

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

Hartland, MN

Sunday Morning Worship times:

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



Article Number 9 on Healing

Brandon Habana is showing less alarm when he comes with his family to worship at West. The moral of the story: bring your children to church. Let church become a second home to them.

Charlotte Modene remains her cute, cuddly self.

At our two joint services and brunches we collected over \$400 for the Modenes and the Habanas. They are grateful. Let us rejoice together over the love and support we are able to show these families.

We shall, of course, keep praying for the miracle of healing for both of them. God is able. God is love. Jesus healed. We can be involved in healing ministry. We are involved: prayer chains, healing services and prayers during our services.

Luther said, "Keep praying until God hears." We pray in the Lord's Prayer for his kingdom to come. We will never stop praying for that. With his kingdom come miracles galore.

Someone may say to me, "Physician, heal yourself." I have been praying for relief of my back pain for months. I have asked for direct, divine intervention. He seems to be saying, "I have doctors who can do that. Go to them." So I am. On Tuesday 13 September I will undergo back fusion surgery. If you think of me then, I'll feel it.

I hope to report on a successful operation in my next pastoral article. But, as my doctor said, I may die on the operating table. Either way, I win.

A note from Cindi: Pastor Hillmer will be gone for three Sundays: September 18, September 25 & October 2. Pastor Charles Espe will be our pulpit supply for those three Sundays. He will also be our on-call Pastor if the need arises.

Pastor Hillmer plans to resume confirmation and the young adult group in October. Watch the bulletin for updates on that information. Please keep Pastor Hillmer in your prayers as he undergoes back surgery & throughout his recovery. Thank You. ☺

The Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th at Cross of Glory

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches - Joint Council Meeting August 9, 2016

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Church met on August 02, 2016 at 7:00 pm at West Freeborn. Pastor Hillmer, Dave Ausen, Bob Indrelie, Randy Light, Martin Johnson, Steve Ausen, Rachel Knutson, Pat Ehrich, Ron Bartness, Jerry Morstad, Paul Lynne, Milo Madson, Orlen Modene, Kristi Thofson, Nancy Pederson, Matt Hoelscher, Mark Broskoff, and Becky Ausen were present.

West Freeborn President, Orlen Modene, called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report was read by Rachel Knutson. Orlen entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Devotions: Pastor Mark gave devotions using the Gospel of Luke.

Pastor's Report:

- On Sept. 11, Kerry Boese, our former intern will come for a visit to both churches.
- Pastor met with a doctor at Mayo and at some point and time will be having back surgery. When this happens he will get some pastors to fill in.

Open Issues:

- Call Committee Update: The last couple interviewed declined our call.
- Siding on the Parsonage garage is all completed. Freeborn Lumber has been very generous with the garage door and siding.
- Parsonage Steps: Jerry will talk with Duane Spooner and get his opinion on them.
- Joint Summer Service: The next one will be on August 21 at 9:00 am at Cross of Glory. They will try to have a hand-bell choir.

New Business:

- None

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

Respectfully submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting, August 9, 2016

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Tim Bartness, Cathy Crowe, and Emily Light were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. Martin Johnson made a motion approve the minutes. Randy Light seconded. Jerry Morstad presented the treasurer's report in Cathy's absence. Paul Lynne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Randy Light seconded.

Old Business:

1. Randy reported from the cemetery board and stated that they will contribute some money toward the repaving project. We are still waiting to hear about when the project will be completed; it will coincide with the city streets being paved.
2. Kristi Thofson was wondering about the state of Verlyn's grave. She reports that it is overgrown and hasn't been mowed and was inquiring if there was a reason for that. Jerry will ask Alvin about that.

3. Martin Johnson stated that he is still going to work on the office electronics.
4. Paul and Gene Lynne did some tiling around the corner of the social hall. They found that there was no tiling next to the wall that has been seeping moisture. Hopefully this will help with that problem.
5. It was mentioned that one of the toilets in the downstairs bathroom is still not working properly. There are plans for the unit to be replaced.

