

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches – April 2022

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



What Does the Resurrection Mean For Me?

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay.
(Matthew 28:6)

We don't know when Jesus was born. There are no birth certificates from that time in history, at least none that I am aware of. The church simply made the decision a long time ago to celebrate the birth of Christ when the world is at its darkest, the days are the shortest. At least they are when you live in the northern hemisphere.

What we know about Jesus' resurrection, though, is that it happened on the Sunday following the Jewish festival of Passover, and since the date of Passover is determined using the Jewish calendar, which is a lunar calendar, Easter tends to move around. As a result, while we can say that we celebrate Jesus' birth every year on December 25, we can't say the same thing for Easter. At best it is something of a Spring event.

That may be confusing, but it may be a good thing. Easter is no ordinary holiday. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is an earth-shattering event that effects every aspect of our daily lives. Every day should contain a bit of Easter.

Easter is surprise, it is joy, new life, forgiveness, hope, love, peace, victory, and much more.

Try making a list of what Easter means to you; a long list of words and phrases, and in your journal, or in your daily planner, or on a calendar, jot down which Easter word seems to fit with your experience for that day. After you have done that, say a quick prayer that includes "He is risen! Alleluia."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Schwartz

Do-It-Yourself Bible Study

For our Bible study this month, let's look at the account of Easter in Luke's Gospel. If you find the topic intriguing I hope that you will join others to go deeper.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 2:1-2, - When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. For Paul, knowing Jesus crucified and resurrected is all you really need to know.

Read Luke 24:1-12.

Notice that women are the first to experience and believe in the resurrection. Why do you think the other disciples consider their testimony to be an idle tale?

The sight of the empty tomb, the testimony of the women, and all that Jesus had taught about what would happen to him in Jerusalem does not seem to have prepared the disciples for Easter morning. It is going to take Jesus appearance to get the truth to sink in.

Read Luke 24:13-35.

These disciples had expectations of Jesus; "We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel." Why did the crucifixion dash their hopes so completely?

In the Gospel, the empty tomb on Easter morning is more cause for confusion and further despair than celebration. It took a while for the reality to sink in.

Read Luke 24:36-53.

How would you describe what it was that opened the eyes of the disciples?

Church Councils will meet on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022

Cross of Glory Council Minutes - March 8, 2022

Present: Pastor Steve, Steve Bakken, Ron Bartness, Tim Bartness, Linda Brekke, Matt Hoelscher, Martin Johnson, Carol Light, Paul Lynne, Jerry Morstad, Jill Morstad and Emily Wakefield. President Jerry Morstad called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve will connect with leaders of Wednesday School Worship and Confirmation students to check for interest in participating in the Easter Sunrise Service and the possibility of holding a breakfast.

Carol read the minutes of the February 1 secretary's report. Report was approved as read with no additions or corrections. Martin made the motion to accept the secretary's report and Jill seconded it. Motion carried. Linda gave the treasurer's report. Report was approved as read. Paul made a motion to pay bills and Martin gave a second to the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Centennial Celebration-Martin will connect with Doug Ohman to see if he is interested in preparing a presentation. Doug originally was working on this before COVID. It was also discussed to send a request out to the congregation and former members for pictures and memories of past experiences at Cross of Glory. A date will be set once we have our presenter scheduled.

Insurance: The premium went up \$700.00 for the year.

New Business: Tornado Relief Money: We received monies from First Lutheran Church, Crystal, Minnesota and Lutheran Church Women of Brooklyn Park. Monies totaled \$356.33. Tim made a motion to donate this money to the City of Hartland for improvement towards Memorial Park following the damage it sustained in the December tornado. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lenten and Easter Offering: Ron made a motion to donate these offerings to the New Richland Area Food Shelf. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Next Council Meeting:** April 5, 2022.

Martin made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Paul. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Light, Secretary

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches Joint Council Meeting March 02, 2022

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Churches met on Mar. 02, 2022, at 7:00 pm at West Freeborn. Steve Ausen, Pastor Steve, Martin Johnson, Corky Modene, Glenn Ausen, Ron Bartness, Tim Bartness, Paul Lynne, Jill Morstad, Jerry Morstad, Linda Brekke, Emily Wakefield, Steve Bakken, Matt Hoelscher, Mike Ehrich, Pat Ehrich, Carol Light and Becky Ausen (Face-Time) were present. Guests, Jane and Dale Christopherson were also present.

West Freeborn President, Glenn Ausen, called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve led us in prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Shawn and MaryBeth Walton are joining Cross of Glory Church.
- Pastor will be off on March 20th, but has a replacement for that Sunday.

