



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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Lent & Holy Week Schedule

All Lenten services at 7:00 p.m.

FOG youth will serve soup suppers at 6 pm before the Ash Wednesday and Midweek services

March 6	Ash Wednesday	First Luth.
	with imposition of ashes	
March 13	Midweek worship	First Luth.
March 20	Midweek worship	Bernadotte
March 27	Midweek worship	Bernadotte
April 3	Midweek worship	Swan Lake
April 10	Midweek worship	Swan Lake
April 18	Maundy Thursday	Bernadotte
	with first communion	
April 19	Good Friday	First Luth.
April 21	Easter, 6:30 am	First Luth
	Easter, 8:00 am	Swan Lake
	Easter, 9:30 am	Bernadotte



Community Bible Study

The Monday morning bible study will conclude a study of the Book of Revelation on March 4. We will then take a break until after Lent, starting again on April 29, 9:30 am at First Lutheran, with a study of the parables of Jesus.

Looking ahead...

FOG Youth Ham Bingo

Saturday, April 13

Lafayette Fire Hall

Come early to eat!

World Day of Prayer at Bernadotte

Bernadotte Lutheran will host World Day of Prayer Friday, March 1, starting with coffee hour at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will lead or assist with the service, serve coffee before the service, and usher.

Everyone is welcome!

Brady Webster benefit

A community benefit is being organized to help Brady Webster with medical expenses after receiving a kidney/pancreas transplant.

The Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at the UFC Berdan Center in Winthrop. The event will include a silent auction. Check the poster on the back page.

Brad DeBoer of First Lutheran is coordinating workers to help with various parts of the benefit. If you can help that day, please contact Brad at 507-276-7316 or abdeboer57@gmail.com.

Officers elected at annual meetings

New church officers have been named at all three churches, as well as for the FOG council.

FOG Council

Chairperson Karlen Nelson
Vice chair Trish Gieseke
Treasurer Brad DeBoer
Secretary Cindy Youngblom

Secretary Shaun Anderson
Treasurer Tim Anderson
New member Neil Rasmussen
New member Elias Webster

First Lutheran

President Brian Martens
Vice president Traci Abrahamson
Secretary Jamie Friedrichs
Treasurer Brad DeBoer
Christian education Mark Haler
Memorial fund Al Pehrson
Property/maint. Butch Altmann
Worship/music Traci Abrahamson
WELCA Liaison Marilyn DeBoer.

Swan Lake Council

President John Maass
Vice president Darwin Gieseke
Secretary Jeannie Cox
Treasurer JoAnn Gieseke

Bernadotte Council

President Ruth Klossner
Vice president Trish Gieseke

Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council— Mon., Mar. 4, 5:30 p.m., FLC
- Bernadotte Council— Mon., Mar. 18, 7:30 p.m., BLC
- FOG Council— Wed., Mar. 27, 8:00 p.m., BLC

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

Pastor Heidi's Reflections

Lent 2019: The Way of Love

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

~ Ephesians 3:17-19

I have chosen a Lenten series designed by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael B. Curry. You may remember that Bishop Curry delivered the sermon at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markel.

Bishop Curry reminds us that "in the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement, a community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love." Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way."

One could say that we live as part of the (ELCA) Lutheran branch of the Jesus Movement. During Lent we will learn faith practices that put Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to Jesus' way of love in and for the world.

We begin with the imposition of ashes during a joint FOG worship service on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at First Lutheran. We continue with a simple meal and meeting each Wednesday night. I am borrowing the word "meeting" in this case from the Quakers. In the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), a meeting for worship is comparable to a church service. A Quaker Meeting for Worship often starts with a query, something to think about during the Meeting. We will focus our query each Wednesday around a different faith practice.

I join Bishop Curry in praying that we grow as a community following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. Jesus' way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

To contact Heidi: 507-766-2729 or pastor@fieldsofgracemn.com

First Communion preparation

Fifth grade students are invited to prepare to receive Holy Communion by attending **TWO** classes—Thursdays April 4, and April 11, at 7:00 pm at First Lutheran. (Note change)

First communion will be celebrated at the FOG Maundy Thursday worship service at Bernadotte.

Pastor Heidi is both serious and joyful about the preparation for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Sacrament means an act or ritual that helps to connect us with God.

Upcoming Events at Bernadotte

- Joint LCM/WELCA meeting, Sunday, March 10, 10:45 a.m. Devotions: Shaun Anderson. Hosts: Tim & Beth Anderson, Doris & Myron Kaduce
- Installation of new council members & officers, Sunday, March 17, during 9:30 a.m., worship service
- Mission Sunday with Food for Kidz food packing, Sunday, April 7, 9:00-11:00 a.m; devotions, pizza at 11:00 a.m.
- Mother-Daughter Brunch, Saturday, April 20
- WELCA Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, June 5
- Swedefest Midsummer Picnic, Saturday, June 22
- Outdoor Services—Sundays, July 7 & 28 and August 18, 9:30 a.m. Music with a message.