New Business:

1. On August 21st, there will be a joint service with West Freeborn hosted here at Cross of Glory to be followed by a potluck brunch. We need people willing to work. Jerry stated that he will check with WELCA.
2. It was mentioned that there is a slight rise to the cracked sidewalk in front of the church, resulting in a tripping hazard. It can probably be ground down to make the surface more even.
3. Kerry Boese will be visiting Cross of Glory and West Freeborn congregations on Sunday, Sept. 11. Pastor Boese interned at our churches during his training in the mid-80s. We discussed having a short reception after services so that he could get a chance to visit with people before heading to West Freeborn. We could serve coffee and donuts. This would also be the same Sunday that we would typically hold Rally Day for the yearly start of Sunday School. If we had a joint celebration, the kids could eat a snack and then head downstairs for the start of classes. We will talk about this more at the next meeting.
4. Ronnie Bartness mentioned that Tim is inquiring about renting chairs from the church. The chairs downstairs on the carts would be available for rent.
5. Martin Johnson stated that the wifi signal has been weak for the times the call committee has been attempting to do interviews via Skype. Randy will look at relocating the router so the signal doesn't have to pass through so many walls.
6. We need to figure out a way to provide more stability for affixing the TV to the cart.
7. There was a suggestion made that our big fundraising endeavors (repaving, air conditioning, etc.) should be listed in the newsletter every month so that everyone is aware of the projects. We will have Cindi be sure to include them each month. Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristi Thofson seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – August 9, 2016

The West Freeborn Church Council met on August 09, 2016, following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Mark Broskoff, Pat Ehrich, Milo Madson, Nancy Pederson, Dave Ausen, Bob Indrelie, Steve Ausen, Orlen Modene and Becky Ausen. Secretary's report was read by Becky. Dave made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Bob seconded it. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report was read by Pat. Motion was made by Steve and Mark to accept the treasurer's report. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- *Roger Johnson will be doing tuck pointing. Have had a little more leaking on the roof.
- *Stained Glass Windows: Orlen has contacted Southern Glass. He will get together with Keith and get info and get back to us next month.

*In Sept. we should have a Rally Day for Sunday School. Discussion ensued about what to do with our Sunday School program. Becky will talk with Sonja and we will try to come up with some ideas. We will tentatively try to have Rally Day Sept. 18th. Maybe try to have Sunday School one time a month and have the whole congregation involved.

New Business:

*Pastor Hillmer talked about how we need to have tangible support for our two families with Autistic children. Each family has needs that we as members of the congregation could step up and help with.

*Pat said we have memorial money which we need to figure out what we want to do with it.

*We also need to go through the lists of baptized, confirmed members and figure out how we want to categorize them.

Bob made a motion to adjourn. Dave seconded it. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

CHURCH WOMEN

Tues. Sept. 20th - Rachel Circle, Jill Demmer, hostess – Carol Light, Bible Study

Eunice Circle will meet on Wed. Sept. 21st – 1:30 p.m. at the church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the removal of siding on the parsonage garage and to those who installed the new siding. It looks great! 😊

LWR School Kits

The following items are needed to complete the LWR School Kits. The Sunday School children will assemble the kits in September.

- 4 spiral notebooks (70 pages each)
- 16 or 24 count crayons
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 – 12 inch ruler with centimeters
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser
- 5 pencils
- 5 ballpoint pens
- 1 drawstring back pack (3 dozen drawstring back packs have been ordered)

Copies of this list can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for your donation.



***Sunday School families: Please call the church office & enroll your children in Sunday School no later than Friday, Sept. 9th. 845-2818.**

***Sun. Sept. 11 – Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School or teaching, please stay for a meeting following worship to discuss plans for Sunday School.**

***Sun. Sept. 18 – Rally Sunday @ Cross of Glory followed by a potluck brunch.**

Ushers for September: Cross of Glory – Aaron Gilliland, Dave Wallin

Communion Servers: Martin Johnson

Acolytes: Andrew Hoelscher

Ushers for September: West Freeborn: *Chris Dahl, Mike Ehrich, Russ Engel, Lyle Helm, Holly Dahl

Communion helper: Nancy Pederson

West Freeborn Quilters

The West Freeborn Quilters have resumed their quilting schedule on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at West Freeborn Church – 9:00 a.m. They will continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Coming up in September: Former Intern Pastor, Kerry Boese will be visiting Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches on Sunday, September 11th. Kerry served as an intern at CG/WF back in the early mid-80's. He will be on sabbatical & will be visiting significant people and places in his past that played important roles in his life. He plans to speak for a few minutes either before worship or after to share his appreciation and encouragement of the two congregations and their ministry.