There were no minutes read from the last meeting.

Church Issues:

- **Dishwasher:** The dishwasher in the parsonage needs to be replaced. Corky made a motion to buy a replacement. Martin seconded it. Motion passed. Jill, Karen, Nancy and Becky will go to Sorensen's to get the dishwasher picked out.

- **Steps:** The steps at the parsonage need to be torn out. Glenn will do some checking with Alex Bell, Dave Wallin, and Sequoia for suggestions.
- **Lenten Services:** This year Ash Wednesday will be at West Freeborn, with the following Wednesday at Cross of Glory. There will be a light meal served starting at 6:00 pm at each church except for Ash Wednesday and the final week of Lent. Maundy Thursday will be at 6:30pm at Cross of Glory and 8:00 pm. at West Freeborn. Good Friday Services will be at 7pm at Cross of Glory. Easter Sunday will be at 7:00 AM at Cross of Glory and 9:00 AM at West Freeborn.
- **Hymnals:** It was brought up that Cross of Glory has a “Family of God” hymnal that the organist/pianists like to pick songs from. Instead of having to make paper copies for West Freeborn the musicians would like to borrow or purchase a few for the West Freeborn congregation. Jerry will look into if they have extra to spare.
- **Call Process:** Pastor Barb Streed from the Synod came and talked about the Call Process and what it involves. There are 4 Phases.
 1. *Phase 1:* When a pastor is leaving the Council of the church is responsible for getting a Call Committee together.
 2. *Phase 2:* Considered the Orientation Phase to see what we want in a pastor. Each congregation will fill out their own Ministry Profile.
 3. *Phase 3:* When the Ministry Profiles are submitted then the Synod can start sending candidates for us to interview.
 4. *Phase 4:* This is when we will welcome our new pastor.

Pastor Streed went over Phase 1 for tonight’s meeting.

- **Phase 1:** Keep the congregation well-informed.
 1. Invite Pastor Steve into an exit interview.
 2. Make sure the congregational records are up-to-date. (Funerals, baptisms, etc.)
 3. Plan a celebration for outgoing Pastor Steve.
 4. Write letters to Pastor Steve.
 5. Meet with a Synod Representative.

When June 1st rolls around there are 3 models for transitioning.

- **Model 1:** This usually lasts 2 months. These pastors can be retired or pastors on leave. They would sign a contract to serve the congregation. Or there could be Sunday supply pastors which could do Sunday services, funerals, weddings, confirmation, etc. Also, we could have part-time pastors.
- **Model 2:** This is an intentional interim pastor who is specially trained in intentional interim pastor work. They can be full or part time.
- **Model 3:** Term call pastor is called for a specific amount of time. (Usually 6 mo. to a year) For an interim pastor the Synod doe the background check.
- **Call Committee:** Each congregation needs to check with their constitution to see how many people can be on a call committee. It is recommended that a total of around 6 be on the committee with a couple of alternates if for some reason someone has to step down. This would mean 3 from each congregation. Some qualities recommended are:
 1. Regularly attend worship
 2. Make this a top priority
 3. Maintain confidentiality
 4. Listen
 5. Respect the whole membership of the congregation
 6. Think and decide for the good of the whole congregation and not their own personal desires
 7. Do NOT have any personal agendas
 8. Are not employed by the congregation
 9. Not from the same family

Steve A. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Martin and Tim seconded it. Motion passed.
Respectfully submitted. Becky Ausen, Secretary via FaceTime.

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – Mar. 8, 2022

The West Freeborn Church Council met on Mar. 08, 2022, right after the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. Members present were Glenn Ausen, Steve Ausen, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Corky Modene and Pastor Steve. President Glenn Ausen, called the meeting to order. There was no secretaries' report as Becky was missing. Pat read the treasurer's report. Corky made a motion to pay the bills. Steve seconded it. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Paint and Wall Repair in Sanctuary:** Still looking for someone to do the repair. Corky is making some calls. Also, there is work up in the front of the sanctuary and the balcony too!
- **Windows in Social Hall:** Waiting on window pricing.
- **Plaques for Sanctuary Windows:** Still in progress.

New Business:

- **Mowing:** Mike will contact Schrader's about mowing the cemetery. (Side note: Mike got ahold of them and they will do the mowing again for \$235/time.)
- **L.P.:** We have used all of the fuel that we had contracted. Corky will contact the company and get more.
- **Sunday School:** The Sunday School teachers will be making a Facebook Page to keep parents and students up-to-date on activities.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded it. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Ausen, Secretary, with notes taken by Pat Ehrich

West Freeborn Sunday School following Sunday worship



April Quilting @ WF - Wed. April 13 & 27 – 9:00 a.m.



