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Cross of Glory &
West Freeborn Newsletter

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**Change in Sunday Morning
Worship Times:**

Beginning Sunday, June 1, the congregations will be exchanging worship times...

- **Cross of Glory** service will be each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- **West Freeborn** service will be each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Come early at 9:30 a.m. for coffee!

The church councils meeting jointly in March came up with the exchange, and also discussed several shared worship and fellowship activities this summer. The worship schedule will be tried for one year.

**Vacation Bible School Activities to be held at
Cross of Glory beginning Sunday, June 1**

Kids from both of our congregations, as well as any friends and visitors, are invited to VBS activities to be held at Cross of Glory on the first three Sundays: June 1, 8 and 15. Following the Sunday morning worship from 9 – 10:00 a.m. we will meet for fun and learning which will include a lunch. We'll conclude at 2:00 p.m. See more details inside this newsletter...

Please turn inside this newsletter for an important announcement from Pastor Frank.



The Heart of a Father

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. Psalm 103:13

Mr. Sutherland lived in the city of London during World War II. His only remaining family was his son, Wilfred, a flier in the Royal Air Force. One day he received news that his son's plane had been shot down over Holland. It was not known whether he bailed out and survived or whether he went down in the wreckage and died. Mr.

Sutherland carried the hope in his heart that somehow Wilfred survived.

On Easter morning in 1948, Mr. Sutherland thought he saw the familiar face of his son in a crowd of people at a train station. But before he could reach him, he was lost again in the crowd. The father reasoned his son was alive, and he was suffering from some kind of amnesia. So he withdrew all his savings from the bank, made up posters with his son's picture on them, and gave his own address and telephone number, hoping that his son would see one, remember who he was, and return home. Then every Easter Mr. Sutherland stood at the railway station, looking again for his son's familiar face.

When Jesus described the kingdom of God, he told just such a story – a story of a father waiting for his prodigal son, waiting to see the familiar face of the one he loves. Understand the heart of this father, Jesus says, and you will understand God's heart in relationship to you. You can read that story in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

Fathers never give up on their lost children, and God never gives up the search for us. He is right now looking for his children, even more diligently than they are looking for him. As we remember whose we are, and turn in his direction, we will find that he has been chasing after us all along.

--Dennis Frank

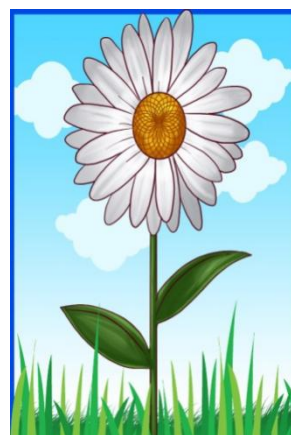
Dear friends in Christ:

I want to inform you that I resign the call of pastor of Cross of Glory and West Freeborn Lutheran Churches effective July 7, 2014.

I have accepted a call to be pastor to a congregation in the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA. The congregation is St. Paul Lutheran Church in Maynard, Iowa.

I will value your participation and support over the next seven weeks as Cross of Glory and West Freeborn congregations continue ministry and make this transition.

God's peace,
Rev. Dennis Frank



CHURCH WOMEN

You are invited to Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Hartland for **WELCA Guest Night** to be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. A salad supper is followed with entertainment by delightful singer / storyteller Kari Tauring beginning at 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you for an evening of fun and fellowship!

****Each woman at Cross of Glory is asked to bring a salad by 5:30 p.m.**

Cross of Glory Altar Guild will also have boxed cards and napkins for purchase that evening.

Rachel Circle – June 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Crowe
Eunice Circle – June 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Ardis Madson



Vacation Bible School for Cross of Glory and West Freeborn

VBS will take place at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. following the Cross of Glory worship service for three Sundays in June – June 1, 8, and 15.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 THEME: BREAD

Make pretzels	Songs & Crafts
Scavenger hunt	Lunch and snack
Bible stories about bread	

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 THEME: LIGHT & HANDS

Birthdays for the Church	
Scavenger hunt	Songs & Crafts
Bible stories about light	Lunch & snack

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 THEME: WATER

Joint worship service at Cross of Glory, 9:00 a.m.
 VBS begins with a potluck brunch at 10:00 a.m.
 Egg bake & French toast sticks will be provided.
 Please bring muffins, fruit, coffeecake or any brunch items.

After brunch -- plant flowers, Bible stories about water, songs, make a greeting card for Dad or someone in the community, special water fun activity at the close (get ready to get wet!)

Special craft activity each Sunday for older youth: make your own wooden cross wall hanging.

** Helpers needed each Sunday **

- To prepare & serve simple meal (sandwiches, pizza)
- Help with craft activities
- Help kids get from place to place
- Play piano or guitar for song fests
- Help kids create greeting cards on June 15

Call church office 845-2818 or Cindy Stelter 507-444-9727 to register your child, a visitor, or to help.