Cross of Glory Cemetery Road Fund

**Funds are needed to re-pave the cemetery road.
The project will be done when the city streets are paved.
\$20,000 is needed to complete the project.
Please consider donating to this fund.
Thank You**

***Upcoming Community Events:**

*** Thurs. Sept. 15 – Guest Day at Community Lutheran Church in Geneva 2:00 p.m. Entertainment & lunch provided.**

***Sat. Sept. 17 – Salad Luncheon at Bear Lake Concordia Lutheran Church, Albert Lea – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

***Sat. Sept. 17 – Fall Festival at Church of All Saints in New Richland – Turkey Sandwich Supper – 5:00 p.m.**

***Sun. Sept. 18 – Meatball Dinner Fundraiser at Trinity Lutheran in New Richland. 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

***Mon. Sept. 26 – Soup & Dessert Supper at Central Freeborn Lutheran Church 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
8-7-16	25	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00
8-14-16	26	1,115.00	1,549.00	0.00
8-21-16	36	630.00	150.00	0.00
8-28-16	32	4,498.00	3,800.00	25.00
TOTALS		\$ 7,523.00	5,549.00	50.00

Cemetery- \$ 0.00

Air Conditioning - \$ 20.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS	BUILDING
7-3-16	32	\$ 1,249.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00
7-10-16	46	1,155.00	0.00	20.00
7-17-16	47	2,520.00	0.00	0.00
7-24-16	20	690.00	0.00	20.00
7-31-16	39	388.00	0.00	45.00
TOTALS for July		\$ 6,002.00	0.00	\$ 205.00
8-7-16	36	1,616.00	0.00	0.00
8-14-16	35	1,500.00	0.00	20.00
8-21-16	joint service @ CG	365.75	0.00	0.00
TOTALS for August		\$ 3,481.75	0.00	\$ 20.00

2016 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

Attendance totals for West Freeborn

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>		<u>July</u>	
5-1-16	72	6-5-16	31	7-3-16	32
5-8-16	36	6-12-16	29	7-10-16	46
5-15-16	28	6-19-16	22	7-17-16	47
5-22-16	34	6-26-16	57	7-26-16	20
5-29-16	27			7-31-16	39
TOTALS	197		139		184

Attendance totals for Cross of Glory

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>		<u>July</u>	
5-1-16	35	6-5-16	40	7-3-16	37
5-8-16	60	6-12-16	34	7-10-16	26
5-15-16	30	6-19-16	23	7-17-16	(joint worship @ WF)
5-22-16	21	6-26-16	20	7-24-16	39
5-29-16	32			7-31-16	28
TOTALS	178		117		130

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the October, 2016 mailer will be: Monday, Sept. 26, 2016. 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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<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: Aaron Gilliland, Dave Wallin Communion Servers: Martin Johnson Acolytes: Andrew Hoelscher		West Freeborn Ushers: *Chris Dahl, Mike Ehrich, Russ Engel, Lyle Helm, Holly Dahl Communion Server: Nancy Pederson		1	2	3
4 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 Joint Council meeting 7 p.m. @ CG	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF <i>Kerry Boese visiting today</i> <i>SS staff meeting after</i> <i>worship @ CG</i>	12 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m.	13 <i>Pastor Hillmer's</i> <i>surgery – please</i> <i>keep him in your</i> <i>prayers.</i>	14 WELCA meeting @ CG – 6:00 p.m. Pizza Party	15	16	17
18 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF “Rally Sunday” @ CG Pot luck brunch after worship <i>Pastor Charles Espe</i>	19 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m.	20 Rachel Circle Jill Demmer hostess, Carol Light Bible Study	21 Eunice Circle 1:30 p.m. @ WF Church	22	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF <i>Pastor Charles Espe</i>	26 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m.	27	28 West Freeborn quilters meet 9:00 a.m. @ WF	29	30	