

Fields of Grace Newsletter

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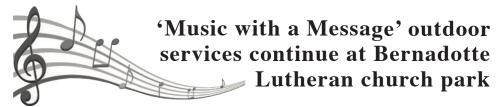


Summer Services

9:30 a.m. Sunday services 8:30 a.m. coffee at SL & FLC refreshments afterwards at BLC

July 4—Swan Lake
July 11—Bernadotte Park
July 18—First Lutheran
July 25—Swan Lake
Aug. 1—Bernadotte
Aug. 8—First Lutheran
Aug. 15—Swan Lake

Aug. 22—Bernadotte Park Aug. 29—First Lutheran



"Music with a Message" outdoor services will continue in July and August at Bernadotte's church park and bandstand...weather permitting!

The Norells will be back at Bernadotte with fun and entertaining singing on Sunday, July 11. And, on August 22, Mary Kavan of Lafayette will sing and play guitar for the final outdoor service.

Both services will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by fellowship and refreshments.

FIELDS OF GRACE WORSHIP SERVICES

For the foreseeable future:

One 9:30 a.m. service with communion on a rotating schedule between churches

Swan Lake & First Lutheran will have coffee hour before the services they host, Bernadotte after

'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

A prayer on the 4th of July, 2021

Gracious God, on this day in which Americans celebrate our independence, we offer prayers for our country and its leaders

First, thank you for all the ways you have blessed us through the United States of America. Though our nation is far from perfect, nevertheless, it has been the source of much goodness, both for American citizens and for the world. In particular, we thank you for the freedom Americans have to worship and live out their faith without fear. In today's world, this is nothing to take for granted, even though we do so often take it for granted.

Second, we pray for our leaders today: for President Biden and his administration, for those who serve in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, for members of the Supreme Court and the federal courts, for the leaders of the U.S. military and for all who serve in the federal government. We also pray for Governor Walz and the Minnesota legislators, for county and state judges, for Lafayette's leaders and those in the neighboring communities. Grant to all of these leaders your wisdom. Give them hearts that seek your truth and justice. Guide them in your ways.

Third, we pray for those who serve the needs of our neighbors. For firefighters and police who respond without hesitation to all sorts of emergencies, for those who staff food shelves and emergency shelters for abused women, for those who serve returning veterans and their families, and for all medical personnel who tend to the needs of the elderly. Give them all an extra measure of patience, strengthen their resolve and surround them with people who can affirm their vocation.

All praise be to you, King of kings, because you are the ultimate authority in this universe. You are always right, always good, always gracious, always just. Amen.

A message from Pastor Heidi

Wow! It felt so good to be with y'all in worship on June 20! It was a good day, but not all days are.

That is why I have asked the FOG executive committee if I can limit my pastoral responsibilities for the remainder of the summer.

I will prepare the outline for worship weekly—both inperson worship and for the radio broadcast. Supply pastors who have stepped up to support our parish will lead the inperson worship. Each week a pastor will be identified to also tend to any pastoral care needs that might arise.

The best way to make a need known is to call the parish phone at 507-766-3471. Either I will have that phone or our new administrative assistant, Trish Gieseke, will. One of us will communicate any needs with the supply pastor.

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

New email addresses: Trish Gieseke, FOG administrative assistant: trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com Ruth Klossner, FOG communications coordinator: fogcommunications2@gmail.com

Council Meeting Dates

- FLC Council—Mon., July 5, 5:30 p.m.
- BLC Council—Mon., July 19, 7:00 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., July 21, 6:30 p.m., FLC
- ~ All members of the individual church councils are encouraged to attend the July 21 joint meeting to discuss FOG's mission and direction as a parish

Choir for St. Gregory's service

All Fields of Grace members are invited to participate in a choir anthem to be sung at the final mass at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Lafayette on August 8.

The first practice was Sunday, June 27. Future practices will be Sunday, July 18, 8:30 a.m.; Saturday, July 31, 9:00 a.m.; and Saturday, August 7, 9:00 a.m., all at First Lutheran. Please join the choir if you can!

JULY 2021 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 18-Tom Brethorst, Dwight DeBoer

Reader: Deb Grant

Liturgist: 18-Charlie Hartley Communion Bread–Joyce Reese

Altar: Heidi Hutton, Lindsay Benson, Jo Pehrson

Visiting: open

Coffee: 18-Ann Gieseke, Beth Gavranovic: Coffee hour is at 8:30 a.m.

