

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

Hartland, MN

Sunday Morning Worship times:

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



Due to Pastor Hillmers surgery, there will not be an article from Pastor Hillmer this month.

The Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at West Freeborn

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

Cross of Glory's president, Jerry Morstad, called the meeting to order. Present were: Jerry Morstad, Pat Ehrich, Paul Lynne, Sonja Honstad, Cathy Crowe, Ron Bartness, Milo Madson, Steve Ausen, Rachel Knudson, Tim Bartness, Matt Hoelscher, Mike Erich, Orlen (Corky) Modene, Becky Ausen, Dave Ausen, and Pastor Mark Hillmer. Devotions were given by Pastor Mark and he led the council in prayer.

The secretary's report from the last Joint Council meeting was read by Becky Ausen. There were no additions or corrections. Corky made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Sonja Honstad seconded.

Open Issues:

1. Cathy Crowe gave an update on the Call Committee. They are essentially at a stand-still as the Synod has no further names to give us at the moment. Pastor Andree from Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland approached Cathy after a meeting to state that Trinity would consider being yoked with other churches. If we would join together, we would form a three-point parish. He plans to serve for about another four years before retirement. We discussed this idea a bit before deciding to think about it more but hold off on such a significant step at this moment.
2. Jerry Morstad talked with Duane Spooner about the leaking under the parsonage steps. There was some talk of tiling, but with the water coming from the ceiling rather than the floor, tiling probably wouldn't make much difference. We will try removing the planter on the steps as a first attempt to change the water direction.
3. Pastor Mark's back surgery will be September 13 in Rochester. He has asked Pastor Espe to cover his medical leave for worship services on Sept. 18 & 25 and Oct. 2, as well as any funerals that may happen in that time frame.

4. Depending upon Pastor Mark's recovery, confirmation is tentatively set to begin Oct. 5. Kendall Habana will be starting a year early in West Freeborn's class. Pat Erich made a motion to adjourn this half of the meeting to allow the councils to reconvene for our respective council meetings. Dave Ausen seconded.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary, Cross of Glory

Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons Meeting, Sept. 6, 2016

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Randy Light, Martin Johnson, Kristi Thofson, and Emily Light were absent. Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. Paul Lynne made a motion approve the minutes. Ron Bartness seconded. Cathy Crowe read the treasurer's report. There was a generous gift from Hi Yield that will be split between the general fund and the repaving project. Paul Lynne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money allows. Tim Bartness seconded.

Old Business:

1. Ron offered to bring his masonry grinder to grind off the front sidewalk that is a tripping hazard. There is also a spot on the back sidewalk that catches Alvin's bucket when he's pushing snow that should be ground down.
2. Pastor Kerry Boese will be here on the 11th. The council will be serving coffee after church for fellowship with him.
3. Sunday the 18th will be Rally Day and we will be having a potluck brunch. One of the serving groups will help serve that morning.

New Business:

The only new business was regarding the potluck last month. When Jerry turned the ovens on, there was a grease spot in one that caused a lot of smoke and required an airing out before the meal. This is just a reminder for anyone using the ovens that someone should be in attendance at all times to avoid a fire hazard. Paul Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Bartness seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

Correction: In the September newsletter; minutes from the Cross of Glory Trustees and Deacons meeting it was stated that Paul & Gene Lynne did tiling around the church. That should have read Paul Lynne & Gene Pederson.

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

The West Freeborn Church Council met on September 06, 2016, following the joint council meeting at Cross of Glory. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Milo Madson, Sonja Honstad, Dave Ausen, Steve Ausen, Orlen Modene, Pastor Hillmer and Becky Ausen.

Secretary's report was read by Becky. Dave made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Mike and Sonja seconded it. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report was read by Pat. Motion was made by Dave to accept the treasurer's report. Mike seconded it. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: The materials for a deck with a ramp and step for the Charlotte Modene family comes in around \$3,900.00. A suggestion for tangible support of the family would be tickets to a movie and a pizza. Corky and Vicki are willing to babysit the children.

Old and New Business:

- Rally Day for the Sunday School will be Sept. 18th. We are going to try having Sunday School once a month on the third Sunday each month.
- Orlen will talk with Keith about the windows.
- Pastor Mark would like 2 or 3 people to help update the list of members and try to get more people coming to church.
- Pat stated that Roger Johnson still plans on doing the tuck pointing on the church. Hopefully yet in September.
- We talked about replacing the toilets upstairs. We have 18 inch toilets and can only get 16 inch ones from Jim and Dude's. Dave recommended that we get new parts and put in the toilets. Dave will get the parts and will put a shut-off valve on the one in the basement.

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

Respectfully submitted, Becky Ausen, Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WEST FREEBORN

Beginning Sunday, October 16th West Freeborn will have their first session of Sunday School. All ages welcome! This Sunday has been designated as "Sports Sunday" - please wear your favorite sports team apparel. Sunday School will be held during part of the church service. If you have questions, please contact Sonja Honstad – 863-2154 or Becky Ausen – 863-2165.

Sunday School will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month

CHURCH WOMEN

Tues. October 18 - Rachel Circle, Pat Benson, hostess – Jill Demmer, Bible Study

Eunice Circle will meet on Wed. October 19 – 1:30 p.m. at the church.

SOUP & DESSERT SUPPER AT CROSS OF GLORY

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Sign-up sheets & schedules are in the narthex – please take a look & sign up for what you can do. Thanks ☺



HANDBELL CHOIR

Plans are in the works for a Handbell Choir performance at the Thanksgiving Eve Service at Cross of Glory on Wednesday, November 23rd. Karen, Judy & Cindi have chosen one song titled "In Heavenly Love Abiding" & looking for a second song. If you are interested in participating in the Handbell Choir, please notify Karen, Judy or Cindi.