Wednesday, April 13th – 6:00 p.m. will be the last Wed. Night Youth Worship @ CG until fall

Update on Lutheran World Relief – March 3, 2022:

CG Personal Care kits were shipped to Angola-WF Quilts to Tanzania & WF New School Kits to Bolivia

LWR Ingatherings @ First Lutheran Church – Albert Lea – May 14 - 7-11 am.

Mission Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Sewing Kits & Baby Care Kits will be collected. All monetary donations will be forwarded to LWR office in Baltimore, MD.

These funds will help offset the expenses for shipping. Make checks to: LWR

Message from the Cemetery Board – Cross of Glory

***Donations are needed for cemetery mowing expenses for the upcoming summer mowing season.**

***Effective Immediately: No more plastic flowers/pots allowed in the cemetery.**

*Thanks to Jerry & Jill Morstad for transporting the Family of God hymnals to West Freeborn.
Utilizing the use of these hymnals will greatly reduce the need for making hymn copy inserts.*



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10th - 9:00 a.m. Worship @ WF – 10:30 a.m. Worship @ CG

April 14th - Maundy Thursday – CG – 6:30 p.m. – WF – 8:00 p.m.

April 15th - Good Friday – Joint Service @ CG 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17th @ CG- 7:00 a.m. Service - Breakfast to follow.

WF – Service @ 9:00 a.m.



West Freeborn Attendance: March, 2022: Mar. 6 - 22; Mar. 13 - 24; Mar. 20 - 20; Mar. 27 - 24.

West Freeborn Ushers for April, 2022: *Wayne Hendrickson, Gene Cichos, Richard Bakken, Mark Broskoff, Nanette Hendrickson.

Cross of Glory Attendance: March, 2022: Mar. 6 – 30; Wed. Mar. 9 – 36; Mar. 13 – 23; Wed. Mar. 23 - 36; Mar. 27 – attendance not recorded.

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Date	General Fund	Improvement Fund	Mission Fund	Cemetery Fund
3-6-22	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 0.00
3-9-22	197.00 (Lenten Supper)			
3-9-22	184.00 (Lenten offering)			
3-13-22	970.00	35.00	0.00	50.00
3-20-22	725.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
3-23-22	286.75 (Lenten offering)			
3-27-22	3,240.00	0.00	0.00	320.00
TOTALS	\$ 7,932.75	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,570.00

Community Events

New Richland Lions Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 3rd. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Free will donation to help the Shane & Olivia Service family who lost their home and many belongings to a fire.

Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee, milk, orange juice.



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

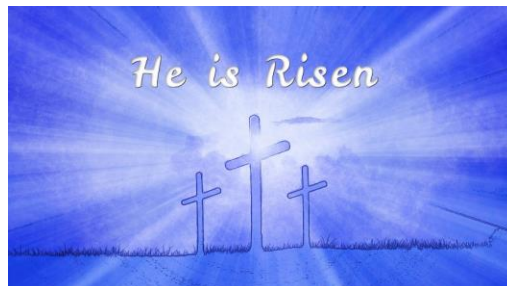
Church Office – 507-845-2818 – Fax # - 507-845-2732

Stacie Madson, West Freeborn Custodian 845-2525

Pastor’s cell phone: 507-250-6694 - Parsonage Phone – 845-2825

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

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



April-2022 ✠ Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches, Hartland, MN

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <i>WF – 9:00 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Sunday School following</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>CG – Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>Communion</i>	4	5 <i>Church Council</i> <i>meetings.</i>	6 <i>Lenten Service @ CG</i> <i>7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Supper before service</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	7	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY <i>WF – 9:00 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Sunday School following</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>CG – Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i>	11	12	13 <i>Quilting @ WF – 9:00</i> <i>a.m.</i> <i>Last day of Youth</i> <i>Worship @ CG – 6:00</i> <i>p.m.</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Confirmation</i>	14 <i>Maundy</i> <i>Thursday</i> <i>Service @ CG</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>8:00 p.m. @ WF</i>	15 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Joint Service</i> <i>@ CG 7:00</i> <i>p.m.</i>	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY <i>CG – 7:00 a.m. Service -</i> <i>Breakfast following worship.</i> <i>WF – 9:00 a.m. Worship</i>	18	19	20 <i>7:00 p.m. Confirmation</i>	21	22	23
24 <i>WF – 9:00 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Sunday School following</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>CG – Worship – 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>Communion</i>	25	26	27 <i>Quilting @ WF – 9:00</i> <i>a.m.</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Confirmation</i>	28	29	30