

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

Hartland, MN

Sunday Morning Worship times: Cross of Glory service is each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m.

**West Freeborn service is each Sunday at 10:30 am. Please come early for coffee before the worship service.
Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m.**



From: Pastor Mark Hillmer

THE CALL COMMITTEE

A question that often arises during the interim period is, "When is the call committee going to get us our new pastor?" That question comes from a time not so long ago when a new, regularly called pastor was sought immediately after the departure of the former pastor.

About two decades ago many churches began to see the interim period as not so much something to be got over as quickly as possible but rather as a time for the vacant congregation to take a look at itself and to think about what the direction the church might be taking in the future. Thus the interim ministry was born.

In the past, the interim period was as short as possible. Now an interim period normally lasts a year. During that time the specially-trained interim pastor (of which I am one) provides the normal pastoral services but in addition, leads the congregation in a time of both reflection on the past and current situations and planning for the future. That is known as an intentional interim. (The older model of the interim, based on the desire to get a new pastor as quickly as possible and in which the interim pastor carried out only the regular pastoral duties, is now called an unintentional interim.)

To that end the joint parish of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Lutheran Churches has gathered a Transition Team made up of eight members from both churches. They are: Sue Bakken, Jill Demmer, Wayne Hendrickson, Sonja Honstad, Ann Lynne, Jerry Morstad, Jodie Reed and Lynda Emstad.

This transition Team has divided itself into three sub committees: 1. Self-Study; 2. Staffing Needs; 3. Mission-Vision. The members of the subcommittees are: 1. Self Study: Sonja Honstad & Ann Lynne; 2. Staffing Needs: Wayne Hendrickson & Jodie Reed; 3. Mission-Vision: Sue Bakken, Jill Demmer & Lynda Emstad. Jerry Morstad is the chair and Pastor Mark is an ex-officio advisor.

The Transition Team had its organizational meeting on December 18 during which time Pastor Mark explained the process and the team agreed on the sub-committee membership. A second meeting was scheduled for January 8, but was cancelled because of inclement weather. The Team met January 22 to discuss the progress of each sub-committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. By April the team should have produced a Transition Team Report and have submitted it to the Council. Thereupon the Council normally selects the call committee which usually consists of 6-7 members. The make-up of the call committee is normally made up of two members of the Transition Team, two members from the Council and three members selected from the congregation at large.

The Call Committee fills out a Congregational Profile (a form produced by the synod) and submits it to the synod. The synod thereupon sends to the calling congregation names of candidates whose Ministry Profiles most closely match the congregation's needs. The Call Committee review the files of candidates submitted by

the synod and interview the candidates. Upon selection of a candidate, the Call Committee passes the recommended name onto the Council which then normal calls for a special meeting of the congregation to issue the call. The Call Committee functions until a candidate is successfully in place, that is, until a new pastor has been called by the congregation and has accepted the call. Thereupon the Call Committee is disbanded.

These are the main considerations involved in answering the question, "When is the call committee going to get us our new pastor?"

West Freeborn & Cross of Glory Lutheran Church – Joint Council Meeting
January 6, 2015

Cross of Glory's new council president, Jerry Morstad, called the meeting to order. Present were: Jon Stelter, Dale Christopherson, Dave Ausen, Becky Ausen, Holly Dahl, Pat Ehrich, Paul Lynne, Matt Hoelscher, Cathy Crowe, Milo Madson, Steve Ausen, Mike Ehrich, Doug Jacobs, Mark Broskoff, Mike Brekke, Tim Bartness, Ron Bartness, Orlen Modene and Rachel Knudson. Jerry Morstad also led the councils in devotions.

The secretary's report from the last Joint Council meeting was ready by Becky Ausen. Paul Lynne made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mark Broskoff seconded.

Old Business:

There was a question about whether the service contract for the new copier was signed and submitted. Orlen Modene will check with Cindi in the office.

The Transition Team has had one meeting. They have another meeting coming up on Thursday.

