



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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FOG Worship Schedule Notes—Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, September 1—Joint Service at First Lutheran, 9:30 am

Sunday, September 8—Service times change (First to 9:30 & Bernadotte to 11:00)

—Backpack blessing/installation of teachers, Bibles to 3rd graders, all at First

Sunday, September 15—New Member Welcome, 9:30 a.m. (First)

—Sunday School starts, 10:35-11:30 a.m. (First)

Wednesday, September 18—Wednesday School starts/Parent Orientation (First)

Sunday, September 22—Joint Service at Bernadotte, Safe-T Homes Kickoff, 9:30 a.m.

FOG Bible study resumes Sept. 16

Fields of Grace Bible Study will start up again on Monday, September 16, at 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran.

Martin Luther called Paul's letter to the Galatians "my Katie von Bora." Katie was Martin Luther's wife. Paul's conviction that we are justified (made right with God) by grace through faith in Christ is central to Luther's theology, so it makes sense that he would think of this New Testament letter with the same intimacy and affection he felt for his wife.

Bring your bible. Coffee is served!

New members at First

A large group of new members will be welcomed at First Lutheran on September 15. They are Jeff and Sandy Donnay, Kaitlin, Jenna and Addison; Michael and Jami Morton; Brad Woller; Judy and Jim VanMaasdam; Naomi Grant-Green and Cindy; Kristopher and Tanisha Selbrade, Kristopher, Jr. and Kennedy; and Stacy Reinhart. (Stacy's husband Kevin and kids Brec, Taylyn, and Zayla will transfer from Bernadotte to First.)

Choir practice at First

The First Lutheran choir will begin practice on Sunday, September 15 at 8:50 a.m. Those interested are asked to meet in the front of the church by the piano.

The choir will rehearse again on September 29 at the same time. There will be no rehearsal on September 22, due to joint-FOG worship that day.

The choir will sing for the confirmation service on October 27.

Baptism at BLC Outdoor Service



Raelynn Jean Fenske, daughter of Daniel and Brittani Fenske, was baptized at the outdoor service in the Bernadotte Church Park Sunday, August 4. Her sponsors are Brandon Ruschmeyer and Brenda and Nathan Lindmeyer. Proud grandparents are Lori and the late Darwin Fenske, Pam Ruschmeyer, and Bruce and Rope Ruschmeyer. Great-grandparents are Dean Fenske, Mary Hoffmann, Diane and Lloyd Ruschmeyer, and Scott Callander. Raelynn was born June 13 at Glencoe Regional Hospital.

Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—
Mon., Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m., FLC
- Bernadotte Council—
Mon., Sept. 16, 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
First Lutheran—9:30 a.m.—Communion the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month
Bernadotte Lutheran—11:00 a.m.—Communion the 2nd Sunday of the month

Pastor Heidi's Reflections

Did you see all of the children who came forward for the children's time at our annual Good Neighbor Sunday worship July 28? I didn't recognize all of them as members of the FOG community, and that is the point of Good Neighbor Sunday...to welcome neighbors!

I am praying some of those children and their

parents/grandparents will join us on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings when the focus is on God's relationship with them.

And I saw lots of young families at Mudville Days. If they are your neighbors, invite them to join you at church and bring their children to Sunday or Wednesday School!

Pastor Heidi is on vacation through September 2 but can be reached by phone in case of an emergency.

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

New curriculum for Christian education

Mark Haler, Traci Abrahamson, Carmen Broste and Pastor Heidi met over the summer and chose a curriculum called "Spark," designed and distributed by the ELCA's publishing house, Augsburg Fortress.

Using Spark, FOG kids will do a deep dive into both Old and New Testament stories. They'll approach the same story for four weeks, exploring it using art, cooking, video, and science. By the end of the fourth week, the kiddos will know significant aspect of God's story and how it applies to their lives.

Sunday School teachers needed

The Fields of Grace Sunday School program is always looking for people to teach Sunday School. If you're interested, please contact Carmen Broste at 507-276-3179 to volunteer.

'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.

