



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Joint Worship Service Reformation Sunday October 30, 9:30 a.m.

Bernadotte Lutheran Church
Fellowship and fun activity with Sunday
School students following service

First Lutheran will host annual Thanksgiving Eve service

This year's community Thanksgiving Service will be at First Lutheran on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. Members of our FOG churches, as well as St. Gregory the Great and St. George Catholic, will join together for this special community service.

Bloodmobile at LCS Nov. 21

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Lafayette Charter School Monday, November 21 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. To make an appointment, contact Lori Dick at 228-8788 or go online at www.redcrossblood.org; enter sponsor code Lafayette. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments preferred.

Fall Festival at First Lutheran

The annual Fall Festival at First Lutheran is Saturday, November 19, beginning with a bake sale, crafts, cards, and free egg coffee at 9:30 a.m. Check the poster on the back page of this newsletter for all the details!

Prices reduced on Bernadotte's 150th items

Just in time for early Christmas shopping! Prices have been reduced on select BLC 150th Anniversary items.

- Bernadotte History Books — now \$25 each or 2/\$40
- Pewter Christmas Ornaments — Now \$8 each or 2/\$15
- BLC Lapel Pins — Now \$2 each
- BLC Can Coozies — Now \$1 each

Limited items of Bernadotte clothing, as well as Anniversary DVDs are also available.

Contact Ruth, Lori, Sally or Mary for purchases.

All Saints Day—November 6

In worship at each of our churches on Sunday, November 6—All Saints Sunday—we will give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” Everyone is encouraged to bring photos of loved ones who have passed on. The photos will be displayed on a table in the front of each church.

Signed quilt presented to Heather

A beautiful quilt, bearing the signatures and well wishes of those attending the September 11 benefit, was presented to Heather Giefer at confirmation class. The words of encouragement are a treasure!



Clothing Drive extended

The clothing drive for our Africa partnership has been extended to Sunday, November 13. Clothing, shoes, purses, hats, belts, bedding, and any type of material can be brought to BLC in tall plastic kitchen drawstring bags and left in the entry.

Confirmation schedule

Classes will be held Wednesdays November 2, 9, and 16 at Swan Lake Lutheran. There is no class on Thanksgiving eve—class members are asked to attend the Thanksgiving service at First Lutheran. The confirmation students will have a to-be-determined service experience on Wednesday, November 30.

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

NOVEMBER 2016 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 6-Randy Altmann & Jasenko Gavranovic; 13-Brian & Carl Martens, 20-Bob & Bill Youngblom; 27-Kevin & Laura Isaacson

Greeter: Mark & Jil Haler

Liturgists: 6 & 13-Charlie Hartley; 20 & 27-Charles Youngblom

Reader: 6 & 13-Cindy Youngblom; 20 & 27-Sandy Hartley

Visiting: Marie Carlson & Myra Shingobe

Altar: Trudy Hofstad & Carmen Broste

Coffee Servers: 6-Jo Pehrson & Heidi Hutton; 13-Marie Carlson & Laurie Larson; 20-Trudy Hofstad & Carmen Broste; 27-Laura Isaacson & Linda Isaacson

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Mia & Jason Ross

Readers: 6-Judy Radke; 13-Lori Fenske; 20-Lowell Sjostrom; 27-Rosanne Johnson

Acolyte: Dylan Gieseke

Ushers: Steve Langhorst, Mary Langhorst, Brian Pettis, Lincoln Langhorst & Bryce Peterson

Communion (Nov. 13): S-Steve Langhorst; C-Lori Fenske; U-Jerry Oscarson & Dave Nelson

Coffee Servers: 6-Donna Webster; 13-WELCA/LCM; 20-volunteer needed; 27-Advent Dinner

Heidi reflects on the Promises of God

In 1886, R. Kelso Carter wrote one of my favorite hymns, “Standing on the promises of God.” One of the verses from this song says:

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit’s call
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.**

Carter nailed it. God’s promises do not fail and God’s faithfulness is as consistent as the sunrise. Because of these truths, we can rest in the Lord as our Savior and stand on God’s promises. Despite your circumstances and regardless of your current situation, God is unchanging and God’s promises are always sure. Remember who God is, remember God’s character, and lean on God’s promises. We are in far better hands when we rest in God’s promises than when we try to make our own way without the Lord.