The computer in the office no longer functions well because of viruses and other issues. Cindi has begun using the laptop that Cross of Glory purchased for the Sunday School (for use with the projector). There was a discussion about whether to purchase another desktop or how to proceed. Becky Ausen made a motion that if Cindi is content doing her office work on a laptop, then West Freeborn would be willing to buy a share of it (40% of the purchase cost). Doug Jacobs seconded. It was decided that Cindi and the Sunday School should be able to share it, as she is in the office during three work days and never on the weekends.

The cost of sending out the mailer is quite high, as we no longer qualify for the bulk rate. If you are not receiving your mailer via email, you are able to pick up a hard copy when you come to church. The shut-ins will continue to receive theirs in the mail.

New Business:

There was a question as to who is hosting Ash Wednesday this year and when it falls. West Freeborn is looking ahead at their upcoming construction to make sure that it won't interfere with hosting for Lenten services. According to the schedule of alternating each year, it appears that West Freeborn will host Ash Wednesday, which is February 18th this year. They will see how construction proceeds and can discuss this further during the next joint council meeting if there appears to be conflicts with the building project.

Steve Ausen made a motion to adjourn this half of the meeting and to proceed with the individual councils' meetings. Cathy Crowe seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Knudson

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – January 6, 2015

The West Freeborn Church Council met on Jan. 6, 2015 after the joint council meeting in Hartland. President, Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Doug

Jacobs, Mark Broskoff, Dale Christopherson, Steve Ausen, Holly Dahl, Orlen Modene, Dave Ausen, Milo Madson and Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. Doug made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Mike seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The following items were tabled until next month due to a guest that was at the meeting to explain the sale of farm land next to the church:

- Handicap Accessibility
- Septic System
- Repair from storm damage on Church
- Wiring in the main Sanctuary for lights

Attorney Halvorsen came and explained the land that was sold with the Carmen Putz Farm Trust which is west of the church across the road. West Freeborn Church owns a little over an acre of this land. We need to get a price decided on of what we would want for the land and then decide do we want to sell it to the trust or to the buyer? After listening to Attorney Halvorsen, Holly made a motion to start with a surveyor who would survey this land which was originally known as the stable area. The surveyor would submit an affidavit to the buyer's attorney. If they accept it as is we would be done and will have sold the land to them. If not accepted we would do a quitclaim deed. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried. With the land on the northeast side of the church, Holly made a motion to leave the description the same as what it is, but quit-claim-deed with updated legal description. Dave seconded it. Motion carried.

Cemetery vandalism. Orlen has contacted the insurance company. They have not gotten back to him yet.

In the last three days, Pat has gotten \$16,000 donated for the handicap fun. Pat would like to contact the lift company and get it ordered. Dale made a motion to take the additional donation and order the lift. Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

Orlen had contacted Jeremy from Jim and Dude's about heat and air conditioning in the new social hall. Jeremy has not gotten back to Orlen yet.

Dale made a motion to table the annual congregational report. Milo seconded it. Motion carried.

It was brought up that some of the women would like to help with the ushering on Sundays. It was decided to bring this up at annual meeting.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Ausen Secretary

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting – January 6, 2015

Jerry Morstad, newly-elected president, called the second half of the meeting to order. Randy Light and Lyle Bird were absent.

Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The cove lights in the sanctuary have been repaired. Matt Hoelscher made a motion to approve the minutes. Paul Lynne seconded.

Jon Stelter read the treasurer's report. Cindi has been opening the bills that come into the office. Jon is in the midst of changing the bills that were sent directly to his house so that they are mailed to the church. Other bills are typically paid online and the rest are paid through automatic withdrawal. There has been more activity with the office account and Jon will look to see that the totals splitting with West

Freeborn are coming our right. Ron Bartness made a motion to approve the report and pay the bills as money allows. Tim Bartness seconded.

Old Business:

1. The office of treasurer was not filled at the annual meeting and no one has stepped forward to offer to take the position yet. The work should be more streamlined as Cindi will begin paying the bills. We discussed what to do if we can't fill the position. Last case scenario would be to hire someone to do the job.

