



# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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## Official installation for Pastor Heidi

It's been awhile in coming, but Heidi will *officially* become our pastor on Sunday, May 19. Bishop Jon Anderson will be here to officially install her as pastor of Fields of Grace Lutheran Parish. The ceremony will take place during a joint FOG worship service at First Lutheran.

A celebratory meal will be served for the FOG community afterwards.

## Joint Memorial Day worship

Include family worship in your Memorial Day weekend plans!

May 26 is the first summer joint FOG worship, hosted at Swan Lake at 9:30 am. Fellowship will be **before** the service, at 8:30 a.m.

Additional joint FOG worship services are:

- Independence Day, July 7, 9:30 Bernadotte park
- Good Neighbor Day, July 28 in Lafayette
- Labor Day, September 1, 9:30 at First Lutheran

## Good Neighbor Sunday

The second annual Good Neighbor Sunday will be July 28, at the Lafayette Mini Park, downtown Lafayette, featuring the Cedar Creek Gospel Band.

This outdoor worship experience is the culmination of the newly revived Lafayette Days, happening July 25-28.

## Community Bible Study

Monday morning Bible study resumes April 29, at 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran. It will also meet on May 6 and 20, before taking a break for the summer. There's no Bible study on May 13 as Pastor Heidi will be out of town.

## Membership inquiry

Pastor Heidi is offering two sessions about church membership on Sunday, April 28 and May 5, following worship at First Lutheran. After sharing a simple meal, Pastor Heidi will talk about what it means to be a member of a church community.



## First Communion

Five FOG youth received First Communion at a joint service at Bernadotte on Maundy Thursday. They are, from left: Tate Isaacson, son of Amy and Chris Isaacson; Zoe Uhde, daughter of Marti and Jeff Uhde; Jenna Donnay, daughter of Sandy and Jeff Donnay; Ben Fredrichs, son of Jamie Fredrichs; and Zelli Kamm, daughter of Elmari and Andy Kamm.

## Wednesday School

The final three Wednesday night sessions will be April 24, May 1 and May 8. The April 24 class will include a short presentation about the Gustavus summer festival camp in July. On May 1, the students will go the Lodge in Winthrop to lead bingo, serve lunch, and deliver May baskets. Everyone is welcome. May 8 is the last evening of class until fall.

Anyone with thoughts or comments for next year's calendar should contact Mark Haler or Pastor Heidi. They will start work on it in May.

## Pastor Heidi will be gone May 13-17

Pastor Heidi will be out of town May 13-17 to attend the Festival of Homeletics at Luther Seminary. Homeletics is the art of preaching or writing sermons.

Pastor Bob Minor, Winthrop, has agreed to cover for Pastor Heidi in case of emergencies.

## Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—Mon., May 6, 5:30 p.m., FLC
- Bernadotte Council—Mon., May 20, 7:30 p.m., BLC
- FOG Council—Wed., May 29, 8:00 p.m., SL

# 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

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## Pastor Heidi's Reflections

I find myself singing the first couple lines of a song from the musical *Camelot* this month—"It's May! it's May! The lusty month of May. That lovely month when everyone goes blissfully astray." After this winter, we have earned the right to "go blissfully astray" in May.

Part of the beauty of spring's arrival is how differently it's celebrated around the world. Every country has its own unique way of welcoming the new season, be it through a festival, parade, or communal meal.

I am suggesting that you try a new spiritual practice in May, adding to the ones we learned about in Lent. Do something "lusty," something that celebrates flesh and blood spirituality, honoring the body as a spiritual practice.

*The Christian practice of honoring the body is born of the confidence that our bodies are made in the image of God's own goodness. As the place where the divine presence dwells, our bodies are worthy of care and blessing. . . . It is through our bodies that we participate in God's activity in the world.*

Stephanie Paulsell

Try reflecting on the story of Elijah's journey into God's

presence in 1 Kings 19. Notice the attention God gave to Elijah's physical condition, going so far as to send an angel to guide him in caring for his body. Even though Elijah was a great prophet, he had the same blind spot many of us seem to have—he had let himself become so run down physically that God literally had to send an angel to strengthen his body before they could deal with anything else. The angel got very specific with Elijah providing him with a cake baked on hot stones (the first angel food cake, I presume!) and a jar of water. Elijah followed the angel's simple instructions for strengthening his body and then fell into such an exhausted sleep that he almost slept through the next meal. The angel came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."

