



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

June 2017

Joint Worship Service Sunday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Refreshments before the service
Swan Lake Lutheran Church

Upcoming Events

- First Lutheran's Women of the ELCA will host the community ice cream social at the Lafayette Community Center Friday, June 9. The social will precede the Friday night band concert. It's also a "car night" at Dave's Place.
- Bernadotte's WELCA will hold its annual Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, June 7, starting at 5:30 pm.. The Lafayette Band will play a concert at 6:30 pm.
- Swedefest at Bernadotte, Sat., June 24, 4-8 p.m. Mid-summer picnic with new menu, entertainment, more. (See poster, page 4)

Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Church Council—Monday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.
- Bernadotte Church Council—Monday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Jul. 26 at BLC, 7:00 p.m.

Music with a Message at Bernadotte Church Park

Bernadotte has planned four Sunday outdoor services with special music this summer. Everyone from the FOG parishes and all friends and neighbors are welcome to take part in the 9:30 a.m. services. (The first is a joint service)

- Sunday, July 2 with George's Concertina Band
- Sunday, July 23 with Jerry & Carol Larson
- Sunday, August 6 with Larry Mages
- Sunday, August 20 with "The Basics"

Services will be moved indoors if weather is bad.

If any BLC or FOG member would like to help host any of the services, please contact Sally Webster at 507-276-3027 or 228-8541. Host duties include assisting usher with set up, greeting musicians, serving light refreshments, and assisting with clean up/putting chairs away.



Swedish Genealogy Team at First and Bernadotte

The "A-Team" from SwedGen, a Swedish genealogy research group, visited First Lutheran Wednesday, April 26, and Bernadotte Lutheran Thursday, April 27, photographing church records. The ladies—Anneli, Anna-Lena, and Anna—are passionate about emigrant research. Together they have made a number

of trips to the United States to help Swedish Americans research their Swedish roots. The group also visited Gustavus, Belgrade cemetery, and Grace Lutheran in Mankato. They also presented two programs and consultations at the American Swedish Institute.



FIELDS OF GRACE WORSHIP SERVICES

Swan Lake Lutheran—8:00 a.m.—Communion the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Bernadotte Lutheran—9:30 a.m.—Communion the 2nd Sunday of the month

First Lutheran—11:00 a.m.—Communion the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month

JUNE 2017 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: Jasenko & Tarik G; 11-Al H & Mark Hagberg; 18-Jon & George Hartley; 25-Al P & Marlin W.

Greeters: Jamie F.

Liturgists: 4 & 11-Brad D; 18 & 25-Charles Y.

Reader: Norm L.

Visiting: Sandy B & Ann G.

Communion Bread: Joyce Reese

Altar: Traci A & Heidi H.

Coffee Servers: 4-Beth G & Ann G; 11-Laurie L & Kaylyn B; 18-Darlene U & Bonnie D; 25-Ann G & Wendy G.

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Renee Rasmussen; Andrew Rasmussen.

Readers: 4-Sally Webster; 11-Shaun Anderson; 18-Steve Sjostrom; 25-Tim Schulz.

Acolyte: Ben Radke

Ushers: Bruce & Romi White, Jim & Konnie Bartels, Adam Bartels.

Communion (June 11): S-Bruce White; C-Dave Nelson; U-Brent Johnson, Lori Fenske.

Coffee Servers: No fellowship after services in summer, except for special occasions.

Heidi's Message ~ Faith is the Opposite of Fear

One of the characters on *Call the Midwife, Season 5*, said "Fear will keep us in all kinds of prisons if we let it." That line is as applicable today as at any time in history.

In bible study Monday, May 22 – our last until we begin again in the fall – we pondered the future of Christianity. Will Christian values, which have shaped our nation since its founding, be unseated by Islam eventually? Some suggest that is already happening in England. Maulana Syed Ali Raza Rizvi, a prominent Shia cleric, is reported to have observed that "London is a more 'Islamic' city than much of the Muslim world put together."

According to the Gatestone Institute, a non-partisan, not-for-profit international policy council and think tank, since 2001, 500 London churches of all denominations have closed. During that same period 423 mosques have opened.

For some, the possibility of Islam displacing Christianity

is frightening. But it is not time to "fear what they fear," as we are reminded in I Peter 3:14. Do not build a prison of your own fears so as to put others in prison. Do not ignore your anxiety, or your shame, or your anger. Because if we ignore our capacity to do harm, we deny the liberating work God can do in our hearts.

The opposite of fear is faith. And faith still requires courage, but faith means we do not rely only on ourselves. We rely on God. And God will not leave us orphaned (John 14:18), as we heard in the gospel for May 21.

God is always, always weeping with us, wailing with us, walking with us when we do not want to take one more step because of our fear. That is what our faith tells us. That is where our faith leads us, to perfect love. God's matchless, unimaginable love and faithfulness is too big to let us stay afraid.

A Moment with Martin (Luther)

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

Heidi at Seminary June 4-16

Heidi will be at Wartburg Theological Seminary June 4-16, taking three classes as required for her journey toward ordination.

To contact Heidi, call 507-766-2729 or email heidijohagstrom@gmail.com

Vryheid Circuit Clothing Drive

The clothing drive to benefit our partnership with the Vryheid Circuit in South Africa continues through May. Bring all clothes, purses, shoes, belts, and hats to church. Put everything in kitchen-sized draw string plastic bags.