Daylight Savings Time starts March 10!

Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour or you'll be late for church

MARCH 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 3-Marti Uhde & Landon Uhde; 10-Bill Youngblom & Al Pehrson; 17-Bill Youngblom & Tarik Gavranovic; 24-Eric Sjogren & Tristan Sjogren; 31-Todd & Char Nelson.

Greeters: Bill & Linda Youngblom

Reader: Linda Youngblom

Liturgist: 3, 17 & 31-Brad DeBoer; 10 & 24-Charles Youngblom;

Altar: Shannon Krueger & Lila Ellies

Coffee Servers: 3-Marie Carlson & Mary Martens; 10-Heidi Hutton & Lindsay Benson; 17-Sue Helget & Katie Decko; 24-Deanna Sjogren & Tristan Sjogren; 31-Char & Todd Nelson.

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

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Ben & Andrew Radke

Acolyte: Brock Peterson

Readers: 3-Shaun Anderson; 10-Steve Sjostrom; 17-Trish Gieseke; 24-Tim Schulz; 31-Jim Bartels

Ushers: Steve Radke, Pam White, Brad White, Brent Peterson, Brad Peterson

Communion (Mar. 10): S-Steve Radke; C-Dwayne Ross; U-Rosanne Johnson & Tim Anderson

Coffee Servers: 3-Pam White & Wendy Schulz; 10-Brady Webster Benefit; 24-Karen Wingen. 17 & 31—volunteers needed!



Everyone enjoyed a Mexican meal of tacos and chips during the noon hour—the only time we had a chance to take photos

Hope in the Heartland retreat, Madelia site



Fourteen Fields of Grace, First Lutheran, Bernadotte, and Swan Lake council members, along with Pastor Heidi, took part in the Hope in the Heartland Retreat at Madelia Saturday, February 2. The interactive workshop was presented from Sioux Falls, with receiving sites in at least eight states.



Wednesday School

Students in grades 5-9 will serve the Lenten soup suppers—starting Ash Wednesday, March 6.

The confirmation students are required to attend worship in lieu of class time on Wednesday nights. There is no class during Holy week, April 17. The final three Wednesday night sessions will be held according to the usual schedule April 24, May 1 and May 8.

Called to her heavenly home

The family of Helen Palmer received word of her death Friday, February 8 in Madison, Wisconsin. Helen—the wife of Donald Palmer—was 98. Donald was a brother to Linton and Dennis Palmer and Lily Franke. Burial will be in Bernadotte at a later date.



Bernadotte group goes to Church Basement Ladies



Fifteen BLC members and friends braved the snow to go to the Church Basement Ladies "You Smell Barn" in style Sunday, February 10. John Nelson did the driving...with his limo!! It was a fun trip, with lunch at Culver's in Savage, just before arriving at the Ames Center in Burnsville. The roads weren't too bad and the trip was without incident! Thanks for your great driving, John! No photos allowed during the play, just a set shot before it started.



Sunday School

Sunday School will be held each Sunday during March at 10:15 a.m. at First Lutheran Church.

Baptism

Ryan Benson, son of Eric and Lindsay (Pehrson) Benson, was baptized at First Lutheran on Sunday, February 10. Ryan was born November 14, 2018. His grandparents are Dean and Jo Pehrson and Merlin and Linda Benson. His sponsors are Heidi Hutton and Kelley Benson.

April Newsletter will be out early

Because the FOG newsletter editor won't be able to work on the newsletter the last week of March, the next FOG newsletter will come out early (about March 20). All input for that newsletter must be submitted by **Friday, March 15**. Thanks for your help!

(Ruth is heading east to Washington, D.C. with the Nicollet High School Band and Choir for a week.)



Super Lowell LXXX

New Orleans may have had Super Bowl LIII February 3, but Bernadotte had Super Lowell LXXX that day. In celebration of Lowell's 80th birthday, the Sjostrom family served cake after church that morning.

BENEFIT FOR

BRADY WEBSTER

SUNDAY MARCH 10 2019

9 AM—1 PM

UFC BERDAN CENTER 705 E 4TH STREET, WINTHROP, MN

{DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES WILL BE SERVED}

FREE WILL DONATION



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

50/50 RAFFLE

AND MUCH MORE

**{COME AND ENJOY OLD TIME
MUSIC!}**

Please help us support Brady following his recent kidney and pancreas transplant!

Brady was diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease in January 2018, at which time he began dialysis treatments in his home five times per week, which allowed him to maintain his employment with United Farmers Cooperative.

In November 2018, he was the recipient of a kidney and pancreas transplant at the U of M Hospital. He continues to have many medical appointments, treatments, procedures, and home health visits following his surgery.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for the financial challenges experienced with transplant related expenses, including medical appointments, medications, travel, lodging, and items not covered by his insurance. Brady is the son of Deb and the late Bill Webster.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support!