



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

August 2019

Good Neighbor Sunday — July 28 Lafayette Mini-Park

9:30 a.m. Coffee

10:30 a.m. Worship with Cedar Creek Gospel Band

Noon Meal, free will donation

See poster on back page

‘Fourth Sunday’ joint services schedule

Joint services—usually on the fourth Sunday of the month—will be held at 9:30 a.m., according to this schedule.

- Jul. 28 Good Neighbor, Laf. Mini-Park
- Sept. 1 Labor Day, at First Lutheran
- 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

Baptisms at Bernadotte



Abigail Frances, daughter of Stacy and James Kline, was baptized at Bernadotte Sunday, June 30. Her sponsors/god parents are Andrew Rasmussen and Jason and Steph Kline. and her grandparents are Neil and Renee Rasmussen and James & Shirley Kline. Abigail was born June 11.

Raelynn Jean, daughter of Daniel and Brittani Fenske, will be baptized at Bernadotte Sunday, August 4.

Music with a Message at Bernadotte

Everyone is welcome to take part in the 9:30 a.m. outdoor music services at the Bernadotte Church Park.

- 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.

Wedding bells will ring

Jacob Sjostrom and Lindsay Thomes will be married at Bernadotte Saturday, July 27. Congratulations to them!

Please support Autumn’s family

Autumn, the four-year-old granddaughter of Klossner area farmers/friends Wayne Marcy Fluegge, is undergoing treatments for leukemia.

If you are able to help financially, the family would be very grateful as her mom, Melanie, is temporarily not working so she can be with Autumn. The family also has three older children.

More than anything, they’d appreciate your prayers! Please share this information with your friends, neighbors, etc., so together we can support Autumn and her family at this challenging time.

Relatives have set up several ways we can help:

1. PayPal account: aacheystrong2019@gmail.com.
2. Gift cards, cards/gifts, checks: PO Box 321, New Ulm, MN 56073 (Checks can be written out to Citizens Bank Memo: Autumn Achey)
3. GoFundMe page in Autumn's name.

Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—
Mon., Aug 5, 5:30 p.m., FLC
- Bernadotte Council—
Mon., Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., BLC
- FOG Council—Wed., Sept. 25, 7:45 p.m., FLC

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

This fall we are embarking on a parish-wide mission project. Working with GoServ Global, we hope to provide two hurricane-resistant SafeT Homes® to Haiti. The goal is to raise \$20,000 in 2020. In addition to the homes, we hope that \$20,000 will support sending a team to Haiti to construct the homes, and meet the people who will occupy the homes. More information will be forthcoming.

For now, I think it is important for us to think about how we reach out to companions around the world. As I said in my sermon on the Good Samaritan, we don't enter into relationships as do-gooders swooping in to rescue or save the other. Rather, we seek to accompany our global companions, sharing God's love and mutually participating in God's mission. With that posture, we open ourselves to God's blessings in and through the "Other."

The ELCA uses the word "accompaniment" to describe how we are in mission around the globe. One definition we use is "Walking together in solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality." That doesn't exactly roll off the tongue. It might be easier to create a scenario describing what accompaniment might look like in practice. I am borrowing this vignette from Audrey Riley, former director of ELCA World Hunger:

"Let's say there are two people in the local food pantry,

one behind the counter and the other choosing things to take home. How do the two people see themselves and each other? How does each one of the two people see what they're doing together in that shop? Why do they see themselves and each other that way?

"How do the two people in the food pantry see themselves in relationship to God? How does each one see the other person's story fitting with God's story? Is one person closer to God than the other person? Does one person have a bigger part in God's story than the other one does? Why or why not, and if so, who?

"In the accompaniment model, the two people in the food pantry see themselves and each other not as anonymous members of categories like The Poor or The Do-Gooders, but as individuals—companions, neighbors, equal members of God's household, with common interests and complementary gifts. They see their individual stories not as completely separate, but as partly overlapping—and their individual stories and their shared stories are all part of God's story."

It can take some time and intentionality to get in the habit of seeing people around us according to that accompaniment model, but it's worth the effort. Give it a try. See if the world looks different that way.

Pastor Heidi will be on vacation from August 19 through September 2 but can be reached by phone in case of an emergency.

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

Websters welcome Edwin Charles

Edwin Charles Webster was born June 27 at 8:31 a.m. to Elias and Jenna Webster of Bernadotte. He weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Dennis and Diane Krzmarzick of Sleepy Eye and Kim Locher of Chandler, Arizona. Great grandparents are Delores Sellner of Sleepy Eye and Sally Webster of St. Peter.

