



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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Holy Week and Easter Schedule

- Maundy Thursday and First Communion Service for fifth graders Bodey Hagberg, Madden Hagberg, and Briana Engel, April 1, 7:00 p.m., First Lutheran
- Good Friday Service, April 2, 7:00 p.m., Bernadotte
- Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m. at First Lutheran, 8:00 a.m. at Swan Lake, 9:30 a.m. at Bernadotte



Confirmation held on Palm Sunday at FLC

Eight young people affirmed (as their own) the promises made on their behalf when they were baptized. This is a significant rite of passage for an adolescent in the Lutheran Christian tradition. But, it is not just something we do once.

Martin Luther is reported to have said that Christians receive enough of Jesus Christ in their baptism to spend their whole life learning what this means. Clearly baptism is more than a simple childhood ritual. Baptism is a powerful bonding to Christ, dying with him to sin and rising with him to new life. In baptism, every Christian receives Christ as the sacramental “for me” and, in faith, is called to experience this same Christ through daily dying and rising. Let’s call that “baptismal spirituality.”

Martin Luther suggested a baptismal spirituality practice that

bookends one’s day:

“In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: ‘God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.’

“In the evening, when you go to bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: ‘God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.’”

Luther’s Morning and Evening Prayers connect us with faith’s elemental experience: dying and rising, becoming a new creation in Christ. I recommend them for your faith journey. To use them makes every day Confirmation Day for the remainder of our lives.



Confirmands with Pastor Heidi. Front, from left: Saige Isaacson, daughter of Chris & Amy Isaacson; Kaitlin Donnay, daughter of Jeff & Sandy Donnay; Avary Roiger, daughter of Matt & Emily Hagberg; and April Rose, daughter of Amy Sjo-

gren and Jason Rose. Back: Brooklyn Hagberg, daughter of Mark & Kelly Hagberg; Tristan Sjogren, son of Eric Sjogren; Jaydan Youngblom, son of Tom & Diane Youngblom; and John Haler, son of Mark & Jil Haler.

FIELDS OF GRACE WORSHIP SERVICES

Swan Lake Lutheran—8:00 a.m.—Communion 3rd Sunday of the month
Bernadotte Lutheran—9:30 a.m.—Communion the 2nd Sunday of the month
First Lutheran—11:00 a.m.—Communion the 4th Sunday of the month

**‘A New Day’ radio broadcast on KNUJ Radio, 10:05 a.m. Sunday
with the broadcast available online on the KNUJ web page afterwards**

The cost of broadcasting is \$160 per week, split between FOG, Scandian Grove & Trinity/St. Paul’s.
If you’d like to sponsor a broadcast, contact Brad DeBoer at abdeboer57@gmail.com.

Pastor Heidi’s reflection

Three fifth graders will be welcomed to the Lord’s Table for the first time on Maundy Thursday. Preparing them to receive their first communion is always a highlight of my year. But, COVID-19 stole that experience from me (and them) this year.

Not only is Holy Communion a central rite of Christian worship, it is the center of our lives because Christ is the center of our lives. Worship, as we do it, involves lots of listening. Few of us, especially children, are good at just sitting and listening. We expect to be hyper-stimulated every minute of every day. The fact that the pace changes in worship is admirable and intentional—“Be still and know that I am God”—but we all struggle to make that shift.

When we come to the Lord’s table—which we have been restricted from doing during the pandemic—we at least get to move to a different location in the building. We also get to be physically close to others around a pseudo table (altar rail). I wish we could literally be around the altar, looking into each other’s eyes as we share the holy meal, but our worship space is not designed to support that arrangement.

Eating together was a big deal to Jesus. It was a chance to deepen friendships, welcome strangers and serve the poor. With limited space here, I’ll use the remainder of this article to focus on “deepening friendships.”

When I lived in Chicago it became a tradition for colleagues and friends, all of whom worked in the church in some capacity, to meet at a friend’s house for a meal after worship on Easter Sunday. We all came exhausted and over stimulated, not just from that morning’s worship, but from the Holy Week activities leading up to the big day.

A sign on the building’s front door read: “Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!” And, thanks to the host’s children, the hike up two flights of stairs offered reminders about the reason for our celebration. The smell of lamb met my nose as I entered the condo, and the warm greeting from the hosts made me feel like the prodigal son coming home.

