



# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

June 2018

**Joint Worship Service**  
**Sunday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.**  
*First Lutheran Church*  
 Fellowship will follow

## Upcoming FOG Events

- First Lutheran's WELCA Ice Cream Social, Lafayette Community Center Fri., Jun. 8, 5:30 pm; Friday night band concert follows.
- Bernadotte's WELCA Ice Cream Social, church park, Wed., Jun. 6, 5:30 pm. Lafayette Band concert, 6:30 pm.
- Swedefest at Bernadotte, Sat., Jun. 23, 4-8 pm. Food, entertainment, more. (See poster on back page)
- Swan Lake's 150th Anniversary, Sun., Aug. 19, festive worship service, 9:30 am; catered lunch.

## Council Meeting Dates

- FOG Council—Wed., May 30, 7:00 p.m., Swan Lake.
- First Lutheran Council—Mon., June 4, 5:30 p.m.
- Bernadotte Council—Mon., June 18, 7:30 p.m.

## Outdoor services at Bernadotte

Bernadotte has planned four Sunday outdoor services with special music. 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 1 with George's Concertina Band
- Sunday, July 15 with Carver Creek
- Sunday, August 12 with Gerry & Carol Larson
- Sunday, August 26 with Alan & Matt Carlson

*Services will be moved indoors if weather is bad.*

## Heidi's Ordination Update

Heidi will have her last interview for ordination Thursday, May 24, and will be recommended for ordination, pending the successful completion of her internship in late August.

Heidi's ordination will be Sunday, September 23, at 3:00 pm at her home congregation, Cokato Evangelical Lutheran. All are welcome to attend the celebratory worship in Cokato.



## Heidi completes CNC

Minister Heidi, along with 20 others, graduated from Connecting Nicollet County Thursday, May 10. She's pictured with Catie Rasmussen, U of MN Extension Educator, and Joel Heitner, CNC board member. CNC met monthly from September through May in all the towns in Nicollet County. It included leadership training, networking, and tours of businesses and sites in each town. In March, the group visited Bernadotte Lutheran.

*In addition to this newsletter, there are a number of other ways to stay in touch with everything that's happening at our churches*

**1) Fields of Grace website—**  
**[fieldsofgracemn.com](http://fieldsofgracemn.com)**

**2) New email contacts**

[pastor@fieldsofgracemn.com](mailto:pastor@fieldsofgracemn.com) (Heidi)  
[communications@fieldsofgracemn.com](mailto:communications@fieldsofgracemn.com) (Ruth K)  
[president@fieldsofgracemn.com](mailto:president@fieldsofgracemn.com) (Brad D)  
[secretary@fieldsofgracemn.com](mailto:secretary@fieldsofgracemn.com) (Lori F)

**3) Bernadotte's Facebook Page**

The BLC page includes news and photos for all three churches

# FIELDS OF GRACE WORSHIP SERVICES

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

First Lutheran—9:30 a.m.—Communion the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month

Bernadotte Lutheran—11:00 a.m.—Communion the 2nd Sunday of the month

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## Heidi's Intern Minister Thoughts

On the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, we will hear the story of Nicodemus as recorded in the Gospel of John, chapter 3. Nicodemus was a Pharisee (a group of Jews who were super fussy about keeping the letter of the Law and often opposed Jesus). Nicodemus was also a member of the Sanhedrin (the ruling body of the Jews that functioned like a court of appeals for matters regarding Jewish law and religion).

Of all the characters in the bible, Nicodemus represents for me a classic dualistic thinker. Dualistic thinking is a way of thinking and acting based on prescribed categories of this or that, either/or, right/wrong, good/bad, in/out. Dualistic thinkers find comfort in the clarity of this way of thinking. Dualistic thinkers often feel reassured that their thoughts are the correct ones. They feel justified that they are right and others are wrong. Nicodemus was one of those persons, but then he met Jesus.

I am convinced that Jesus was the first nondual religious teacher of the West. One reason we have failed to understand so much of Jesus' teaching, much less follow it, is because we have tried to understand it with dualistic minds. We have not been taught how to think or see nondually.

We think highly of and aspire to have the "mind of Christ," but there is little practical knowledge of how to get there. Jesus didn't give us any systematic teaching on it. Instead, Jesus modeled and exemplified nonduality.

I am going to blog about some of my thoughts on this subject—a way of thinking and being that I believe is critical to our faith—and I will post my thoughts on the new FOG website. I can only write a short amount here, so if you want to go deeper with me, I encourage you to get in the habit of checking out the blog. (Look for it on our new web page: [fieldsofgracemn.com](http://fieldsofgracemn.com)).

***Heidi will be on vacation June 13-16. She has arranged for pastoral coverage in her absence. Call Lori Fenske if pastoral care is needed and she will contact the on-call pastor.***

**To contact Heidi: 507-766-2729 or [heidijohagstrom@gmail.com](mailto:heidijohagstrom@gmail.com)**

## Vryheid Circuit Clothing Drive

The used clothing drive to benefit our partnership with the Vryheid Circuit in South Africa continues through May. Bring any kind of clothes, shoes, purses, or raggedy stuff for mats. Put everything in kitchen-sized draw string plastic bags and leave in church.