Ken Martens celebrates 80th birthday

Ken Martens celebrated his 80th birthday with many family members and friends at Bernadotte Lutheran Church Sunday, July 21. The Martens family served coffee and cake after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Happy Birthday, Ken!



AUGUST 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 4-Brian Martens & Jon Hartley; 11-Al Youngblom & Tom Youngblom; 18-Dean Pehrson & Tyson Hutton; 25-Al Pehrson & Jon Hartley

Greeter: Jamie Friedrichs Reader: Sandy Hartley

Liturgist: 4 & 25-Brad DeBoer; 11 & 18-Charles Youngblom

Altar: Jo Pehrson, Heidi Hutton & Lindsay Benson

Coffee Servers: 4-Bucky & Susie Wendorff; 11-Sandy Burger & Di Youngblom; 18-Heidi Hutton & Lindsay Benson; 25-Shari Portner & Angie Hartmann

Communion Bread-Joyce Reese

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Sally Webster & Elias Webster

Acolyte: Mia Ross

Readers: 4-Sarah Johnson; 11-Shaun Anderson; 18-Steve Sjostrom; 25-Tim Schulz

Ushers: Neil Rasmussen, Renee Rasmussen, Jim Kline, Phil Wingen, Karen Wingen

Communion (August 11): S-Neil Rasmussen; C-Shaun Anderson; U-Jim Young & Steve Radke.

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



BLC outdoor service

Bernadotte hosted the 4th of July weekend joint service. The weather was great for an outdoor park service. Jodi Poehler and Carol and Gerry Larson provided the music, with Pastor Heidi and several readers taking part in the holiday weekend service. Cake and coffee followed, in honor of BLC member Mildred Ross' 100th birthday. (Check next page for photos)

Bernadotte & area Neighborhood Night Out Tuesday, July 30

The Bernadotte (and area) Neighborhood Night Out is 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 in-

vited—doesn't matter where you live! Bring a dish to pass. Hot-dogs, buns, beverages, plates, silverware, etc., will be provided.

Come for a leisurely evening with friends! Everyone welcome...please help spread the word!!! The Larsons will be back to provide their great music!



Swedefest moved indoors by threat of bad weather



With forecasters predicting a wet day for Saturday, the Swedefest committee made the call on Friday to move the event indoors. Things worked out fine.



It was great to see Junior Petterson and Dave Martin at the 25th annual Swedefest.

Music was by Ross and Danielle Deopere of Cambria, performing as "DD & Rosco."



Pastor Heidi led the closing devotions. Jim Bartels was the emcee and called the end of the silent auction.



The silent auction created a lot of interest—and some friendly competition as the minutes wound down for the auction to end!



Looking ahead to fall Christian education

Fields of Grace is gearing up for this fall's Christian education program.

Sunday School for Pre-K (ages 3-4) through grade 4 will begin Sunday, September 15— 10:35 a.m. snack time, 10:45-11:30 a.m. class time.

Wednesday School for Grades 5-9 will begin September 18 with Parent Orientation. 5:30-6:00 p.m. supper, 6:30-7:30 p.m. class time/orientation. Those in grades 5-6 are considered as being in pre-confirmation, with confirmation instruction happening in grades 7-9.

Other dates for youth and parents to note:

July 28 Good Neighbor Sunday in conjunction with Lafayette's Mudville Days, 9:30 a.m. Worship in mini park featuring Cedar Creek Gospel Band, followed by lunch and

games for kids.

Sunday, August 18. Parents, grandparents, and children of Sunday/Wednesday School age are invited to a meeting after the 11:00 a.m. worship at FLC, including lunch, to learn about the new Christian education plans and new Sunday School curriculum. Childcare will be available after lunch. Plans are to finish by 1:30 pm.

Sunday, September 8 Backpack Blessing during 9:30 a.m. worship at First Lutheran, "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday." Teachers will be installed and bibles distributed to third graders.

Thank you to Traci Abrahamson, Mark Haler, and Carmen Broste for their work in preparing the 2019-2020 Christian Education program.

Prices reduced on BLC 150th items

At its July meeting, the Bernadotte Church Council slashed prices on 150th memorabilia. Note cards (10-pack) are now \$5.00, pewter Christmas ornaments \$4.00, lapel pins \$1.00, Bernadotte history books \$10, and various shirts \$5.00, \$7.00 and \$9.00. Check for items in the back of church or in the church office.

Community Event

- St. Gregory's Harvest Festival, Sunday, August 11. Mass at 10:30 a.m., buffet dinner 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Games, entertainment & fellowship.



Mildred Ross celebrates 100th



Bernadotte member Mildred Ross celebrated her 100th birthday with cake after the July 7 outdoor service at the BLC park and again at Hahn's on Thursday, July 14, her actual birthday. Congratulations, Mildred!



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.