- Sept. 1 Labor Day, at First Lutheran
- Sept. 22 at Bernadotte
- Oct. 27 Confirmation, at First
- Nov. 24 at Swan Lake
- Nov. 26 Community Thanksgiving Eve
This is on Tuesday evening
- Dec. 15 Children's Program, FLC
- Dec. 29 New Year's joint service, SwL

Good News Items from the FOG churches

Jason Ross of Bernadotte had a major role in the recent production of *The Little Mermaid* in Winthrop. Jason played the role of Skuttle the Seagull. He's pictured here with Miah Busse who played Ariel.



Ben Radke of Bernadotte showed the grand champion beef steer and was the champion senior beef showman at the Tri-County Fair in Mankato August 14. His steer was sold to CHS in the auction that was part of the fair.



SEPTEMBER 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 1-Joint Service; 8-Al Hagberg & Matt Hagberg; 15-Brooklyn & Mark Hagberg; 22-Jamie Friedrichs & Al Youngblom; 29-Dean Pehrson & Tyson Hutton

Greeter: Norm & Steve Langhoff Readers: Confirmation Kids

Liturgist: 1-Joint Service; 8 & 15-Jorja Langhoff; 22 & 29-Charlie Hartley

Altar: Jorja Langhoff, Shelly Langhoff & Trudy Hofstad

Coffee Servers: 1-Joint Service; 8-Emily Hagberg & Kris Hagberg; 15-Mary Martens & Sandy Burger; 22-Laurie Larson & Dawn Stevensen; 29-Jo Pehrson & Heidi Hutton

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Brenda Lindmeyer & Pam White

Acolyte: Marissa Anderson

Readers: 1-Joint at FLC; 8-Jim Bartels; 15-Judy Radke; 22-Lori Fenske; 29-Rosanne Johnson

Ushers: Jim Young, Carol Young, Brad White, Pam White, Jeff Young

Communion (Sept. 8): S-Jim Young; C-Tim Schulz; U-Elias Webster, Dwayne Ross

Coffee Servers: 1-Joint at FLC; 8-LCW/LCM Hamburger Fry; 15-open; 22- Donna Webster & Adrienne Sjostrom; 29-open



Bernadotte and Area Neighborhood Night Out held July 30

At Bernadotte Church Park

More than 120 people turned out for the annual Bernadotte Area Neighborhood Night Out. For the 22 years since it started, it's been held on farms in the Bernadotte/Brighton area. This was the first at the park.



Good Neighbor Day part of Lafayette's Mudville Days



It rained almost right up to service time but that didn't deter a large group of people from taking part in the joint service on Good Neighbor Sunday at Lafayette Mini-Park. Music was by the Cedar Creek Gospel Band, with a hamburger/brat/pork chop meal—with lots of desserts—following.



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 instruc-

tion happening in grades 7-9.

A special date for youth and parents to note:

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.

**Mark your calendar
for these upcoming events:**

**Swan Lake Harvest Breakfast
Sat., Oct. 5, 6-9:30 am
Proceeds to benefit Autumn Achey**

**First Lutheran's Fall Festival
Sunday, November 24**

GoServ Global Safe-T Homes

GoServ Global is a nondenominational humanitarian organization partnering with Sukup Manufacturing to make grain bins into homes for the most vulnerable families. After learning about their work, the FOG Council decided to support the mission in Haiti by purchasing two homes.

Throughout the remainder of 2019 and into 2020, FOG will work to raise \$14,000 for the homes. Details about how to give will be available soon. Also, as soon as possible, we'll offer information about a mission trip to Haiti to construct the homes.



Wedding at Bernadotte

Bernadotte Lutheran was the scene for the July 27 wedding of Lindsay Thomes and Jacob Sjostrom. The wedding party filled the front of the church as Pastor Heidi conducted the ceremony. Congratulations, Lindsay and Jacob!





BLC outdoor services

The last two of three “Music with a Message” outdoor services were held at Bernadotte August 4 and 18. The Mages family provided the music for the first and Heidi Hagstrom and Lorie Grunzke for the second—with a special song by Dawn (Nelson) Hendrycks who was visiting her home church.

Kids like the “stump chair” and everyone enjoyed refreshments