New Business:

1. A gentleman from our insurance company, The Cincinnati Insurance Companies, came to the church the night of the Soup & Pie Supper. In his follow-up letter, he remarks, "I am happy to report that I found no areas of concern with the church property. It shows great care over the 50+ years the building has served your congregation. Please extend our gratitude to the many volunteers that have pitched in to keep Cross of Glory in good condition.
2. Some of the offerings come in via mail. In the past, these have been placed in the treasurer's box, but Jon mentioned that they should be routed to Jane Crowe and Kathy Spooner for counting.
3. Aaron Gilliland has taken over the shoveling this winter. Tim will let him know that he can turn in a bill for his hours.
4. As was said in the previous half of the meeting, the transition team has met once already. Pastor Mark was not present for that meeting.
5. Jerry mentioned that since he lives in Albert Lea, he may not always know when the weather is inclement in the country. So he may call others to check on road conditions when there may be a chance for church to be cancelled.
6. We received an annual report to fill out from the ELCA. Probably in the past, Pastor Frank has gone ahead and completed it. Jerry filled out what he could and asked a couple questions. Cathy Crowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Lynne seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

CHURCH WOMEN

*****WELCA meeting – Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the church, 9:30 a.m. We will meet to put together our birthday bags. All the bags will be given to the NR Food Shelf. If you can't be at the meeting & want to donate, please leave your items in the tub in the narthex. Thank You.***

*****Rachel Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at Kathy Spooner's.***

***** Rachel Circle will be serving the Lenten supper on Wednesday, Feb. 25th at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Lenten Service at 7:00 p.m.***

***** Sunday February 22nd – St. John's Sunday Afternoon Coffee – We are looking for people to donate some delicious desserts to serve at the St. John's Sunday Afternoon Coffee and/or help in serving and visiting with the residents. Share your love of baking and/or your time with those in need of fellowship. Contact Sharon Hansen if you are able to help with this church event. Those serving are to arrive at 1:30 p.m. at the earliest for set-up. Those serving are asked to prepare for***

about 100 portions. At least 4 people are needed to work. A donations basket will be put out. The church has the option of keeping the money, donating it all to St. John's or sharing it between the two. Thank You.

****Eunice Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18th at Viola Krogsgaard's.**

**** On Communion Sundays, Gluten free bread will be available. Please indicate when you commune if you would prefer Gluten free.**

**** Ushers: Cross of Glory – February: Ron Bartness & Alvin Morstad**

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for 2015 ushers.

Acolytes: Lillian Bell

Ushers: West Freeborn – February: *Chris Dahl, Mark Langrud, Jim Heidemann & Doug Morrison

Communion Server:

Statistics for
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
1-4-15	24	\$ 180.00	0.00	0.00
1-11-15	42	1,347.00	0.00	0.00
1-18-15	63	2,495.00	45.00	0.00
1-25-15	44	628.00	200.00	25.00
Totals		\$ 4,650.00	245.00	25.00

Cemetery - \$ 300.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	BUILDING FUND	MISSIONS
1-4-15	27	1,581.00	200.00	0.00
1-11-15	37	1,436.00	0.00	0.00
1-18-15	40	1,206.00	0.00	0.00
1-25-15	27			
Rec'd yr to date:		\$ 4,223.00	\$ 200.00	0.00

2015 Budget - \$62,455.00

Curt & Shirley Miller would like to say a Very special Thank You to everyone for their prayers & concerns during Curt's illness, hospitalization & recovery.

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the March mailer will be: Monday, February 23, 2015. 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 ☺

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Alvin & Cindy Morstad, C.G. Custodians	845-2813
Orlen Modene, West Freeborn President & Custodian	845-2832
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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: Ron Bartness, Alvin Morstad Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe (1 st Sunday) Paul Lynne (4 th Sunday) Acolytes: Lillian Bell		West Freeborn Ushers: *Chris Dahl, Mark Langrud, Jim Heidemann & Doug Morrison Communion Server: Orlen Modene				
1 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.	2 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Text Study at Cross of Glory	3 Joint Council meeting @ West Freeborn 7:00 p.m.	4 Confirmation at Cross of Glory 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7
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