja Honstad and approved.

Treasurer's Report: was read by Pat Ehrich and approved.

Old Business: Tuck-pointing- Matt Staloch put in a bid for \$8,100 for tuck-pointing the bell tower. The bid includes labor, material and disposal. Motion was made by Orlen Modene and seconded by Mike Ehrich to approve the tuck-pointing at a cost of \$8,100. Motion carried.

New Business: Glenn and Steve Ausen are putting up a new sign in front of the church as a memorial to their Father, Oscar Ausen.

Adjournment: Motion made by Pat Ehrich and seconded by Orlen Modene to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closing: with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Honstad, fill-in for Becky Ausen

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches Joint Council Meeting April 04, 2017

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Church met on April 04, 2017, at 7:00 pm at West Freeborn. Shirley Miller, Paul Lynne, Martin Johnson, Rachel Knudson, Pat Ehrich, Jerry Morstad, Orlen Modene, Kristi Thofson, Mike Ehrich, Dave Ausen, Mark Broskoff, Bob Indrelie, Emily Light, Steve Ausen, Ronnie Bartness, Glenn Ausen, Carol Riskedahl, Cathy Crowe and Becky Ausen were present.

West Freeborn President, Dave Ausen, called the meeting to order.

Devotions: None at this time.

Secretary's report: was read by Martin for Rachel. They were approved as read.

Pastor's Report: Jerry met with the new pastor, Steve, and his wife and son at the parsonage. They had brought a few boxes with them.

Open Issues:

- Parsonage Clean-up: Cathy will contact Service Master to get the parsonage cleaned up.
- Windows for Parsonage: It will cost \$2,453.90 for all four windows that need to be replaced. Ron made a motion to purchase the windows. Martin seconded it. Motion passed.
- Parsonage Steps: Jerry hasn't heard from Duane yet on the steps. Will table until May meeting.
- E-Mails: It has been brought up that some members are still not receiving their emails. Paul Lynne will check the internet at the church office.
- New Pastor Steve: Martin will let Pastor Steve know that all the paperwork is up-to-date. There will need to be an official installation for him. Cathy will let Cindi know that a letter needs to be sent out to the congregation members of both churches inviting all to come to Pastor Steve's first service on May 07. There will be a potluck at West Freeborn on May 07, right after the worship service to welcome Pastor. Both churches are invited to this. Bring a dish to pass and get acquainted with him.
- Confirmation for Cross of Glory will be June 01, 2017.
- Laptop and phone: Paul Lynne donated a lap top to the church. This will be given to Pastor Steve to use. We will bring up next month with Pastor Steve about a cell phone for him to use.
- Parsonage Committee: Jill and Cathy explained to Pastor Steve how our parsonage committee comes in once a year and checks to make sure if there needs to be any repairs made.
- Jerry thanked everyone who helped with the move out for Pastor Hillmer.

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

Respectfully submitted. Becky Ausen, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – April 04, 2017

The West Freeborn Church Council met on April 04, 2017, following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. Present were Orlen Modene, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Dave Ausen, Steve Ausen, Mark Broskoff, Shirley Miller, Glenn Ausen, Roger Bakken and Becky Ausen. President Dave Ausen called the meeting to order.

Becky read the secretaries report. There was a correction that instead of a bid for tuck pointing it should have been a bid for roof repair. Secretaries report was approved with the correction.

Pat read the treasurer's report. Steve made a motion to approve the report. Orlen seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

***Church Building:** Matt Staloch came and gave us a price on the church sanctuary windows. He said it would be roughly \$2,500.00 per window to update so they would not deteriorate more. We tabled the windows at this time. It was discussed that the bell tower should be our first priority.

New Business:

***Church clean-up:** It will be held on Saturday, April 08, 2017 at 8 AM. Bring your saws.

***Easter breakfast:** It will be ready at 8:30 so come and enjoy some food and fellowship.

***Communion:** It was brought up we will be having 4 communion times throughout the month. Orlen made a motion to cancel the last communion of the month. Mark seconded it. Motion passed.

***Church Mowing:** The Ehrich's have stated they will do the cemetery mowing again this summer for the same price. Glenn made a motion to have the Ehrich's do the mowing. Orlen seconded it. Motion passed. Bob made a motion to adjourn meeting. Steve seconded it. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully Submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

LWR Kits

Anyone who would like to join us in assembling the Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief can meet in the social hall at Cross of Glory on **Saturday, May 13th at 9:00 am**. Bring any additional items you have collected from second-hand stores, garage sales or new purchases. Gently used or new items only.

We still have a couple of weeks yet to find the items listed in the church booklet or sheet found in the church narthex. Remember that they are wanting sizes 6 to 24 months. No religious, military or country flags/logos or camouflage. You can drop off the items in the church box labeled 'Baby Care Kit'.

We will be displaying the assembled kits on Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day) and then they will be boxed, labeled and shipped on May 20th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WEST FREEBORN - Sunday School will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you have questions, please contact Sonja Honstad – 863-2154 or Becky Ausen – 863-2165.

CHURCH WOMEN

Eunice Circle will meet on Wed. May 17th – 1:30 p.m. at the church.

Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 16th @ 7:00 p.m. – Sharon Hansen, hostess.

West Freeborn Quilters

The West Freeborn Quilters have resumed their quilting schedule. They will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Ushers for May: Cross of Glory – Don Riskedahl & Tim Bartness - Communion Server: Kristi Thofson

Acolytes: Ned Bell

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

Communion helper: Becky Ausen

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
4-2-17	28	\$ 942.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
4-9-17	58	1,726.00	0.00	0.00

4-16-17	77	1,312.00	250.00	0.00
4-23-17	34	1,278.00	0.00	0.00
4-30-17	54	1,164.25	20.00	0.00
TOTALS		\$ 6,422.25	\$ 270.00	\$ 0.00

Cemetery - \$ 50.00 Air Conditioning - \$ 0.00

Statistics for West Freeborn Lutheran Church

4-2-17	45	
4-9-17	39	No stats available at print time
4-16-17	70	
4-23-17	28	
4-30-17	25	

Budget - \$ 62,110

Community Events

*Thurs. May 4th – World Day of Prayer – Noon at the Freeborn County Courthouse & 6:30 p.m. at the AZ One Ministry Center, 335 W Clark St. Albert Lea.

*Friday, May 12th – Salad Luncheon at Zion Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - \$7.00 donation.

*Friday, May 12th – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Rummage Sale at Ascension Lutheran in Albert Lea.

Morning coffee & rolls 8-10 a.m.

*Friday, June 16th – Salad Luncheon at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \$7.00.

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West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

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Dave Ausen, West Freeborn President – 863-2165 Stacie Madson, West Freeborn Custodian 845-2501

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

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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: Earl Lynne Communion Servers: Kristi Thofson Acolytes:		West Freeborn Ushers: Tim Beyer, Jeremy Henke, Tim Peterson, Jim Heidemann. Communion helper: Becky Ausen				
	1	2 Joint Council 7:00 p.m. @ CG	3	4	5	6
7 Pastor Steven Schwartz' first Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF <i>Potluck @ WF to welcome Pastor Schwartz ☺</i>	8	9	10	11	12.	13 <i>Assembly of LWR Kits @ CG – 9:00 a.m.</i>
14 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG <i>LWR Kits displayed</i> 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF	15	16 Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Sharon Hansen, hostess	17 Eunice Circle 1:30 @ WF	18	19	20 <i>LWR Kits shipped</i>
21 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF	22	23	24 Quilting @ WF 9:00 a.m.	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF	29	30	31			