

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

Hartland, MN

Sunday Morning Worship times:

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



From: Pastor Mark Hillmer

HEALING

The joint council has approved the recommendation of the Transition Task Force that Cross and West explore the implications of the healing ministry.

I have responded to this affirmation by referring to the healing aspect of the gospel in my sermons and will continue to do so, sometimes devoting the entire sermon to the subject, sometimes referring to healing in only part of my homily.

With the assent of the members attending our staff meetings (my regular sounding board for church activities), for the present, we will be offering a special service of healing on the third Sunday of the month.

The new ELCA hymnal, called “Evangelical Lutheran Worship” or abbreviated, the “ELW” sometimes referred to as the “Cranberry Hymnal” for an obvious reason, contains a short service of healing. When the service is at Cross, we will use the hymnal, when it is at West, we will provide copies of the service as bulletin inserts.

We are not alone. At a recent text study attended by the pastors of the area and held weekly at a church in Albert Lea, I learned that Grace Lutheran holds a healing service on the fifth Sunday of the month and it is packed with many coming forward for anointing.

Another pastor reported that he scheduled his first healing service 15 minutes before the regular service time. So many showed up that the regular service had to be delayed for a half hour to respond to all those who came forward for healing. “And,” he added, “They all stayed for the entire service.”

I’m glad the emphasis on healing is coming back. The case for healing is so clear and simple one is surprised that it got put on the back burner for so long: Jesus healed, Jesus told his disciples to heal, Jesus gave us instruction as to how to go about it in James 5.

This command is nowhere repealed in Scripture. Please feel free to comment on how we are going about exploring the healing ministry as we proceed. Anyone is welcome to come to our regularly-scheduled Monday morning, 9:00 a.m. staff meeting; an ideal place to make input.



Joint Council Meeting – Cross of Glory & West Freeborn – June 2, 2015

The Joint council meeting of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Church et on June 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at West Freeborn. Mark Broskoff, Cathy Crowe, Rachel Knudson, Pat Ehrich, Tim Bartness, Bob Indrelie, Roger Bakken, Ronnie Bartness, Jerry Morstad, JoAnn Spooner, Paul Lynne, Steve Ausen, Milo Madson, Dave Ausen, Sonja Honstad, Mike Brekke and Becky Ausen were present.

Cross of Glory President, Jerry Morstad called the meeting to order.

- Pastor Hillmer's contract is up in July. Paul made a motion to extend the pastor's contract as long as need be. Ronnie seconded it. Motion carried.
- The Call Committee was discussed. More on this next month.
- A dumpster has been rented for the parsonage for a week or so.
- Next meeting, the two councils will bring the number of members in each church to decide if the bills should be split 50/50 instead of 60/40.

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – June 2, 2015

The West Freeborn Church Council met on June 2, 2015, following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. Vice-President Mark Broskoff called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Mark Broskoff, Sonja Honstad, Bob Indrelie, Milo Madson, Roger Bakken, Steve Ausen, Dave Ausen and Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. Motion was made by Bob to approve the secretary's report. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried. Pat read the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Steve to accept the report as read. Sonja seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Call Committee: People willing to be on it: Sue Bakken, Wayne Hendrickson, Orlen Modene and Mark Broskoff.
- Handicap Accessibility project pretty well done!
- Orlen made a motion to take funds from the lutefisk account and the cemetery improvement fund to do the landscaping in the front of the church. Bob seconded it. Motion carried.
- We will have a joint worship service on June 21st. After the service we will grill hamburgers, hot dogs and have potato salad, beans, chips and Steve's dome ice cream with brownies. Sonja and Becky will take care of the details.

New Business:

- Pat will get an estimate from Matt on what it would cost to fix the front door area.
- Also, it was discussed to get an estimate from Hanna on air conditioning for the new Social Hall.
- We have a leak which seems to be coming from the bell tower. Orlen will check about what it would cost to tuck point the church.
- Dave made a motion to get a gift certificate for Phil Morreim and Bonnie Schuster for all the work they have done for us at the church. Orlen seconded it. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting – June 2, 2015

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Lyle Bird, Matt Hoelscher, and Randy Light were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read.

JoAnn Spooner read the treasurer's report. She would like a list of items that go under the office account, which also includes the pastor's discretionary fund. The Cora Johnson CD is coming due June 12. After discussion about the continually dismal interest rates, we decided to renew it for 60 months, which would allow us to bump up the interest rate three times within that five years if there are better rates in the future. Cathy Crowe made a motion to approve the report and pay bills as money allows. Ron Bartness seconded.

