

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

August 2020

Sunday Morning Worship times:

Cross of Glory: Info not available at print time

West Freeborn: No worship services until September 6, 2020



A Time to Be Strong

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.”
(Ephesians 6:10)

There was a time when science fiction movies told pretty much the same story over and over in various forms. Earth is being attacked by creatures from outer space and it was up to the resourcefulness of the residents of planet earth to fend off this attack from these technologically advanced alien races.

You don't see that much anymore. Today science fiction movies are telling a different story over and over again. The computers that we invented have taken on a life of their own and, for some reason, maybe the same reason why those alien races felt it was necessary, are bent on destroying all human life. Now it is up to the resourcefulness of ... , well, you know the story.

Whether it is an attack from aliens or computers the story is pretty much the same, and it serves to highlight what the Apostle Paul is trying to tell the church in Ephesus. Those Christians were meeting resistance in various forms and Paul wants to help them put their struggle into the proper perspective. According to Paul the problems they faced were not human in nature, although there may well be human faces on the problem. The problems are what Paul calls principalities and powers.

In the sixth chapter of Ephesians Paul tells the church to put on the armor of God, and then describes the articles of armor to be used in spiritual battle. He begins, though, by telling the Christians to be strong in the Lord. It is not human resourcefulness that is going to get us through struggles against the big forces we face. God provides us with the power we need. The goal is to be strong in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Schwartz

Do-It-Yourself Bible Study

For our Bible study this month let's look at the lessons for August 16. If you find this study intriguing I hope that you will join others to go deeper.

We often worry over who belongs and who does not. Illegal immigrants, people sneaking across borders, what do we do with them? Or it could be skin color or language that makes us want to know who belongs. We always seem better at excluding than including.

Read Isaiah 56:1, 6-8.

Deciding who is in and who is out has been going on forever it seems. According to Isaiah who belongs in God's house of prayer?

It has frequently happened that people will find common ground in the fact that they are all among those who are being excluded. Revolutions probably got started because people were tired of being ignored or forgotten, neglected or even abused. No one likes that, but when you discover that you are one of many being treated badly you can join forces.

Read Romans 11:1-2a, 20-32.

Paul describes God's activity in this passage as one who finds common ground for all people. That common ground is disobedience. We are all of us disobedient. How does God respond to this?

We are all equals in God's eyes, not because of who we are or what we look like, but by the fact that we continually fail to do what we ought to do. God does not see insiders and outsiders, all that God can see are people who fail and need God's Spirit to help them. So what does Jesus do when confronted by someone considered to be an outsider?

Read Matthew 15:10-28.

Jesus begins here by saying that we should not judge the quality of a person by the foods they eat, but by what they say and do. How does the Canaanite woman exemplify this truth?

Church Councils will meet at their own discretion on Tuesday, August 4, 2020

**West Freeborn has decided to NOT have worship services
until Sunday, September 6, 2020**

***Pastor Steve will continue to do Communion on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month.
Saturday, August 15 – Cross of Glory beginning @ 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 29 – West Freeborn beginning @ 9:00 a.m.
Please call Cindi in the office – 845-2818, to schedule your time slot.
If you have activities that you want to resume, please let Cindi know.
She will keep everyone updated on Facebook & through emails.
Office Hours: M-W-F – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.***

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – July 07, 2020

The West Freeborn Church Council met on July 07, 2020, via Zoom. Members present were Glenn Ausen, Steve Ausen, Corky Modene, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Sonja Honstad, Pastor Steve and Becky Ausen. President Glenn Ausen, called the meeting to order. Pastor gave a prayer.

Becky read the secretaries report. Corky made a motion to approve the report as read. Sonja seconded it. Motion passed. Pat read the treasurers report. Steve made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Corky seconded it. This congregation is doing fantastic stepping up to the plate to make sure we are here in the future. Way to go team!!!!

Old Business:

- **PPP:** Has been extended that it can be used for 24 weeks now. We have until November to use the money. Sixty percent of it has to be used for payroll.
- **East outside wall of the Church:** A Jerry Raetz (sp?) from Otisco gave a bid for tuck-pointing the entire church where it needs to be done. The total bill would be approximately \$23,500. He also gave a bid to do just the window by the altar, which would be approximately \$2,800. In our other option, Matt talked how he would need to take and grind the grout out to put the skim coating on the east wall like the building in Hartland. Matt did not give us a price. After discussion on the two options, the council felt it was a better option to do it right and go with the tuck pointing. We could do this in stages as the money becomes available. Corky made a motion and Steve seconded it to go ahead with the window by the altar, as this is a priority.

