



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

July 2019

Joint Worship Service Sunday, July 7, 9:30 a.m.

Bernadotte Church Park

Music by The Larsons and Jodi Poehler

Fellowship & light refreshments will follow

Good Neighbor Sunday

The second annual Good Neighbor Sunday will be July 28 at the Lafayette Mini Park, downtown Lafayette. The service will feature the Cedar Creek Gospel Band. For more info, check the poster on page 6. Volunteers are needed for kitchen help, setup, serving, and clean-up. Each church is asked to bring bars.

Fourth Sunday joint services planned

At its May 29 meeting, the Fields of Grace council approved a plan to hold more joint services—usually on the fourth Sunday of the month—in addition to joint holiday services previously scheduled.

All joint services will be at 9:30 a.m., according to this schedule.

- Jul. 7 4th of July, at Bernadotte
- Jul. 28 Good Neighbor, Laf. Mini-Park
- Sept. 1 Labor Day, at First
- Sept. 22 at Bernadotte
- Oct. 27 Confirmation, at First
- Nov. 24 at Swan Lake
- Nov. 27 Community Thanksgiving Eve
- Dec. 15 Childrens' Program, FLC
- Dec. 29 New Year's joint service

Music with a Message at Bernadotte

Bernadotte has planned three Sunday outdoor music services with devotional "mini services" in the church park. Everyone is welcome to take part in the 9:30 a.m. services. (The first is a joint service)

- Sunday, July 7 with The Larsons and Jodi Poehler
- Sunday, August 4 with the Mages Family Band
- Sunday, August 18 with music by Lorie Grunzke and Pastor Heidi

Light refreshments will be served following the services which will be held rain or shine—they'll be moved indoors in case of inclement weather.

Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—
Mon., July 1, 5:30 p.m., FLC
- Bernadotte Council—
Mon., July 15, 7:30 p.m., BLC
- FOG Council—Wed., Jul. 28, 7 pm, BLC



A good time was had by all when Pastor Heidi led the singing at Beer & Hymns, Monday, June 10, at Third Street Tavern in St. Peter.



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

Joint Services—9:30 a.m., 4th Sunday of each month, rotating locations

Pastor Heidi's Reflections

I am writing this the week before Holy Trinity Sunday, the week when we focus on the mysterious community of God whom we call Father, Son and Holy Spirit, or Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. The lessons this year include a very brief reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has

been given to us. (Romans 5:1-5)

This text hits many of the high points of God's Trinitarian salvation of humanity. We read of the Father's love, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding Spirit. Is that the entirety of the Trinity? Of course not! But it's not a bad start—and we don't have to get into weighty metaphysical matters to see the Triune God's love at work here.

This promise is made particularly meaningful for me this year as it comes at a time when I am walking with several people who are suffering, some unto death. What a beautiful reminder that, as people of faith, we can celebrate the depth and breadth of God's love for us—the love of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit even in the midst of suffering.

To contact Heidi: 507-766-3471 or pastor@fieldsofgracemn.com

Two new baby girls at BLC

Raelynn Jean Fenske was born to Brittani and Daniel Fenske Thursday, June 13 at 4:45 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs 1.6 oz and was 21.5 inches long. Proud grandmother is Lori Fenske.

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Abigail Frances was born to Jim and Stacey Kline on Tuesday, June 11 at 12:13 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz and was 23 inches long. Proud grandparents are Neil and Renee Rasmussen and Jim and Shirley Kline.

Wedding bells rang

Morgan Griebel and Nicholas Klingler were married Saturday, June 15 at First Lutheran Church in Lafayette. Parents of the bride are Gary Griebel and Erik and Tara Roth. Parents of the groom are Ken and Laurie Klingler.



The bride's sisters, Laci Thedens and Tawni Griebel were matron and maid of honor, respectively. Doug Hoffmann, friend of the groom, was best man.

VBS opportunity

The Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church will host Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday, July 15-19, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., for children who completed grades kindergarten through sixth. Cost is \$5.00 per child or \$15.00 per family.

To register, contact the church office at 507-647-5777 (leave a message), or email wincov@gmail.com.



Mildred Ross to celebrate her 100th birthday

In honor of Mildred Ross' 100th birthday, her family will serve cake after the 9:30 a.m. July 7 outdoor joint service at Bernadotte.

Mildred will also be honored at an open house at Hahn's Dining in Winthrop on Thursday, July 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Let's help Mildred have a great start to her second century!

JULY 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 7-Joint Service; 14-Jon Hartley & Brian Martens; 21-Doug Durham & Al Youngblom; 28-Bucky & Susie Wendorff—Good Neighbor Day.

Greeter: Jaime Friedrichs.

Reader: Deb Grant.