West Freeborn Sunday Morning Coffee

Hour....Starting June 1

With the start of 10:30 services, we will have coffee/social hour before church.

9:30-10:20...Coffee/Social Hour

10:30 Worship service

Altar Guild will be serving the first part of the summer. This is our only fund raiser, so please come and support the Altar Guild! Enjoy coffee, treats, and fellowship!

West Freeborn Church Council Special Meeting May 01, 2014

A special meeting of the West Freeborn Church Council was held on May 01, 2014 at 7 p.m. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Steve Ausen, Dave Ausen, Nancy Pederson, Holly Dahl, Milo Madson, Dale Christopherson, Bob Indrelie, Mark Broskoff, Orlen Modene and Becky Ausen.

Orlen stated that this meeting was being held because Cross of Glory would like West Freeborn to sign off on giving Cross of Glory the right to give the City of Hartland the street that runs in front of Cross of Glory. After discussion by the council, Dale made a motion to give Orlen the right to sign off and give Cross of Glory the right to give the City of Hartland the street in front of the church. Dave seconded it. Motion passed.

It was then brought up that the roof over the bathroom needs to be redone. It needs to have a little slope to it. It should be able to be done for \$5,000 or less. Holly made a motion to accept Rightway Roofing's bid with an addendum that a \$5,000 cap be put on the project. Mark seconded it. Motion carried.

Pat Ehrich will have the monthly financials at the meeting in June. Mike made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded it. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cross of Glory Trustees Meeting – April 1st, 2014

President Glenn Ausen called the meeting to order. Lyle Bird and Tim Siewert were absent.

Pastor Frank led the council in devotions and prayer.

The secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson. Steve Bakken made a motion to approve the minutes. Paul Lynne seconded.

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Jon Stelter read the treasurer's report. Paul Lynne made a motion to pay the bills as money allows. Tim Bartness seconded.

Old Business:

1. April 8th at 7pm has been selected as the night to fix the coat rack.
2. Bohlen came and worked on the faucets and furnace but did not install the thermostat.
3. Paul Lynne purchased a notebook computer, a projector, virus protection for one year, HDMI cable, and Microsoft Office. Thanks to him for doing the work to get this project done.
4. The door closures have been finished. They recommended changing the weatherstripping around the doors because, as it is now, it gets caught and stresses the door closures. Matt Hoelscher made a motion to do all the doors that need to be fixed. Randy Light seconded.
5. Now that the weather is turning nicer, it is time to address the concrete around the bell tower. It was suggested to talk with John Hulloper.

New Business:

1. It was brought to our attention that the replacement faucets didn't include the kitchen sink downstairs. After discussion concerning the fact that this faucet doesn't currently leak and is typically used once a year (at the soup & pie supper) we will not upgrade it at this time.
2. However, there are problems with the Altar Guild faucet and drain, the water fountain, and the toilets in the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms. Steve made a motion to call a plumber about the issues and update what necessary in order for these problems to be alleviated. Tim Bartness seconded.
3. Lifetouch has been in contact, as this summer we will be taking photos again for a pictorial directory. It has been five years since the last community directory. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 20th at 2pm to have people learn how to figure out a schedule for families to sign up for photo slots. Rachel Knudson and Tim Bartness volunteered to attend.

4. The memorials from Wes Crowe's funeral will be used to replace the pew Bibles. We are waiting to purchase them until we find the right copy (proper font size, binding color, and version). We plan to get samples so people can look at them and choose the right one.

5. The deacons will be ordering the Easter lilies from HyVee.
6. There has been a great response for the Baskets of Promise for Lutheran World Relief this Lenten season.
7. Confirmation Sunday will be April 27th. Confirmands this year are Kallie Jo Spooner and Josh Fleming. Dinner is open to all and will cost \$6 per person. Tickets will be sold starting this week. Questioning the confirmands will be done by the trustees and deacons on April 13th at 9:15am in the social hall.
8. The newsletter went out on email this last time without any glitches. Steve Bakken made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Lynne seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

Cross of Glory Trustees Meeting – April 22nd, 2014

The May meeting of the church council was held a couple weeks early to coincide with the meeting of the Cross of Glory section of the cemetery committee (consisting of Randy Light, Virgil Thofson, and Steve Bakken) to address some business. President Glenn Ausen called the meeting to order. Lyle Bird, Tim Bartness, and Tim Siewert were absent. Virgil Thofson was present.

Before we conducted any other business, we addressed the topic of the cemetery. Corley Hendrickson has offered to let the combined cemetery of Cross of Glory and Hartland Evangelical Lutheran Churches purchase three acres of land to increase the size of the cemetery. After much discussion and exploring various view points, the council and the cemetery board decided to not be in favor of the land purchase. Some of the reasons against buying the land include the fact that we currently have adequate space in the cemetery with no foreseeable space restrictions. When we calculated the rate at which people are purchasing lots per year, the fact that congregation sizes continue in a downward

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rate, and that many current congregation members have already purchased lots and erected stones, we realized the demand for our current space needs do not exceed our present land holdings. The tax issue would also be complicated if the land was purchased by tax-exempt churches but remained in farming production. Further, many years in the future, if we have need to expand the cemetery, the then-current owner may be willing to donate the land for the tax benefits.