After hearing stories from our various experiences that morning, we made our way to the table. The food was always amazing and plentiful, but what I loved most was Pastor Craig’s question. Every year he asked one, provocative question. We all dared to answer because space had been created for honest conversation, and we knew the highest value was grace. I had not experienced that kind of sacred intimacy before, nor since.

I want you and our fifth graders to feel that kind of intimate embrace in our parish, especially at the Lord’s table, where we take in Christ and are nourished for a lifelong process of self-transcending love.

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

Upcoming worship schedule changes

Pastor Heidi’s treatment plan has changed. She will have surgery on Tuesday, April 13. That will be followed by radiation, and then chemotherapy.

The FOG Council recognizes that Pastor Heidi will need time to recuperate from surgery, and doesn’t know how she will tolerate the radiation. To give her time to concentrate on healing, the council has decided to relieve her of Sunday morning worship responsibilities for a period of time.

It is challenging to find a supply pastor willing to conduct in-person worship these days, so the synod staff has stepped up to serve our needs. Rather than expecting them to travel

between our three congregations, the FOG parish will worship together in one service each Sunday, according to the following schedule. Communion will be celebrated at each service.

Sunday Services

April 11 at Bernadotte with Pastor Stephen Cook
April 18 at First with Pastor Kathryn Skoglund
April 25 at Bernadotte with Pastor Dee Pederson
May 2 at Swan Lake with Bishop Jon Anderson

APRIL 2021 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 4-Bill Youngblom, Bob Youngblom; 11-Tristan Sjogren, Eric Sjogren; 25-Landon Uhde, Marti Uhde
Reader: 4 & 11-Linda Youngblom; 18 & 25-Tanisha Selbrade
Liturgist: 4 & 11-Charlie Hartley; 18-Jeff Donnay; 25-Jorja Langhoff
Communion Bread (1st & 4th Sundays)—Joyce Reese
Altar: Lila Ellies, Jorja Langhoff, Shelly Langhoff
Visiting: Lila Ellies, Mary Martens
Coffee: 11-Tristan, Eric, Den, Deanna Sjogren; 25-Sue Helget, Katie Nelson

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Tim Anderson, Beth Anderson
Acolyte: Mia Ross
Readers: 4-Trish Gieseke; 11-Jim Bartels; 25-Lori Fenske
Ushers: Jim Bartels, Konnie Bartels, Adam Bartels, Abby Bartels, Scott Johnson
Communion (April 11): S-Jim Bartels, C-Elias Webster, U-Lori Fenske, Tim Schulz

Bernadotte will be blooming!

In lieu of Swedefest, BLC will hold a new event this year, called “Blooming in Bernadotte.”

It will be an opportunity to pre-order summer flowers.

Flowers must be pre-ordered and will be available for pickup on May 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Payment will be due at the time of order.

A flyer and order form are included in this newsletter and information will be posted on the FOG website and Facebook. Extra order forms will be available at the church.

A wine pull will also be held on May 1 and raffle tickets will be available for sale. If anyone would like to donate a bottle of wine, please contact someone from the committee (Konnie Bartels, Romi White, or Shaun Anderson).

First Lutheran notes

• A huge thank you to Carmen Broste for stepping up to be on the FLC council. Thank you Carmen and welcome.

• Council president Traci Abrahamson apologizes to Myra Kienlen, Marlin Wendorff, Myron Isaacson, and Jon Hartley as she forgot to thank them at the annual meeting. They provided needed services through the year—Myra as custodian, Marlin mowing lawn, Myron removing snow from the parking lot, and Jon removing snow from the sidewalk.

Making online donations to FOG or a church using Tithe.ly

To make an online donation, go to the Fields of Grace web page: fieldsofgracemn.com

On that page, part way down on the home page, under “Please remember our churches’ needs...” click the blue line “Click here to go to our GIVING page”

That will take you to the Tithe.ly giving page with a red “Donate” box

Scroll down to the green GIVE button and click

That will bring up a page with a blue bar at the top

You do not have to log in

Enter the amount you want to donate

Designate which entity your donation should go to by clicking the arrow on the right side of where it says “Bernadotte Lutheran Church”—that will bring up the list of Bernadotte Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Dates

- FLC Council— Mon., Apr. 5, 5:30 p.m.
- BLC Council— Mon., Apr. 19, 7:00 p.m.
- FOG Council— Wed., Apr. 21, 7:00 p.m., SL

Nicollet County Covid vaccine update

Nicollet County Public Health is excited about COVID-19 vaccine eligibility expanding to include all Minnesotans 16 and older. While NCPH is doing its best to get vaccine out to residents, it asks that people remember that the demand continues to outpace supply, and local public health is just one of several sources for vaccine administration.