Romans 11:33–36 says

33 O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?’ 35 ‘Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?’ 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

Luther’s/Reformation quote:

Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God--
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For, though all things shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!"

— Martin Luther

A moment with Martin (Luther)

Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint—a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus.

**To contact Heidi, please use her cell phone number —
507-766-2729 or email heidijohagstrom@gmail.com**

Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Church Council—Mon., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m.
- Bernadotte Church Council—Mon., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Nov. 30, 7:45 p.m. at Swan Lake

*The date's been set...
mark it on your calendar!*

**Bernadotte's Swedefest...
Saturday, June 24**

Bernadotte WELCA Notes

- WELCA/LCM Joint Meeting, Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. Devotions—Elias Webster; Program—TBA; Hosts—Jim Bartels, Adam Bartels, Jerome Anderson, Jaclyn Langhorst, Adrienne Sjostrom & Shaun Anderson.
- Advent Dinner, Sunday, November 27, 10:30 a.m. Coordinators—Konnie Bartels/Beth Anderson; Servers A-L.

Looking ahead

- Bernadotte Sunday School program, Sunday, December 11 during morning worship service.
- First Lutheran S.S. Christmas program, during Sunday, December 18 worship service; BBQ meal to follow.
- Christmas worship services—7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve at Swan Lake; 9:00 p.m., Christmas Eve at First; and 8:00 a.m. Christmas morning at Bernadotte.
- St. Gregory the Great will host the community Christmas Sing-a-Long at a to-be-determined date.

Baptized at our Churches

Maverick James Juracek was baptized October 8 at First Lutheran. Maverick's parents are Ashley and Warren Juracek and his sponsors are Eric Juracek and Carole Grundemann.

Easton John Darwin Neuman will be baptized in a private service at Swan Lake Sunday, October 30. Easton's parents are Aunie and Ryan Neuman and his grandfather is Darwin Gieseke. His sponsors are Tricia Thordson and Chris Holmen.



**Two days of
quilting at BLC**



Eight BLC ladies made 21 quilts when they met at the church Wednesday and Thursday, October 19 & 20. The quilts will go to Sibley County Santa's Helpers, Sibley County Food Shelf, and the Salvation Army.



Quilting were Sally Webster, Rosanne Johnson, Adrienne Sjostrom, Renee Rasmussen, Denise Johnson, Dorothy Martens, and Konnie Bartels.

Bible Study at Big Dog's

The Monday Morning Community Bible Study at Big Dog's in Lafayette will meet Mondays, November 7, 14 and 21, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (No Bible study November 28.)

Check out These Area Events!

• **St. Michael's Fall Festival**, Gaylord American Legion, Sunday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Smoked pork chop or Aranda Mexican meal. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-10. Door prizes, raffle, silent auction.

• **125th Anniversary Celebration**, Winthrop Covenant Church, Sunday, October 30, 2:00 p.m. service with special music and memory sharing; fellowship & refreshments.

• **Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner**, Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, Norseland, Sat., Nov. 5, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$18; kids 6-12 \$6; 5 & under, free.

Called to her heavenly home



Eunice Wordelman, 86, of First Lutheran passed away Thursday, October 13. A celebration of life was held Friday, October 21 at First Lutheran. She is survived by four sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Ready or not...

Day Light Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6. Set your clocks back...or you might be an hour **early** for church!

FLC Sunday School note

There will be no Sunday School at First Lutheran Church the Sunday following Thanksgiving, November 27.



Swan Lake benefit breakfast



Scrambled eggs, sausage, and pancakes were on the menu for the annual Harvest Breakfast at Swan Lake Lutheran Saturday, October 1. The free-will breakfast was a benefit to help Heather Giefer and her family with medical and other expenses.



**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF LAFAYETTE**

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 19, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bake Sale ~ Crafts ~ Cards ~ Napkins

Quilt Raffle

This beautiful hand stitched quilt made by quilt maker, Mari Schipplick, was her last quilt. It is donated by her sister, Eunice Wordelman.

Tickets may be purchased from First Lutheran members or purchased at the door.

Coffee Hour

serving Free egg coffee
from 9:30 to 10:30

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## **Dinner**

Bone-in Ham  
and Swedish Meatballs,  
Real Mashed Potatoes,  
Corn, Cole Slaw,  
Buns and Desserts.

**\$11.00**



**FREE Bingo for Kids upstairs**