

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

Sunday Morning Worship times: Cross of Glory – 9:00 a.m. West Freeborn – 10:30 a.m.

August – 2022



Cross of Glory's Centennial Celebration

The Centennial Celebration is now being planned for September 18, 2022 under the title of “102 in '22”.

We are planning a morning service, including guest speaker Doug Ohman, a popular author and photographer of Minnesota churches. A dinner will follow the service. Please share this information with family and any former members. We would appreciate if folks would share memories in writing or any memorabilia from years past. Any written memories can be sent to the church office by email to:

cgwf@smig.net or dropped off at the office.

Office hours: M-W-F - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please indicate that it is for the celebration

*Help is needed in planning & providing:

*Advertising/invitations/tickets

*Display of memorabilia

*Lunch (we expect to have this catered & sell tickets)

*Youth activities

Please contact Jill Morstad @ 507-402-2150
if you can help or have questions.

Do-It-Yourself Bible Study

For our Bible study this month, let's look at Bible verses for Sunday, August 7th. If you find this intriguing I hope that you will join others to go deeper.

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the little flock of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trust the promises of God. Have no fear.

Read Genesis 15:1-6. God promises childless and aging Abraham that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. He trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous. How do you suppose Abraham felt after hearing this?

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Read Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God. Do you think today's people have such faith?

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Read Luke 12:32-40. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. This statement is surely all about faith too. Do we have such faith to sell everything we own to help others?

Cross of Glory Council Minutes - July 5, 2022

Present: Steve Bakken, Ron Bartness, Linda Brekke, Matt Hoelscher, Carol Light, Paul Lynne, Jerry Morstad and Jill Morstad. President Jerry Morstad called the meeting to order and opened in prayer.

Carol read the minutes of the June 7, secretary's report submitted by Jill Morstad. Report was approved as read with no additions or corrections. Paul made the motion to accept the secretary's report and Ron seconded it. Motion carried. Linda gave the treasurer's report. Matt made the motion to approve treasurer's report as read and pay bills. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Parsonage Clean-up: The parsonage is cleaned and keys and garage door openers have been returned. Phone and internet service to the parsonage has been terminated.

Centennial Celebration: The centennial celebration is scheduled for September 18th. We are asking West Freeborn to switch service times on that Sunday. We will have communion during the service along with a meal following the service.

In order for our celebration to be successful and meaningful we need **you** to help with different facets of the preparation process. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the following categories:

- **Serving of Food**
- **Display**
- **Historical Brochure of Church History**
- **Meal Tickets and Sales**
- **Invitations to surrounding churches and former pastors and families**

We need your help! Call the church office if you are willing to help with any of these responsibilities.

Pulpit Supply: Pulpit supply has been arranged through July 31. On July 13, Jerry and Glenn will be meeting with Barb Streed from the SE MN Synod of ELCA regarding possibilities on pastoral services.

New Business: Building Up-Keep: Windows in the social hall and offices need to be cleaned. Jill will be getting estimates from "Enders" for this service. Carol will be getting estimates from "Dura-Clean" for carpet cleaning of the sanctuary, social hall, narthex, and offices.

A work group needs to be formed to clean the parsonage basement. If you are willing to help with this project please let Jerry know.

Election Site: The city and township are looking for possible locations for the upcoming elections. Cross of Glory has been mentioned as a possible location. Motion was made by Paul to hold elections at Cross of Glory and Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Support: Thanks to everyone for supporting Cross of Glory financially. It is much appreciated. Continue your support during the coming summer months.

Next Council Meeting: August 9, 2022. Note time change due to the Freeborn County Fair being held on August 2. Matt made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Paul. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted by: Carol Light, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – June 07, 2022

The West Freeborn Church Council met on June 07, 2022, via Zoom. Members present were Glenn Ausen, Steve Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Corky Modene, and Becky Ausen. Becky read the secretaries report. Steve made a motion to accept the report as read. Mike seconded it. Motion passed. Pat read the treasurer's report. We are doing well at this time. Steve made a motion to pay the bills. Mike seconded it. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Update on Windows in Social Hall:** Corky will check with Geneva Lumber on windows. Stay tuned.
- **Plaques for Sanctuary Windows:** Still in progress.
- **Bid for the repair of the walls in the Church:** Steve Borge said no. If anyone knows of anyone, please let the council know.
- **Update on Synod Response and filling out the Ministry Site Profile:** Tonight we are interviewing Pastor Bob to see if he would fit our need for an interim for now.