BEFORE the SERVICE

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Marissa Anderson, Meghan Houdek

Acolyte: Austin Gieseke Readers: 11-Ruth Klossner

Ushers: Steve Sjostrom, Deb Sjostrom, Jacob Sjostrom,

Ron Johnson, Denise Johnson

Communion (July 11): S-Steve Sjostrom, C-John Nelson;

U-Rosanne Johnson, Elias Webster

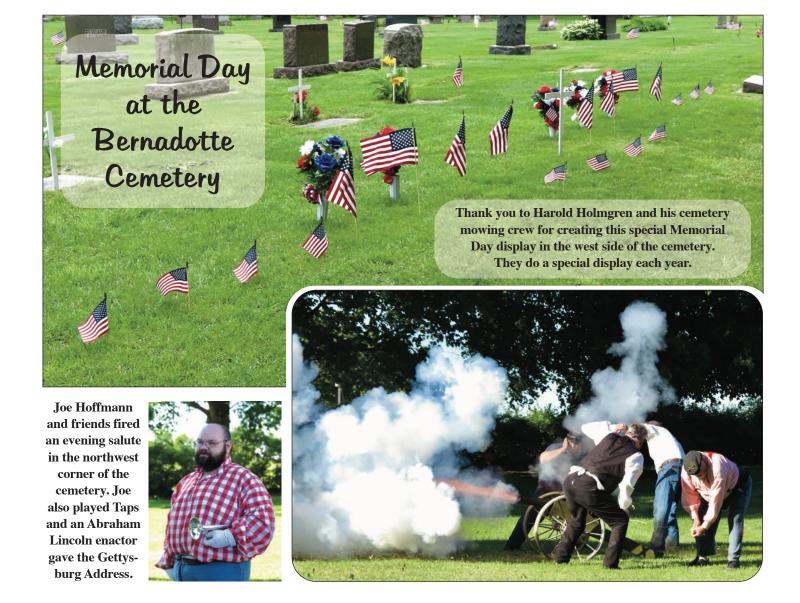
Joint FOG/church council meeting

All members of the First, Bernadotte, and Swan Lake church councils are encouraged to mark Wednesday, July 21 on their calendars. The Fields of Grace council will meet with members of the individual church councils to discuss the mission, direction, and future of the parish.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at First Lutheran.

Community Notes

- Band Concerts in the Lafayette Mini-Park—Fridays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30 (First Lutheran Ice Cream Social July 23)
- Mudville Days—July 23-25, downtown Lafayette (garage sales, movie in park, bounce houses, food, kids' pedal pull Sunday)



Getting to know Trish Gieseke, Fields of Grace administrative assistant

Thank you, Fields of Grace, for the opportunity to serve the parish as the new administrative assistant. I am excited to serve in this capacity and welcome any ideas, thoughts, or suggestions you might have.

I have lived in the New Ulm area for about 24 years and reside on the Fort Road with my husband, John, and two boys, Dylan (23) and Austin (18).

I work full-time as a graphic designer for Nuvera and have worked in the design field for nearly 30 years. I love what I do and enjoy designing for a living and on the side for friends and family (I've even designed book covers for a trilogy on Amazon).



When not at work, I could usually be found at one of Austin's high school sporting events or helping with things at school—prom decorating, locker posters, or banners for the athletes, etc.

Now that Austin recently graduated, I've passed the torch and it's time to find new things to do—so here I am at FOG.

Fields of Grace is a wonderful parish and I'm excited to get to know you all better and to help Pastor Heidi, as well.

Trish

Trish's email address: trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com





BLC graduates recognized May 30

Bernadotte's four high school graduates were honored during the service and at the fellowship hour at the May 30 joint service. The grads received quilts hand made by the ladies of the church. They are (with their quilts), from left: Austin Gieseke, Brock Peterson, Mia Ross, and Marissa Anderson. Their coffee-hour cake displayed the colors of each of their schools.

First Lutheran notes

- First Lutheran Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2022. The council is looking for committee members and ideas of how to celebrate this occasion. Please contact a council person if you would like to be on the committee or have some ideas.
- First Lutheran will serve a taco meal/ice cream social in conjunction with the Friday night band concert in Lafayette July 23. Serving will be 5:30-7:00 p.m. (FLC members check your WELCA books for bringing desserts or working.)
- First Lutheran WELCA (ALL First Lutheran ladies) meeting on Sunday, August 8 following the 9:30 am church service at FLC. Items to be discussed are the fall bazaar fundraiser, FLC's 125th anniversary celebration in 2022, and yearly WELCA dues. This will be the time to voice suggestions/concerns and ideas. IF unable to attend, please have another member attending the meeting relay your ideas. Any questions call Sue Helget 507-276-5536 or Wendy Hagberg 507-276-4421.

Congratulations to the Prahls

Chas and Addie (Johnson) Prahl announce the birth of their son, Carlisle Garrison, on Friday, May 28, 2021. Carlisle was welcomed home by

big brothers Carter and Clinton.

Grandparents are Kevin and Rosanne Johnson and Clayton and Rita Prahl. Great-grandparents are Ruth Prahl and Val Miller.

Mobile food shelf at Lafayette

The New Ulm Mobile Food Shelf makes deliveries in the First Lutheran parking lot from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

Registration is required by the 20th of the month before. For more info, go to www.newulmfoodshelf.com, email newulmmobilefoodshelf@gmail.com, or call 507-354-7668.