

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

January, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship times:

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



Happy New Year... I guess.

Ah, we have all become secularized. The world is too much with us. Even the calendar we live under was suggested by that pagan Julius Caesar half a century before the birth of Christ to coincide roughly with the sun's year. So the sun is suggesting you make a new solar-year resolution.

The Christian New Year begins with the season of Advent, sometime in November. A more fitting time for a New Year's resolution would be on the first Sunday of Advent.

But wait. Don't! Why not? Because Christians make resolutions daily. Luther suggested the same in his morning prayer:

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that Thou hast graciously kept me this night from all harm and danger. And I pray Thee that Thou would'st keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please Thee...

There you have it: a daily request that God would keep us from every internal sin that we might be tempted to commit (God forbid!) and every external evil that might befall us (like being run into by a wrong-way driver).

Christian resolutions are more like prayers for divine assistance than an inner resolve not to do something that might hurt us or to do something that might help us. Worldly resolutions are for us; Christian resolutions are for Him, "that all our doings and life may please Him."

People who do not know Jesus but yet believe in God may be kept on the straight and narrow because they do not want God to hurt them. People who know Jesus are good because they do not want to hurt Him. So it's not who you are but Who you know. And once we know Him, we become good all the way down. For Him. Because He first loved us. Because He says to us daily, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Blessings be upon your daily resolutions to be good and to do good to all people and especially to your fellow Christians.

The Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at Cross of Glory

West Freeborn's Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15th
Please have your reports into Cindi no later than Monday, January 9th. Thanks ☺

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Churches - Joint Council Meeting – Dec. 6, 2016

The joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Church met on December 06, 2016, at 7:00 pm at West Freeborn. Martin Johnson, Rachel Knutson, Pat Ehrich, Jerry Morstad, Orlen Modene, Kristi Thofson, Sonja Honstad, Cathy Crowe, Mike Ehrich, Dave Ausen, Mark Broskoff, Bob Indrelie, Emily Light, Randy Light, Steve Ausen, Ronnie Bartness and Becky Ausen were present. West Freeborn President, Orlen Modene, called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Orlen gave devotions. **Secretary's report:** was read by Rachel Knutson. They were approved as read.

Pastor's Report: None at this time.

Open Issues:

- Call Committee Update: Martin said we were in a holding pattern. Everyone should pray about this situation. Martin will maybe put it out on Facebook that we are looking for a pastor.
- There was a discussion on having a single sheet sign-up for communion instead of each member having a communion card. Orlen entertained a motion to have the single sheet sign-up and Bob seconded it. Motion carried. We will have Cindi make up a sheet for it.
- Martin Johnson said there was a Martin Luther Exhibit in Minnesota at the MN Institute of the Arts. There is a \$20.00 entrance fee. He felt this would be a good trip for the youth of the congregation.

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

Respectfully submitted. Becky Ausen, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – Dec. 6, 2016

The West Freeborn Church Council met on December 06, 2016, following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. Present were Orlen Modene, Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Bob Indrelie, Dave Ausen, Mark Broskoff and Becky Ausen.

Becky read the secretaries report. There was a correction in that it was the building CD which was rolled over and not the cemetery CD. Dave made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried. Pat read the treasurer's report. Sonja made a motion to approve the report. Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Discussion on getting a bid to put a roof over the bell tower. Pat will talk with Matt about this.
- Dave will call Rich Honstad about the windows.
- The Polka Service was good. Orlen told the band to put us down for next year.

New Business:

- Pat read the budget for the year 2017. Dave made a motion to approve the budget. Mike seconded it. Motion carried.
- The Annual Meeting will be January 15th right after church. Church that day is at 10:30.
- A letter will be sent out to the congregation on some needs for the church.
- We will make treat bags for the Sunday School program. Meet at 9 AM on Dec. 17th.
- Orlen will get the snowplow schedule together.
- Looking ahead "Spuds and Sundaes" will be Feb. 12th, right after church.

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

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary **2**

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting, Dec. 6, 2016 Minutes were not available at print time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WEST FREEBORN - Sunday School will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you have questions, please contact Sonja Honstad – 863-2154 or Becky Ausen – 863-2165.

CHURCH WOMEN

***Rachel Circle will meet at the church on Saturday, January 21st @ 10:00 a.m. Anne Lynne, hostess.
Eunice Circle will meet on Wed. January 18 – 1:30 p.m. at the church.***

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Young Adults Group will resume their potluck meetings on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Cross of Glory

Cross of Glory Sunday School News

The following amounts were collected for the “World Hunger” project in the piggy banks & barns: THANK YOU!!!

Piggy banks - \$ 195.00 in cash \$475.00 in checks Coins - \$ 118.23 Total: \$902.23

The loose offering collected during worship on December 11th was \$114.00 & was given to the Sunday School.

Ushers for January: Cross of Glory – not available at print time - Communion Server: Angela Bell

Acolytes: Ned Bell

Ushers for January: West Freeborn: not available at print time - Communion helper: Orlen Modene

West Freeborn Quilters

The West Freeborn Quilters will not meet during the winter months.

Cross of Glory Cemetery Road Fund

Dear Friends of Cross of Glory: The road behind the church that leads to the shared Hartland Cemetery was paved this fall. We had been told it would cost \$20,000, but because it was in such bad shape, it cost \$41,000. Please consider making a donation to Cross of Glory Improvement Fund, especially if you have family in the cemetery.

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
12-4-16	88	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
12-11-16	28	1,835.00	110.00	0.00
12-18-16	services cancelled due to extreme cold			
12-24-16	140	1,918.00	550.00	0.00
TOTALS		\$ 5,568.00	\$ 710.00	\$ 25.00

Cemetery - \$ Air Conditioning - \$

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS	BUILDING
11-27-16		\$ 575.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 45.00
12-4-16		2,280.00	0.00	85.00
12-11-16		545.00	0.00	65.00
12-18-16	services cancelled due to extreme cold			
12-25-16		2,946.39	0.00	70.00
TOTALS		\$ 6,346.39	\$ 0.00	\$ 265.00

2016 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

Cross of Glory Website: www.crossofglory.weebly.com

West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches contact information:

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Orlen Modene, West Freeborn President - 845-2832 Stacie Madson, West Freeborn Custodian 845-2501

Alvin & Cindy Morstad, C.G. Custodians 845-2813

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Hartland, MN*

<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: not available at print time Communion Servers: Angela Bell Acolytes: Ned Bell		West Freeborn Ushers: not available at print time Communion helper: Orlen Modene				
1 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF No Sunday School	2 Church Office closed	3 Joint Council meeting @ CG	4 Confirmation 6:00 p.m. @ CG	5	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 - CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF	9 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m.	10	11 Confirmation 6:00 p.m. @ CG	12	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 - CG 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF Annual Mtg. & Potluck @ WF	16 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m.	17	18 Confirmation 6:00 p.m. @ CG Eunice Circle 1:30 @ WF	19	20	21 Rachel Circle @ CG 10:00 a.m. Ann Lynne, hostess
22 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF	23 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m.	24	25 Confirmation 6:00 p.m. @ CG	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF	30 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m.	31				