New Business:

- **Motor on AC:** The motor has went out on the AC compressor. A new one has been ordered.
- **We will continue having church at 9:00, seeing as Cross of Glory has decided to wait awhile to start church back up.**
- **Next meeting:** Will be Aug. 4 at 8 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

EMERGENCY MEETING of West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council

The West Freeborn Church Council met after the Governor ordered that it is mandatory to wear masks out in public. After talking it over, a decision was made to wait until the first of September to see where this pandemic is. Hopefully it will be on its way out of this country!!! Once again, please do not forget to support the church with financial offerings as well as PRAYERS. We as a congregation need to support our church as well as our community, country, and the entire world. Thanks for listening to the rantings of me!!! Stay safe, wash your hands, wear your masks and say extra PRAYERS!!!! Becky

Minutes from Cross of Glory not available at print time



Keep Ginny Kormann & her family in your prayers

Harlan passed away on Tuesday, July 28th at his home under Hospice Care



West Freeborn Quilting

The Quilters at West Freeborn will not meet during the month of August.

Watch emails, Facebook & newsletter for updates!

They are in need of material for backing for the quilts.

If anyone has material that the quilters can use, please contact them. Thank You.



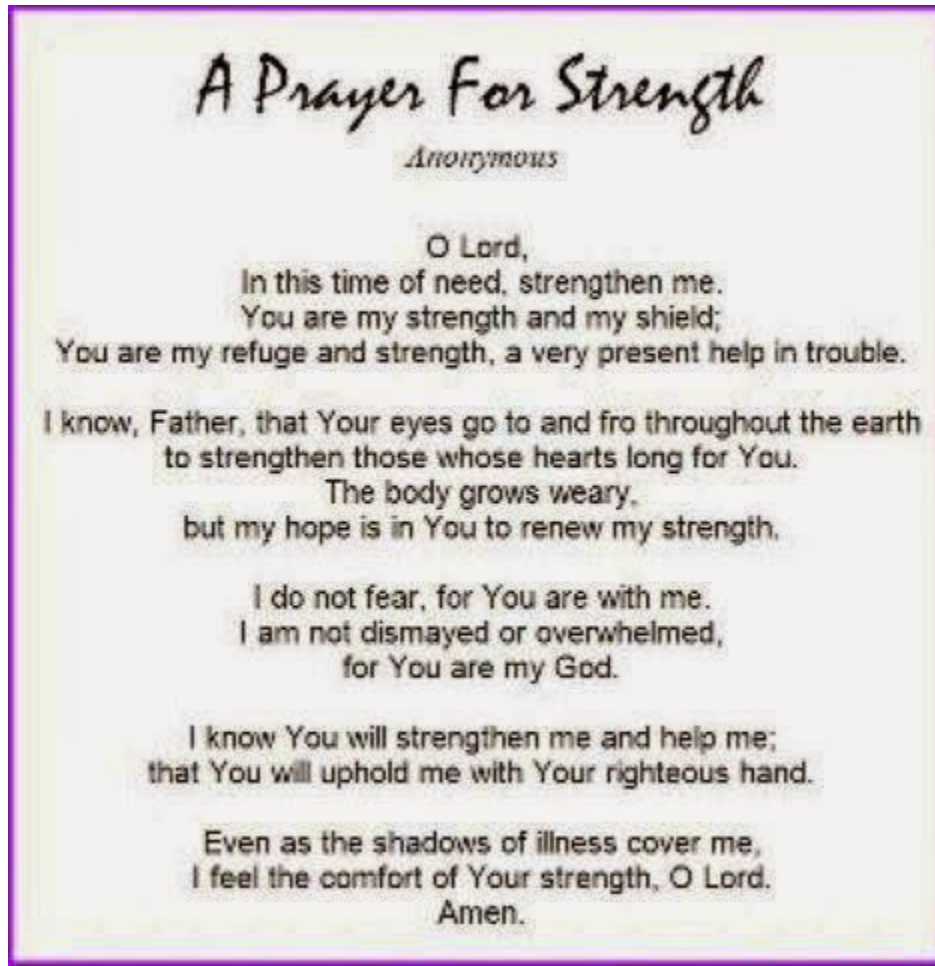
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS @ Cross of Glory

Please stop by the church & pick up your financial statements.

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

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

This is the total of deposits that Cindi made to the bank for the month of July, 2020 - \$ 2,060.00. Thanks so much for continuing to support the church during these uncertain times.



West Freeborn Usher List – 2020

September- *Chris Dahl, Russ Engel, Holly Dahl

October - *Wayne Hendrickson, Ron Lageson, Dale Indrelie, Adam Dahlen, Nanette Hendrickson

November - *Casey Madson, Dale Christopherson, Jane Christopherson, Mike Ehrich

December - *Omer Emstad, Glenn Ausen, Steve Hoelscher

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