Old Business:

1. The lawn is starting to have some weeds grow up, as it has been a couple of years since it was last treated by Wes Crowe. We got an estimate from Clarks Grove Lawn Service for four applications. Then it was brought up that Matt Hoelscher had offered that he could spray since he is already mowing the lawn. We decided to go with that route, allowing him to do what he decides is best and we will reimburse him for his bills.
2. As it is now, June of 2015, we are changing the schedule of worship times. For the next calendar year, West Freeborn will worship at 9:00 a.m. and Cross of Glory at 10:30 a.m. except for the rare occasions (such as Confirmation at West) when those times will be swapped. Those Sundays will be announced well in advance for people to plan accordingly.

New Business:

1. June 21st will be a joint service with West Freeborn hosting. There will be a potluck afterwards and people are encouraged to bring salads as grilling and desserts will be provided. This will also be a day for Vacation Bible School.
2. The Lights and Hoelschers will be serving coffee after church on the 28th. We encourage everyone to come at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship before worship service.
3. The window coverings in the social hall will be replaced, as the current ones are no longer withstanding the wear and tear of use. Altar Guild will be buying window treatments for two of the windows. If anyone has money that they are willing to donate or are looking for a place to donate some memorial money, this project would be a great one!

Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Bartness seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

CHURCH WOMEN

*****Rachel Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. Carol Light - Hostess, Ardelle Knutson - Bible Study.***

*****Eunice Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15 at the home of Shirley Miller.***

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

Ushers: Cross of Glory – no one is signed up for July. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for 2015 ushers. There is also a sign-up sheet for summer coffee hour too.

Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe and Kyle & Emily Wakefield

Acolytes: Sawyer VanMaldeghem

Ushers: West Freeborn – June: *Omer Emstad, Steve Ausen, Mike Erlandson

Communion Helper: not available at print time.

WELCA

The new window treatments for the social hall have arrived. We need men to volunteer to take down the old window blinds & patch holes in the walls before painting. The new paint color has been chosen for the walls.

OUR CHURCHES ARE GROWING ☺

On Sunday, July 19th, West Freeborn will welcome 3 more members.

Joshua O'Byrne and Jan & Dean Hoeve. Welcome! ☺

West Freeborn Quilters

Quilting Day at West Freeborn Lutheran Church is the 4th Wednesday of each month. Wed. July 22nd is their next scheduled Quilting Day. They begin at 9:00 a.m. & bring sack lunches to continue through the lunch hour. Everyone welcome! Recently the Quilters made 38 quilts that were donated to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank You Ladies!!! ☺

West Freeborn Coffee Hour

Starting June 7th, West Freeborn social hour will be following the 9:00 a.m. service. The Altar Guild will be serving most of the summer.

Open House Bridal Shower

Open House Bridal Shower for Samantha Davis, bride elect of Corbin Peterson.

Monday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Cross of Glory.

Other Community events coming up:

Friday, July 10th – Baked Potatoes with toppings & Root Beer Floats

At the New Richland City Hall. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Minnesota Food Share Harvest Campaign

Please join the Area Food Shelf of New Richland and Minnesota Food Share for the 2015 Harvest Campaign: A statewide food drive focused on bringing fresh, locally grown produce into food shelves. Our food shelf will be participating in the Harvest Campaign August 1 – September 30 and we need your help to stock our shelves with healthy options for the families we serve. Watch for more information coming up in the next mailer.

Statistics for

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
6-7-15	45	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00
6-14-15	43	826.00	0.00	0.00

6-21-15	(joint service @ WF)	345.00	15.00	10.00
6-28-15	39	3,862.36	325.00	0.00
Totals		\$ 6,338.36	\$ 375.00	\$ 20.00

Cemetery Fund - \$205.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS	BUILDING
4-26-15		\$ 460.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5-3-15	64	2,261.00	0.00	20.00
5-10-15	44	365.00	0.00	40.00
5-17-15	38	870.00	0.00	40.00
5-24-15	32	708.00	0.00	0.00
5-31-15	36	635.00	0.00	0.00
6-7-15	51	2,615.00	0.00	0.00
6-14-15	34	845.00	0.00	40.00
6-21-15	62	381.00	0.00	20.00
6-28-15	36	441.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS		\$ 9,581.00	0.00	\$ 160.00

2015 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the August mailer will be: Monday, July 27, 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 ☺

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

West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

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			1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	
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