New Business:

- **Tombstones:** Star Granite has not shown up yet.
- **Pastor Steve Vacation Pay:** Corky made a motion we pay 50% of the two weeks he is entitled to (or 1 weeks' worth). Steve seconded it. Motion carried.
- **L.P.:** Corky will get L.P. contracted and fill since the prices are going up. Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded it. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – July 05, 2022

The West Freeborn Church Council met on July 05, 2022, via Zoom. Members present were Glenn Ausen, Steve Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Corky Modene, and Becky Ausen. Becky read the secretaries report. Corky made a motion to accept the report as read. Mike seconded it. Motion passed. Pat read the treasurer's report. Unfortunately, we did not make budget this month. 😊 Steve made a motion to pay the bills as possible. Mike seconded it. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Supply Pastors:** John Holt will be on the 10th of July and Pastor Mark Hillmer will be on July 31st.
- **Update on Windows in Social Hall:** Geneva Lumber is interested in ordering the windows. Glen will talk with John Christensen about installing them.
- **Plaques for Sanctuary Windows:** Still in progress.
- **Bid for the repair of the walls in the Church:** Still in progress.
- **Update on Synod Response and filling out the Ministry Site Profile:** On hold.
- **Tombstones:** Still on list to do.
- **L.P.:** 2 tanks have been filled as of now. We have 4,100 gals. to burn.
- **Parsonage Steps:** Alex Bell is waiting for the cement guy to work on steps.

New Business:

- **No new business.** Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded it.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully Submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Special Informational Meeting – July 17, 2022

The West Freeborn Church met on July 17, 2022, before church to discuss a few items.

- **Cemetery Stones:** Steve reported that Star Granite had been out and found 17 stones that needed repair. They will be coming back in August sometime to start work on these stones. Many of these stones are from the late 1800's or early 1900's with not any family still around. This is the first of a few items that donations would be needed for.
- **Social Hall Windows:** There are 8 windows in the Social Hall that need to be replaced. There are some bids that have been submitted ranging from \$12,177 - \$14,500. These are vinyl windows which would need no maintenance. It would take 16 weeks to get these windows in. They are made in Minnesota. This is item number two that donations are needed for.
- **Sanctuary Walls:** Ohnstad has given a bid of \$25,000 and a 4 week time frame to do the walls on the inside of the sanctuary. We also have a Ben Erdner Dry Wall from Wells that would put up a 1/4" piece of plywood and then drywall over it and paint. It was brought up that we need to find the root cause of why the walls are peeling. Is it the tuck pointing that is letting moisture in or an eaves trough that is not connected right? And finally, item number 3 on the donation list.

No matter which options we go with on the above issues, we will need money to do these matters. Do you think we should have some type of a fund-raiser or just make an appeal to the congregation to see if we can dig a little deeper into our pockets? I know with the way the world is right now, times are tough and your dollar doesn't stretch as far as it once did!!! ☹️☹️☹️ Let any council member know what you think.

- Glenn Ausen – Pres.
- Corky Modene - V.P.
- Becky Ausen – Sec.
- Pat Ehrich – Treas.
- Council Members – Steve Ausen, Mike Ehrich

Newsletter Articles

During our time without a regular Pastor, the newsletter front page article will be open. Please feel free to submit articles or stories you would like to see published in the monthly newsletter. The Do-it yourself Bible Study will continue as usual; you can also submit Bible passages that are of interest to you. Submit them to the church email address: cqwf@smig.net on a PDF or Word attachment or drop them off at the church office.

Office hours: M-W-F – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Thanks, Cindi ☺️



August Quilting @ WF - Wed. August 10th & 24th - 9:00 a.m.



Coffee at West Freeborn

**Altar Guild will be serving coffee this summer before church.
The coffee will be ready by 9:30. Hope to see you there!**



West Freeborn Ushers for August, 2022: *Tim Beyer, Dave Pederson, Rich Honstad, Lyle Helm

West Freeborn Attendance: will include in the next newsletter

Cross of Glory Attendance: “ “ “ “ “ “

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

<u>Date</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Mission Fund</u>	<u>Cemetery Fund</u>
7-3-22	\$ 1,636.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
7-10-22	1,170.00	0.00	20.00	170.00
7-17-22	753.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
7-24-22	1,225.00	200.00	0.00	370.00
TOTALS	\$ 4,784.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 540.00

Will include July 31st in the next newsletter.

Cross of Glory email address: cgwf@smig.net - Cross of Glory Website: www.crossofglory.weebly.com

West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

Jerry Morstad, Cross of Glory President 507-373-0085 - Glenn Ausen, West Freeborn President – 402-4287

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Stacie Madson, West Freeborn Custodian 845-2525

Cindy Morstad – contact for funerals, etc. 845-2255 (home) – 402-4577 (cell)

Alvin Morstad, Grounds keeper & boiler maintenance – 845-2813 (home) – 402-8612 (cell)



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Council meetings moved to Aug. 9th	3	4	5	6
7 <i>CG - Worship – 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>WF - Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>Communion</i>	8	9 Church Councils meet	10 Quilting @ WF 9:00 a.m.	11	12	13
14 <i>CG - Worship – 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>WF - Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>CG - Worship – 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>WF - Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i>	22	23	24 Quilting @ WF 9:00 a.m.	25	26	27
28 <i>CG - Worship – 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>WF - Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>Communion</i>	29	30	31			