Lafayette Band Concerts

The Lafayette Band will play 7:30 p.m. concerts on seven Friday nights during June and July. Community groups serve ice cream socials prior to the concerts. Dates are June 2, 9, 16, and 23 and July 7, 14, and 21.



High School Grad Honored at First Lutheran

Kelly Hagberg, daughter of Alan and Kris Hagberg, received a hand-tied blanket made by the women of First Lutheran on Sunday, May 21. Kelly will graduate from New Ulm High School on Friday, May 26.

Baptisms at Swan Lake & BLC

Wyatt Mathew Cabanilla was welcomed into the family of God at Swan Lake Lutheran Sunday, May 21. Wyatt is the son of Mathew and Darnell Cabanilla of Nicollet. His baptismal sponsors are Chad Cabanilla, Gardell Harms, and Sheila Harms.

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Melanie Kathryn Johnson was welcomed into the family of God at Bernadotte, also on May 21. Melanie is the daughter of Scott and Keri Johnson of St. Peter and has a big brother, Cody. Grandparents are Ron and Denise Johnson, Kathryn and Loren Leismeier, and Dave and Kathy Glaseser. Melanie's sponsors are Karen and Jim Marren.

Collecting Items for School Kits

WELCA members and others are encouraged to purchase, gather, and/or donate items needed for school kits. Sally Webster will deliver them to Triennial Friday, July 13. A drop box is in the Bernadotte church entry. Items should be dropped off before June 30.

Looking Ahead...

Joint Outdoor Service at Bernadotte—
Sunday, July 2—9:30 a.m.
Refreshments & Fellowship following service

Passing Faith to Next Generation

Heidi is looking for a few people concerned about passing on faith to the next generation. The FOG Council authorized her to create a task force to reimagine faith formation for our 21st century church. None of the FOG congregations has enough children to replicate traditional, grade-based, classroom-style Sunday School. It is time to think differently about faith formation that is faithful to our continuing mission of making disciples and promoting lifelong faith growth, and that is designed for 21st century learners.

Heidi would like at least one person from each congregation, but this group will not be limited to just one per congregation. The goal will be to meet together weekly starting the third week of June and make a recommendation to the FOG Council in late July.

Since Heidi will be at Wartburg Seminary the first two weeks of June, please send her an email at heidijohagstrom@gmail.com if you are interested. If you don't have access to email, leave a message on her phone, 507-766-2729.

Wedding Bells are Ringing

Kurk Altmann of First Lutheran married Anna Murphy Faust Saturday, May 20 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Kurk is the son of Randy and Aimee Altmann. Anna is the daughter of Joe Faust and Erin Murphy of St Paul. (If you've heard the name, it might be because Erin is a candidate for governor of Minnesota.)

Anna is an RN at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital. Kurk is a financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial of Minneapolis. Kurk and Anna will move to Bloomington, Indiana the end of July as Kurk is going back to college to get his MBA and Anna will look for an RN job. They hope to move back to the Minneapolis area in two years.

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Kris and Al Hagberg are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, **Jamie, to Scott Maybanks**. Scott is the son of Tim and Tammy Maybanks of Onalaska, Wisconsin. The couple will be married June 23 at Cannon Beach, Oregon. For more info, go to the-knot.com/JamieHagberg. A bridal/baby shower will be held Saturday, June 10, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at Ridgeway on German. Jamie is registered with Amazon and Zola Registry.



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Lindsay Pehrson and Eric Benson will be married at Bernadotte Lutheran Saturday, June 17. Parents of the couple are Dean and Jo Pehrson and Merlin and Linda Benson.

Bernadotte Lutheran's Annual WELCA PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL BAKE SALE & FUN

Hoppas Vi Ses Där!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH
5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
BERNADOTTE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pie Social Menu:
Cold Ham Sandwiches
Hot Turkey Sandwiches
Pie, Cake & Ice Cream
Coffee, Lemonade, & Milk

**Featuring Music
from the
Lafayette City Band**

“Bake Sale”
Specialties of the
Bernadotte Ladies

Bernadotte Lutheran Church Park
34122 515th Ave (Co. Rd. 10)



In case of bad weather event will be held indoors.

Please join us for the 23rd annual

Swedefest

family fun festival!

Bernadotte Lutheran Church Park

6 miles east of Lafayette, Mn.

at 34122 515th Ave. (Co. Rd. 10)

Saturday, June 24, 2017

4:00-8:00 p.m.



GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

In the park, weather permitting

THE RICKHEIMS

CARVER CREEK

BLUEGRASS

**GERRY AND
CAROL LARSON**

SILENT AUCTION

Closing at 7:30 p.m.

HORSE-DRAWN

WAGON RIDES

KID'S ACTIVITIES



NEW MENU!

MID- SUMMER PICNIC

Serving 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Riblet Sandwiches, Po-
tato Salad, Coleslaw,
Fruit, Chips, Bars,
Beverages**

*Adults \$10:00;
6-12 years, \$5.00;
5 & under free*

REFRESHMENTS:
Ice Cream Treats, Beverages

CLOSING DEVOTIONS conclude the evening

In case of inclement weather, all events will be held in the church

**For more information, go to www.fields-of-grace.org
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