

# Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches - October 2020

**Sunday Morning Worship times: West Freeborn: 9:00 a.m.**

**Cross of Glory: Pending - Worship services resume on Sunday, October 11, 2020**



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## Remembrance

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 11:28)

What do you think of when you hear this verse? What in your mind are the “heavy burdens” that Jesus says people are carrying around? What is the heavy burden that you are carrying?

These burdens can certainly take a variety of forms. It can be pressures at work or pressures at home. It can be the challenges of raising children or getting projects done, or simply finding the money to buy groceries or pay bills. Maybe you are needing to care for a loved one, and that care has become a burden, or it could be that you have your own health problems that are a burden.

There are many things that can come to our minds when we hear this verse, but I would like to consider one particular burden that can become important around this time of the year. It is the burden of memories.

We are entering the time of the year when we traditionally gather with family, for Thanksgiving and for Christmas just to name two big ones. It can be a difficult time for many people as they prepare to live up to the holiday expectations, but are also reminded of the loved ones who will not be part of the gathering. These are memories that we can cherish, but which can also serve as a burden; weighing us down in our times of joy and bringing tears to our eyes when we feel we should be celebrating.

November 1 is All Saint’s Day on the church calendar, a day when we traditionally remember those who have left this life and who now live in a better place. One way that we can be relieved of the often heavy burden of our memories is by trusting God to care for those we have said farewell to. Our faith in eternal life is God’s way of giving us rest from the burden of our memories.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Schwartz

## Do-It-Yourself Bible Study

For our Bible study this month let's look at the readings for October 25. If you find this intriguing I hope that you will join others to go deeper.

The first king over the nation of Israel was Saul. He did a good job at first, serving as a king who was also a man of the people. But he did not grow into the job well and eventually God rejects him.

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-5. Samuel is being asked by God to perform a touchy job. Kings are not elected officials, they generally serve for life being replaced by the next in line. What is Samuel being asked to do, and why do you think Jesse's family is fearful?

Saul became king mainly because people were impressed with how tall he was, if you go by what the Bible says about him. We are always ready to judge a person by first appearance, and that is the physical appearance. God is going to take a different approach with king number 2.

Read 1 Samuel 16:6-10. Apparently Jesse has some fine looking sons, the first one looks like a winner to Samuel, but God says not to worry about outward appearances, because it is what is in the heart that counts. Have you known someone who had a good heart, but was not much to look at?

Jesse parades all of his sons before Samuel but God has not chosen any of them. This has to have left Samuel scratching his head, but it turns out that there is still one more, who happens to be off working.

Read 1 Samuel 16:11-13. Anointing a person with oil served many purposes, you may recall that Jesus was anointed with oil and he took it as preparation for his burial. There was also a medical use, but this is ritual, a way to set a person apart. How do you see that happening here?

**West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – August 25, 2020 (Early Sept Meeting)**

The West Freeborn Church Council met on Aug. 25, 2020, via Zoom. This was an early meeting so we could decide that if Cross of Glory decided to not have in church services what we would do. 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. Pastor said the weddings went well. He married Katie Ausen and Dave Fenlason and Jessa Wiplinger and Alex Colvin. He will be starting the narrative lectionary style services in mid-September. He is working with the younger children now at Cross of Glory. Becky read the secretaries report. Sonja made a motion to approve the report as read. Steve seconded it. Motion passed. Pat read the treasurers report. Steve and Sonja made a motion to pay the bills. Mike seconded it. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- **East outside wall of the Church and the Altar Window:** Tuck pointing will be at the end of the month.
- **LP tanks:** Hi-Yield brought out the second tank. The dirt pile around it has been leveled and grass has been planted.
- **Tombstones:** Some of the tombstones have been started to be straightened that are leaning.
- **Building Insurance:** Still waiting for the quote.
- **Windows on the Parsonage:** They were painted.

**New Business:**

- **Parking Lot Work:** In front of the church it was worked on so that the water would not pool up and make a small lake in front of the door. The extra gravel that was used was put around the driveway in the back to extend the cemetery driveway.
- **Christ In Our Home Magazine:** Pat go ahead and order it.
- **Do we have services start again in the church:** Corky made a motion to start having church back in the building. Becky seconded it. Motion passed
- **Air Conditioner:** One of the air conditioning units in the social hall has quit working. Ron’s Plumbing and Electrical came out and fixed it. The bill came to \$2,142.40. Steve made a motion to take \$600.00 out of the building fund to pay towards this bill. Corky seconded it. Motion passed.
- **Next meeting:** Will be Oct. 6 at 7 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Ausen, Secretary

***Minutes from Cross of Glory’s September meeting were not available at print time.***

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**West Freeborn Quilting**

***No Quilting @ WF through October – watch bulletins & newsletter for updates ☺***

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**West Freeborn Attendance: September, 2020:**

Sunday, September 6 – 17  
Sunday, September 13 – 23  
Sunday, September 20 – 16  
Sunday, September 27 – 13

**Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**

*This is the total of deposits that Cindi made to the bank for the month of September , 2020 - \$ 3,277.49*

*Thanks so much for continuing to support the church during these uncertain times.*



**Wed. Night Church School @ CG – 6:00 p.m.**

**Confirmation Classes @ 7:00 p.m.**



**West Freeborn Usher List – 2020**

**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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 <i>West Freeborn – 9:00 a.m. Communion</i>	5	6 <i>Church Council meetings 7:00 p.m.</i>	7 <i>Wed. Night Church School – 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. @ CG</i>	8	9	10 <i>Communion @ CG – 9:00 a.m. Call office to schedule your time.</i>
11 <i>Cross of Glory – 9:00 a.m. West Freeborn – 10:30 a.m.</i>	12	13	14 <i>Wed. Night Church School – 6:00 p.m. CG Confirmation 7:00 p.m. @ CG</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>Cross of Glory – 9:00 a.m. West Freeborn – 10:30 a.m.</i>	19	20	21 <i>Wed. Night Church School – 6:00 p.m. CG Confirmation 7:00 p.m. @ CG</i>	22	23	24
25 <i>Cross of Glory – 9:00 a.m. West Freeborn – 10:30 a.m.</i>	26	27	28 <i>Wed. Night Church School – 6:00 p.m. CG Confirmation 7:00 p.m. @ CG</i>	29	30	31

***Watch for emails & updates on FB when CG resumes services. Plans are to resume @ 9:00 a.m. so WF would return to 10:30 a.m. A letter will be mailed out/emailed with the Re-opening Plan.***