Liturgist: 14-Brad DeBoer; 21-Charles Youngblom; 28-Charlie Hartley.

Altar: Trudy Hofstad, Shelly Langhoff & Jorja Langhoff.

Coffee Servers: 14-Char & Todd Nelson; 21-Mindy Engel & Diane Durham; 28-Good Neighbor Day.

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Marissa Anderson & Meghan Houdek

Acolyte: Ben Radke

Readers: 7-Judy Radke, 14-Lori Fenske, 21-Rosanne Johnson, 28-Ruth Klossner

Ushers: Jerry Oscarson, Julia Oscarson, Kelly Peters, Lori Peters, Andrew Rasmussen

Communion (July 14): S-Jerry Oscarson; C-Jim Young; U-Rosanne Johnson & Elias Webster.

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



BLC ice cream social and band concert

It was a beautiful night for Bernadotte's ice cream social... and even the gnats were under control! LaRita Young brought several cans of a great insect repellent and offered to spray down every guest. It kept the bugs under control! The Lafayette Band played a great concert and the food was great! It's always fun to have people come to Bernadotte for this long-time tradition!





FLC's ice cream social

First Lutheran Church served tacos in a bag for the first of the seven Friday night ice cream socials in Lafayette June 7. The desserts were wonderful!

As always, the social was followed by a concert next door, in the mini-park, by the Lafayette Band. Other than some gnats at the concert, it was a great evening!



Bernadotte Neighborhood Night Out set for July 30

Mark the date on your calendar!

The Bernadotte (and area) Neighborhood Night Out will be held Tuesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. at the Bernadotte Church Park. It's being coordinated by Pastor Heidi, Sue Brandel, Denise Johnson, and Ruth Klossner.

Anyone with a "tie" (however loosely) to the area is invited—doesn't matter where you live! Bring a dish to pass. Hotdogs, buns, beverages, plates, silverware, etc., will be provided.

Come for a leisurely evening with friends! Everyone welcome...please help spread the word!!!

Called to their heavenly home

Robert "Bob" Webster, 79, of Bernadotte passed away at the Benedictine Living Community in St. Peter Thursday, June 13, 2019. Funeral service was Monday, June 17 at Bernadotte Lutheran Church with Pastor Heidi officiating.



Burial was in the Bernadotte Cemetery.

Robert is survived by wife Donna, daughters Gayla (Paul) Rodning and Julie (Jerry) Donek, son Gary (Shari) Webster, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

Bob farmed for the majority of his life and worked as a house mover.

Bernadotte member **Sid Holberg** of Gaylord, 91, passed away Saturday, June 1 at Oak Terrace Health Care Center in Gaylord. Funeral Service was Friday, June 7 at Bernadotte, with interment in the church cemetery.



Sid was a lifelong farmer. After retirement he drove for Trailblazer Transit and delivered prescription drugs for two pharmacies.

He is survived by wife Elaine Holberg; children Lynnette Sondag, Fay Boos. and Doug Holberg; eight grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Orville W. Larson, 98, of Winthrop, father of First Lutheran organist Laurie Larson, died Tuesday, June 11, at Oak Terrace Health Care in Gaylord. Funeral service was Friday, June 14 at First Lutheran Church in Winthrop with Pastor Heidi Hagstrom officiating. Burial followed in the Winthrop Cemetery.



FLC high school grads honored

First Lutheran honored its high school graduates during the Sunday morning service June 2, and also recognized them at a breakfast before the service. Grads attending were Stuart Hartley, Patrick Sandberg, and Katelyn Ulrich. The fourth graduate was Jasenko Gavranovic. Each grad received a tied fleece blanket made by the women of the congregation. Members of the choir sang the anthem, with Laurie on the piano.

Good News Items from the FOG churches

In honor of her many years of covering local events and continued dedication to the city of Nicollet, Fred Froehlich, mayor of Nicollet, presented Ruth Klossner with the Key to the City of Nicollet during Friendship Days. Ruth's presence at so many events and the thousands of photos that she takes and shares are appreciated by so many.



Ben Friedrichs of First Lutheran was one of ten fifth graders who were named honor students when Sibley East held its fifth grade graduation at the end of the school year. Ben is the son of Jaime Friedrichs.



Good Neighbor Day

“Each one of us needs
to look after the good of
the people around us.”

- Romans 15:2a

Join the people of
Fields of Grace
Lutheran Parish
as we wrap up the
last day of Lafayette
Mudville Days with
worship, fellowship
and a meal together.

SUNDAY, JULY 28th
Lafayette Mini Park

9:30 Coffee & Doughnuts
10:30 Music & Message
Noon Lunch



Featuring
**Cedar Creek
Gospel Band**

Plus,
Games for the Kids
and more.