"What journey?" Elijah might have asked. After all, he had left his life as a prophet in Israel, he had slumped down under a solitary broom tree and told God in no uncertain terms that he was done. But the angel knew better. He knew that Elijah was on a deeply spiritual journey—the journey into the presence of God. And that journey requires strength of both body and soul.

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## Baptism at Swan Lake

Bailey Ann Bergstrom, daughter of Tom and Katie Bergstrom and granddaughter of Ted and Barb Bergstrom, was baptized Sunday, March 31, at Swan Lake. Her sponsors are her uncle Steve Poncin and her cousin Melissa Poncin. Bailey was born November 26, 2018.

The baptism was extra special in that Tom's aunt had just returned from the Middle East and brought water from the Jordan River. Pastor Heidi co-mingled it with water from the kitchen faucet when willing the baptismal bowl.

Grandpa Ted brought a flat top outdoor grill and cooked made-to-order omelets for everyone who attended worship that day. Grandma Barb made a cake.



# MAY 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 5-Tom Brethorst & Randy Altmann; 12-Dwight DeBoer & Al Pehrson; 19-Mark Hagberg & Randy Altmann; 26-at Swan Lake.  
Greeters: Bucky & Susie Wendorff  
Reader: Deb Grant  
Liturgist: 5-Jorja Langhoff; 12 & 19-Charlie Hartley  
Altar: Laura Isaacson & Shauna Hoffmann  
Coffee Servers: 5-Lori Brethorst & Marti Uhde; 12-Tami Stadtherr & Dawn Stevensen; 19-Kris Hagberg & Sandy Burger; 26-at Swan Lake.  
Communion Bread—Joyce Reese

## Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Ken & Dorothy Martens  
Acolyte: Tanner Johnson  
Readers: 5-Sarah Johnson; 12-Shaun Anderson; 19-Joint Installation Service (FLC); 26-Joint Service (SL)  
Ushers: Ruth Klossner, Arlin Nelson, John Nelson, Brent Johnson, Sarah Johnson  
Communion (May 12): S-Ruth Klossner; C-Trish Gieseke; U-Jerry Oscarson & Dwayne Ross  
Coffee Servers: 5 & 12-Volunteers needed; 19-Joint service at FLC; 19-Joint service at Swan Lake

Third  
FOG  
Ham  
Bingo  
is the  
biggest  
yet



The Fields of Grace youth held another great community event Saturday evening, April 13—Ham Bingo—just in time for Easter.

Brad DeBoer called the games with Mark Haler and others keeping track of things at the Lafayette Fire Hall.

The FOG youth served lunch before and during the event. A big thank you to all!



## FLC Notes

- The last day of Sunday School at First Lutheran is May 5.
- FLC's high school graduates will be recognized at a special breakfast Sunday, June 2.
- First Lutheran will serve the community ice cream social Friday, June 7 at the Community Center.

## Upcoming Events at Bernadotte

- Church grounds clean-up rescheduled to Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m., weather permitting
- WELCA serves at the Lodge in Winthrop Sundays, May 19 & 26.
- WELCA Ice Cream Social & Band Concert, Wed., June 5 (see poster back page)
- Swedefest Family Fun Festival, Saturday, June 22, 4-8 p.m.
- Outdoor Services—Sundays, July 7 with the Larsons and Jodi Poehler; August 4 with the Mages Family Band; and August 18, with music by Lorie Grunzke and Pastor Heidi. Services at 9:30 a.m. (Hosts for August 4 & 18 needed)



Youth served  
Lenten soup  
suppers and  
helped at  
services



The FOG confirmation youth were busy at the weekly Lent services. Some of the services that followed were held in the fellowship halls, others in the sanctuaries of the churches.





**Mother-Daughter tea at BLC April 20**

The Bernadotte fellowship hall was bright with color as it awaited the gathering of mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces and others Saturday, April 20. After a delicious meal—served by the men of the church—everyone moved upstairs for the program by Denise Downhour. The young members of the audience were invited up to sing “I’m a Little Teapot,” then watched Kiley (Grunzke) Rieke make a teapot and more out of clay.



**Food for Kidz**

All ages helped out when BLC members packed 14,688 meals for Food For Kidz Sunday, April 7. Church organizations and members also donated \$3,229. Pastor Heidi led a brief service partway through.



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

Hoppas Vi Ses Där!

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

**Pie Social Menu:**  
BBQ 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.**