This business concluded, Virgil departed and we continued with the rest of the regular meeting.

Pastor Frank led the council in devotions and prayer.

The secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson. Matt Hoelscher made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Bakken seconded.

Jon Stelter read the treasurer's report. Memorials from Orvin Morstad are to be used to repair the door closures. Depending upon the amount, any remaining money will go to the air conditioning fund. We need to increase the amount of money specified in the bulletins to better reflect the actual amount needed each month to cover the bills. Paul Lynne made a motion to pay the bills as money allows. Randy Light seconded.

Old Business:

1. The coat rack has been fixed and there were only 16 hanger rings that needed replacing.
2. Glenn signed the street easement so now the street in front of the church belongs to the city.
3. John Hulloper stopped to look at the base of the bell tower. He thinks that it will be straightforward to add two to three inches of concrete to the base. He will submit a quote. Jon Stelter made a motion to go ahead with the project if the estimate is reasonable. Paul Lynne seconded.
4. The weatherstripping seals have been replaced and one of the doors has been trimmed so it closes more easily.
5. Bohlen was here and worked on the toilets, water fountain, altar guild sink, etc. Everything seems to be working well.
6. We received a bid on the air conditioning system. For five exterior units, it will be about \$16,000.

Continued When the city blacktops the streets, it would be the best opportunity to repave the street behind the church. With the city already booking a large job, the cost per square foot would be lower than if we had someone out to work exclusively on our small street. We will get a bid that includes the bulk price.

New Business:

1. The deacons met and have begun working on plans for Vacation Bible School. This year is Cross of Glory's turn to host. There are three options for the schedules and the planners are trying to figure which has the best advantages and which the parents want more. Look forward to further notifications!
2. The weather is finally starting to come around so Matt and the boys will have lawn care coming up.
3. Confirmation Sunday is this coming Sunday. Kallie Jo Spooner and Josh Fleming will be confirmed.

Matt Hoelscher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Bakken seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

What Makes a Dad...

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it...Dad.



Statistics for May 2014

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH				
SUNDAY	ATTEN-DANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVE-MENT	MISSIONS FUND
May 4	44	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 35.00	\$ --
May 11	30	1,430.00	--	55.00
May 18	58	1,421.00	35.00	10.00
Cemetery fund = \$ 105.00				
WEST FREEBORN LUTHERAN CHURCH				
SUNDAY	ATTEN-DANCE	GENERAL FUND	BUILDING FUND	MISSIONS FUND
April 27	23	\$	\$	\$
May 4	41			
May 11	43			
May 18	39			

*Looking Ahead: Worship Assistants for the Month of **July***

Funeral for Cross of Glory Member: A funeral service was held for **Elsie Mae (Christianson) Brink** on May 3, 2014 at Bayview Funeral Home. Elsie passed away on April 28, 2014 at St. John's Lutheran Community in Albert Lea at the age of 93.

Cross of Glory:

Ushers: Steve Bakken, Ron Bartness

Acolyte: Andrew Hoescher, Sawyer VanMaldeghem

Communion Server:

West Freeborn:

Ushers: Omer Emstad, Bill Goette, Tom Venem, Steve Ausen

Acolyte: see schedule in narthex

Communion Server: Bob Indrelie

Each month you can find reading materials in the church narthex to take with you: Copies of *The Lutheran* magazine, and devotionals, *Scripture Union Bible Study* and *Christ in Our Home*. There are also copies of our Southeastern Minnesota Synod monthly newsletter.

An enlarged copy of the Sunday worship bulletin can be provided for you. Please let Pastor Frank know if you would like one each week.



New Books in the Cross of Glory Library

Nine new books for young readers:
Arch Bible Stories

Where Did the World Come From?

Abraham, Sarah and Isaac

Ezekiel and the Dry Bones

Moses' Dry Feet

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Seeds that Grew and Grew

Workers in the Vineyard

Jesus Said, "Go and Tell!"

Saul's Conversion

Here is the Church – Remember the finger play, "Here is the church...?" This book adds new verses to the familiar favorite to encourage little ones to participate in worship.

For Adults:

A Life Gone to the Birds – Stories, observation and wisdom from Hartland's own Al Batt.

Help – Thanks – Wow – The three essential prayers, by Anne Lamott

Eat With Joy – Redeeming God's gift of food, by Rachel Marie Stone.

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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>
<p>1 <i>Please note new summer schedule:</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cross of Glory 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Cross of Glory 10:30 a.m. Worship at West Freeborn</p>	<p>2 9:30 a.m. Week Day Bible Study at Cross of Glory</p>	<p>3 7:00 p.m. Cross of Glory Trustee and Deacons meet at the church</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7:00 p.m. West Freeborn Church Council</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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