

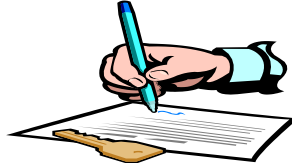
Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

June, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship times:

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

Please note that the service times have switched beginning Sunday, June 4, 2017 ☺



Last month my article for the newsletter was an introduction to who I am as your new pastor. Having given you some of the basic information about my life I intend to expand on that this month with some information about what is important to me.

One of the things that I have been doing for many years is including a Bible study in the monthly newsletter. I call it a “Do-it-yourself” Bible study because the intention is to create an opportunity for all of you to pick up your Bibles and become a bit more familiar with them. Hopefully you will take the time to go through the monthly Bible study, which should not be very time consuming, and give some thought to what can be found in the Bible.

One of the things that was important to people like Martin Luther back in the days of the Reformation 500 years ago was enabling the average person to read the Bible for themselves. The Roman Catholic Church in that day believed that the words of the Bible were too precious to be entrusted to common folk, so the Bible was kept in either its original Greek and Hebrew, or in Latin. That certainly kept people from reading it. That and the fact that not many people could read anyway, and books were rare and expensive being mostly copied by hand.

Today Bibles are everywhere, you probably have one sitting around somewhere, and they are written in languages that you and I with our basic educations are able to read. So let’s read the Bible!

Go ahead and make use of the monthly newsletter Bible study, and if it should happen that a group of you decide that you want to get together for Bible study at the church or in your homes, please include me. I love to read and study the Bible and I love helping others to do the same.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Schwartz

Joint Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 6 at West Freeborn – 7:00 p.m.

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting - April 4th, 2017

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Tim Bartness, Aaron Gilliland, Matt Hoelscher, and Mike Brekke were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read.

Cathy Crowe read the treasurer's report. Our balance with Ulland's is small so after discussion, we came to a consensus that we should wait and hold off with paying the balance. We can mention it at Memorial Day services. We don't want to deplete the improvement fund further as we will be paying off our half of the parsonage windows. Paul Lynne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Martin Johnson seconded.

Old Business: We will be hiring Service Master to clean the parsonage now that Pastor Mark has moved out. They will need to clean the carpets, inside drawers, and the wood floors.

New Business:

1. We will have a clean-up day at church to tidy the grounds, trimming bushes, etc. It should be done before farmers start in the fields. We decided to set the date for April 8th at 9AM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring tools to help.
2. A new light fixture will be needed for the pastor's study.
3. In the past, confirmation students have served brunch after sunrise service on Easter morning. This year, we are not having a sunrise service so we decided to forgo coffee before or after Easter service.
4. Martin Johnson stated that he will scan in some of the old church books that were found when cleaning. That way, we will also have a digital copy in addition to hard copies.

Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kristi Thofson seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

- ***Cross of Glory info: The Cemetery Board is hiring someone to water flowers. Gifts for watering the flowers at the cemetery need to be earmarked for this purpose.***

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting - May 02, 2017

The West Freeborn Church Council met on May 02, 2017, following the joint council meeting at Cross of Glory. President, Dave Ausen, called the meeting to order. Becky read the secretaries report. The report was approved as read. Pat read the treasurer's report. Orlen made a motion to approve the report. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Church Flat Roof:** There is a member of the church willing to help with repairing the flat roof.
- **Windows:** It was discussed which side needs to be replaced first. We will table until more funds come in.
- Dave thanked everyone who helped with the cemetery clean-up on April 08.

New Business:

- **Good Earth Village:** Dave will send a letter to them.
- **Southeastern MN Synod Assembly:** Jerry Morstad will represent the congregation.
- **New Church Sign:** Steve and Glenn have put the new sign up at the church in honor of their mother, LaVaun, and in memory of their father, Oscar. It looks very nice!
- **Constitution and by-laws:** Pat talked about getting the constitution and by-laws updated since there are many items that need to be addressed. Pat and Becky hope to have the drafts by Sept. or Oct., so the council can go over them in time to have them ready to vote on at the annual meeting.
- **Mission Statement:** The metal mission statement is being sanded and painted by Pat and Mike Ehrich. This will be placed inside the front doors of the church by the lift.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.
Respectfully Submitted. Becky Ausen, Secretary

CHURCH WOMEN

***Rachel Circle will meet on Tues. June 20 @ 7:00 p.m. – Ardelle Knutson, hostess.
Eunice Circle will meet on Wed. June 21 – 1:30 p.m. at the church.***

West Freeborn Quilters – please note change ☺

The West Freeborn Quilters will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Ushers for June: Cross of Glory – Jerry Morstad, Alvin Morstad; Communion Server: Jerry Morstad

Acolytes: Andrew Hoelscher

Ushers for June: West Freeborn: *Roger Bakken, Mark Evenson, Orlen Modene, Doug Jacobs, Sue Bakken.

Communion Helper: Pat Ehrich

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
5-7-17	58	\$ 1,382.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 10.00
5-14-17	46	844.00	25.00	0.00
5-21-17	37	1,696.00	50.00	5.00
5-28-17	38	993.00	25.00	25.00
TOTALS		\$ 4,915.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 35.00

Cemetery - \$ 0.00 Air Conditioning - \$ 0.00

Statistics for West Freeborn Lutheran Church

April – General Fund - \$ 4,527.00; Building Fund - \$400.00 - May – General Fund thru May 21st - \$ 3,231.00

May attendance: 5-7-17 – 60; 5-14-17- 15; 5-21-17 – 45; 5-21-17 – 41.

Budget - \$ 62,110

Community Events

*Sat. June 3 – Open House Graduation Party for Kallie Jo Spooner, 504 William St. Hartland. 4:00 – 8:00 p.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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SERVICE TIMES SWITCH SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH – WF @ 9:00 a.m. – CG @ 10:30 a.m.

<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: Jerry Morstad, Alvin Morstad Communion Servers: Jerry Morstad Acolytes: Andrew Hoelscher		West Freeborn Ushers: *Roger Bakken, 1 Mark Evenson, Orlen Modene, Doug Jacobs, Sue Bakken Communion helper: Pat Ehrich		2	3	
4 9:00 a.m. Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG	5	6 Joint Council meeting @ WF 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 a.m. Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG	12	13	14 Quilting @ WF 9:00 a.m.	15	16	17
18 9:00 a.m. Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG	19	20 Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Ardelle Knutson hostess	21 Eunice Circle 1:30 @ WF	22	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG	26	27	28 Quilting @ WF 9:00 a.m.	29	30	