## Birth Announcement

Chas and Addie Prahel are excited to announce the birth of their son, Clinton Garret, on May 12. He is joyously welcomed by his big brother Carter, grandparents Clayton & Rita Prahel and Kevin & Rosanne Johnson, and great-grandparents Ruth Prahel and Val & Barb Miller.

## First Lutheran WELCA notes

- Formed a prayer chain with nine sign-ups by end of April
- Donated \$250 each for outreach support to Ivy House (Crisis Nursery), NUMAS, and Project No More.

## Upcoming Community Events

- Memorial Day Service & Ham Dinner, Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, Mon., May 28; service 10:45 am, Honor Guard program 11:45 am; meal to follow until 1:30 pm.
- St. Gregory the Great Pie & Ice Cream Social, Lafayette Community Center, Fri., Jun. 1, 5:30-7:30 pm,
- Friday Night Ice Cream Socials & Lafayette Band Concerts; June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and July 6, 13 & 20. Community Center & Main Street. Socials served by community groups 5:30 pm, concerts 7:30 pm.
- Lions' Movies in the Park, Lafayette Mini-Park, sundown, Jun. 1, 15 & 29; Jul. 13 & 27; and Aug. 3, 17 & 31. The Jun. 1 movies are "Tavola" & "Beauty & the Beast."



**Joint Service at First Lutheran—Sunday, May 27—9:30 am**

# JUNE 2018 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## First Lutheran Church

**Ushers:** 3-Traci & Darrell Abrahamson; 10-Doug Durheim & Mark Hagberg; 17-Dwight & Geni DeBoer; 24-Dean Pehrson & Tyson Hutton

**Greeter:** Al Pehrson      **Reader:** Sandy Hartley

**Liturgist:** 3 & 10-Brad DeBoer; 17 & 24-Charles Youngblom

**Communion Bread** (1st & 4th Sundays): Joyce Reese

**Altar:** Traci Abrahamson & Cindy Youngblom

**Coffee Servers:** 3-Heidi Hutton & Lindsay Benson; 10-Diane Durheim & Mindy Engel; 17-Sandy Hartley & Sandy Burger; 24-Jo Pehrson & Lindsay Benson

## Bernadotte Lutheran

**Greeters:** Renee Rasmussen & Andrew Rasmussen

**Readers:** 3-Sally Webster; 10-Shaun Anderson; 17-Steve Sjostrom; 24-Tim Schulz

**Acolyte:** Ben Radke

**Ushers:** Rosanne Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Bruce White, Romi White, Konnie Bartels

**Communion (June 10):** S-Rosanne Johnson; C-Dave Nelson; U-Tim Schulz & Lori Fenske

**Coffee Servers:** (fellowship only on special occasions during the summer)



## BLC grad honored May 21

Bernadotte high school graduate Jason Ross was recognized during the Sunday morning service and fellowship hour May 21. Jason received a Woods Scholarship, presented in memory of the late Denise, Nathan, and Sarah Woods. It was presented by Rosanne Johnson. Jason also received a beautiful handmade quilt, presented by Dorothy Martens on behalf of the BLC quilting ladies. Jason plans to major in theatre in college.



## WELCA Synod Convention

The 2018 WELCA Synodical Convention will be held June 29 & 30, 2018 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4310 County Road 137, St. Cloud.

In-kind offerings include personal care kits (all Lutheran World Relief kits will be accepted), Christian literature,

white socks, and lip balm for St. Cloud VA, and any footwear is welcome for Soles 4 Souls.

Anyone who would like to attend and needs a registration form or scholarship application, should contact Shaun Anderson at 507-232-3100 or shaun.anderson@ridleyinc.com.

*Looking Ahead... Joint Outdoor Service at Bernadotte—Sunday, July 1—9:30 a.m.  
Refreshments & Fellowship will follow*

*Please join us for the 24th annual*

# Swedefest

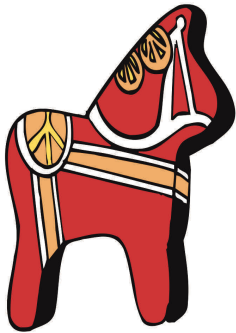
*family fun festival*

*Bernadotte Lutheran Church Park*

*6 miles east of Lafayette, Mn.  
at 34122 515th Ave. (Co. Rd. 10)*

*Saturday, June 23, 2018*

*4:00-8:00 p.m.*



## Great Entertainment

In the park, weather permitting

**The Rickheims**

**Gerry & Carol Larson**

## Silent Auction

Closing at 7:30 p.m.

**Horse-Drawn  
Wagon Rides**

**Kid's Activities**



## Menu

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

**Pulled Pork Sand-  
wiches,  
Potato Salad,  
Beans, Herring,  
Pickles, Beverages,  
Creamy Rice**

Adults \$10:00;  
6-12 years, \$5.00;

## Refreshments

Ice Cream Treats, Beverages

**Closing Devotions** conclude the evening

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

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