NCPH will continue to work through the initial prioritized groups (healthcare workers, educators, childcare workers, 65+, essential workers, and those with health conditions) and begin to track members of the general population interested in receiving vaccine from local public health.

To be added to the list, contact Jessalyn Mercado at Jessalyn.mercado@co.nicollet.mn.us or 507-934-8557.

**Mark Haler will continue Confirmation Classes
Wednesday evenings thru April — 6-7 p.m.**

First Lutheran Church
Swan Lake Lutheran Church
Fields of Grace Mission

Click on the one you want to donate to so it fills the “To” box

If you are making a one-time donation, do not click “Recurring Giving” box; click it if you want to make a recurring gift.

Fill in the boxes with your name, address, email, and credit card/bank information

Click the “Cover fees” box if you will pay the costs of using this program (for example, \$1.80 for a \$50.00 donation); if you don’t, those fees will be taken from your donation

Click the GIVE box when you have completed everything

Blooming in Bernadotte

PLANT SALE

*Bernadotte Lutheran Church
will be conducting a flower sale
this year in lieu of Swedefest*

**Saturday,
May 1, 2021**

**Just in time for Mother's Day
and Memorial Day**

*Preorders are required
and can be placed now
through **April 10, 2021.***

Order forms are available via the
Field of Grace Website
(fieldsofgracemn.com),
Fields of Grace MN Facebook page,
at the church, or by contacting
Shaun Anderson at 507-381-3858 or
shaun.anderson@ridleyinc.com

You may pick up your flower orders at
Bernadotte Lutheran Church on
Saturday, May 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*If you decide you need more flowers, a limited number
of baskets/containers will be available for sale the day
of pick-up.*



Wine Pull and opportunity to purchase raffle tickets too! We appreciate your support!

BLOOMING IN BERNADOTTE

Quantity	Hanging Baskets	Size	Color	Cost	Total
	Mixed Petunia Basket	10"	Pink Mixed	\$29.00	
	Mixed Petunia Basket	10"	Red Mixed	\$29.00	
	Mixed Petunia Basket	10"	Blue Mixed	\$29.00	
	Trailing Wave Petunia	10"	Purple	\$29.00	
	Trailing Wave Petunia Mix	10"	Mixed	\$29.00	
	Impatiens	10"	Pink Mixed	\$26.00	
	Ivy Geranium	10"	Red Mixed	\$29.00	
	Zonal Geranium	10"	Red Mixed	\$29.00	
	Mixed Basket	10"	Shade or Sun	\$29.00	
	Mixed Basket	12"	Sun	\$40.00	
	Mixed Basket	12"	Shade	\$40.00	

Quantity	Colorful Containers	Size	Color	Cost	Total
	Combo Patio Planter	10"	Pink Mixed	\$31.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	10"	Red Mixed	\$31.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	10"	Blue Mixed	\$31.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	12"	Pink Mixed	\$38.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	12"	Red Mixed	\$38.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	12"	Blue Mixed	\$38.00	
	Oval Planter	16"	Mixed	\$35.00	
	Geranium Tub	12"	Red Mixed	\$37.00	
	Suncoleus Planter	12"	Mixed	\$37.00	
	Succulent Mixed Planter	12"	Mixed	\$39.00	
	Color Bowl Mixed Annuals	12"	Mixed	\$33.00	
	Color Bowl Mixed Annuals	14"	Mixed	\$37.00	

Quantity					Total
	\$25 Hacker's Gift Certificate (Redeemed at Hacker's Tree Farm Nursery/Greenhouse 45372 190th Street Sleepy Eye MN OR Hackers Garden Center 15th S Broadway New Ulm MN Not for use at AZZinnia)				\$25.00

Customer Name and Address:

Customer Telephone Number and e-mail address:

TOTALS (cash or checks payable to BLC Fundraiser due at time of order)

Completed order forms and checks can be sent to Shaun Anderson P.O. Box 426 Nicollet, MN 56074
If questions, call 507-381-3858 or e-mail shaun.anderson@ridleyinc.com