Tentative rehearsals will be on Wed. Nov. 2, 9 & 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Ushers for October: Cross of Glory – Shawn Larson & Aaron Fleming

Communion Servers: Angela Bell

Acolytes: Ned Bell

Ushers for October: West Freeborn: *Wayne Hendrickson, Ron Lageson, Dale Indrelie, Adam Dahlen, Nanette Hendrickson

Communion helper: Mike Ehrich

West Freeborn Quilters

The West Freeborn Quilters have resumed their quilting schedule on Wednesday, October 26th at West Freeborn Church – 9:00 a.m. They will continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Lutheran World Relief Update

This is an excerpt from the letter received from Lutheran World Relief:

"Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world. Earlier this summer, LWR staff was busy distributing quilts and kits in Peru, to Peruvians who are the most vulnerable due to proximity to disaster risk areas, lack of access to clean water, and high unemployment rates. Many have also be ostracized from public and private development efforts and policies due to their class, age, sex, ethnicity and health. In addition to being practical, the quilts and kits will be a source of comfort, security and hope to those who receive them. Your quilts and kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. In the first part of 2016, we also shipped quilts and kits to India, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Honduras, Georgia and Uganda. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, school, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, we extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessing on your life and work! "

More info about the ministry of Lutheran World Relief

The Social Ministry Commission of First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea will host its Fall Lutheran World Relief Ingathering on **Saturday, October 8, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon**. A semi-trailer will be in the parking lot behind the church, off of St. Mary's Ave. Besides collecting quilts, blankets, kits and bars of soap, we accept monetary donations for LWR for its shipping expenses. \$100.00 will ship 44 quilts, 71 school kits, 37 personal care kits, 100 fabric kits, 76 baby care kits, and 8-18 lb. cartons of soap. Please make checks payable to Lutheran World Relief. Thank You! Our Spring Ingathering will be May 20, 2017.

Cross of Glory Cemetery Road Fund

Funds are needed to re-pave the cemetery road.
The project will be done when the city streets are paved.
\$20,000 is needed to complete the project.
Please consider donating to this fund.
Thank You

Statistics for Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

| SUNDAY | ATTENDANCE | GENERAL FUND | IMPROVEMENTS | MISSIONS |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 9-4-16 | 25 | \$ 880.00 | \$ 257.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| 9-11-16 | 42 | 2,068.00 | 5,053.00 | 35.00 |
| 9-18-16 | 50 | 759.00 | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| 9-25-16 | 44 | 1,137.00 | 425.00 | 25.00 |
| TOTALS | | \$ 4,844.00 | \$ 5,755.00 | \$ 60.00 |

Cemetery- \$ 25.00

Air Conditioning - \$ 0.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

| SUNDAY | ATTENDANCE | GENERAL FUND | MISSIONS | BUILDING |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8-28-16 | | \$ 665.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 20.00 |
| 9-4-16 | | 855.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 |
| 9-11-16 | | 1,130.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 |
| 9-18-16 | | 837.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 |
| TOTALS | | \$ 3,487.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 280.00 |

2016 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

***Upcoming Community Events:**

Thurs. Oct. 6 – Soup & Pie at Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea.

Serving times: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 5 – Time & Talent Bazaar at Ascension Lutheran Church in Albert Lea.

Morning Coffee p 8:00 – 10:15 a.m. – Lunch – 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Free will donation

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the October, 2016 mailer will be: Monday, Oct. 24, 2016. 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

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches contact information:

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Pastor's cell phone: 651-925-6509

Jerry Morstad, Cross of Glory President 507-373-0085

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

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

Rev. Mark Hillmer, Parsonage Phone – 845-2825

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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: Shawn Larson, Aaron Fleming Communion Servers: Angela Bell Acolytes: Ned Bell | | West Freeborn Ushers: *Wayne Hendrickson, Ron Lageson, Dale Indrelie, Adam Dahlen, Nanette Hendrickson Communion helper: Mike Ehrich | | | | 1 |
| 2 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF <i>Dedication of quilts & LWR</i> <i>school kits.</i> <i>Pastor Charles Espe</i> | 3 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. | 4 Joint Council meeting 7 p.m. @ WF | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 <i>LWR school kits</i> <i>& quilts being</i> <i>shipped today.</i> |
| 9 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF <i>Pastor Charles Espe</i> | 10 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. | 11 | 12 <i>Tentative start date</i> <i>for confirmation.</i> <i>6:00 p.m. at CG</i> <i>Or the 19th ...?</i> | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF <i>SS @ WF begins today! All</i> <i>ages welcome (see info in</i> <i>newsletter)</i> | 17 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. | 18 Rachel Circle <i>Pat Benson,</i> <i>hostess, Jill</i> <i>Demmer, Bible</i> <i>Study</i> | 19 Eunice Circle 1:30 p.m. @ WF Church | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF | 24 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. | 25 | 26 West Freeborn quilters meet 9:00 a.m. @ WF | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:00 a.m. Worship at CG SS – 10:00 – 10:45 10:30 a.m. Worship at WF | 31 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. | <i>Coming up at</i> <i>West Freeborn in</i> <i>November: The</i> <i>Annual Polka</i> | <i>Service & Harvest</i> <i>Bazaar – Sunday,</i> <i>November 20th!</i> | | | |