

Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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Red Out for Reformation

You've heard of a Black Out? Well, let's have a Red Out. In celebration of our Lutheran Heritage and Identity, let's all wear red to worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Red ties, red shirts, red dresses, red socks, and whatever other red you have in your closet, let's wear it on Reformation Sunday as we remember the great promise that we are saved by grace through faith!

FOG Men's Bible Study

The FOG Men's Bible Study will not meet Saturday, November 5 or Saturday, November 19. It will meet at 8:00 a.m. all other Saturdays in November at Bernadotte Lutheran Church. This Bible Study is open to all men in the parish. Bring your Bible and bring a friend.

Companion Synod visitors coming

The Minnesota Valley Conference is excited to again host two visitors from our companion Vryheid Circuit in South Africa. Moses Mulangu and J J Mbatha will visit the area congregations during the first two weeks of November. Focus of the visit will be sharing information about education and agriculture in our respective cultures. Tentative plans are for the visitors to be in our Fields of Grace Parish area from November 2-6. Stay tuned for impromptu opportunities to greet our Companion friends.

Pastor's contact information

Pastor Todd can be reached by **phone** at 507-359-5238 (home) or 507-276-5208 (cell), or by **email** at ptnelsen@gmail.com. He asks that he be informed of events in your life needing pastoral care or attention. If you are hospitalized, ill, injured, or have suffered a loss, and would appreciate a visit and prayers, contact Pastor Todd.

He has **office hours** at First Lutheran Church Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to noon and at Bernadotte from 8:00 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Pastor Todd writes a **Blog**, "PT's Passing Thoughts," at <http://pastortoddnelson.wordpress.com>. Check it out as Pastor Todd reflects on "Considering God in the midst of the mess."

He also encourages you to check out the Daily Text on-line at www.mountcarmelministries.com/grow-in-the-word/daily-texts. The Daily Text is a devotional book with Bible verses and prayers for each day of the year. Pastor Todd is a prayer writer for the Daily Text.

Attention, all confirmation students and parents

Confirmation is on the move. Starting November 2, confirmation classes will move to Bernadotte Lutheran for the months of November and December. The schedule will be the same—6:30 p.m. supper, 7:00 p.m. worship, and 7:15 p.m. instruction. The classes are off to a great start.

Thanks to the members of Swan Lake who hosted the group and provided suppers during September and October.

Fields of Grace Website Updated

Fields of Grace has recently upgraded its website. Changes made are intended to make the website more user-friendly and to provide FOG members with much more up-to-date information about the activities within the parish.

Check out our new look at www.fields-of-grace.org. Please look for a weekly message from Pastor Todd, along with a current calendar, which highlights events in all three congregations.

If you have ideas or information that you would like shared on the Fields of Grace website, please send it to parish communications coordinator Ruth Klossner at cowlady@centurylink.net or to Pastor Todd Nelsen at ptnelsen@gmail.com.

Bible Study at LGSAL

Pastor Todd holds a weekly Bible study at Lafayette Good Samaritan Assisted Living—9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Everyone is welcome to join the group.

Winter Is Coming...

When church functions are faced with inclement weather, we will make every effort to keep you informed about the worship schedule and other church activities.

Weather-related announcements will be available at these places...

1. The church web page at www.fields-of-grace.org
2. KNUJ Radio 860 AM and SAM 107.3 FM
3. KEYC TV Channel 12

If local area schools are closed or after-school activities are cancelled, Fields of Grace Parish activities will be cancelled as well.

During inclement weather, we are concerned about your safety, and we will seek to make the appropriate decisions about worship and other parish activities.

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

November Worship Assistants First Lutheran

Ushers

6 & 13-Brian Carlson & James Carlson; 20 & 27-Dustin Wendorff & Buck Wendorff

Liturgists

6 & 13-Charles Hartley; 20 & 27-Pastor

Readers—Linda Youngblom

Greeter for the month—Susie Wendorff

Altar for the month—Jo Pehrson & Cindy Youngblom

Coffee Servers:

6-Jil Haler & Kris Hagberg; 13-Deanna Sjogren & Sue Helget; 20-Marilyn DeBoer & Darlene Lokensgard; 27-Nancie Carlson

Visiting for the month—Ardis Lokensgard

November Worship Assistants Bernadotte Lutheran

Readers:

6-Open; 13-Ruth Klossner; 20-Sally Webster; 27-Shaun Anderson.

Greeters: Tim & Wendy Schultz

Acolytes:

6-Tevin Henderson, 13-Andrew Radke, 20-Jessica Helget, 27-Cloey Anderson

Ushers: Steve & Mary Langhorst, Brian Pettis, David & Sandy Martin

Communion: November 13:

S-Steve Langhorst, C-Lori Fenske, U-Chad Sondag, Phil Wingen

Births and Baptisms

Brenna Anne Erdal was born to Scott and Beth Erdal of rural Madison Lake September 29. Grandparents are Rosanne and Kevin Johnson; great-grandmother is Delores Johnson. (Bernadotte)

Andrew Joshua Felger was born to Matthew and Mandy Felger of Mora September 12. Grandparents are Ron and Denise Johnson and great-grandmother is Delores Johnson. (Bernadotte)

Owen Michael Hartmann, son of Angie and Jason Hartmann, will be baptized Sunday, October 30 at First Lutheran Church.

FOGGY Halloween Party

The FOGGY Halloween costume party will be Friday, October 28. The group will meet at First Lutheran at 7:00 p.m., then will go to the Wills farm. Grades 4-12 are invited and may bring a friend.

FLC Holiday Craft & Bake Sale

The annual craft and bake sale at First Lutheran will be Saturday, November 19. It will include a quilt raffle, lunch and egg coffee!

Good News Items from the FOG churches



Troy Altmann, son of Aimee and Randy Altmann of First Lutheran, was crowned homecoming king at New Ulm High School. Homecoming queen was Jill Gareis.



The combined quilting group from First Lutheran, St. Gregory the Great and several other churches completed about 40 quilts in three days last week. The Wednesday morning quilters are pictured, with additional women taking part the first two days.

**Please share your news for the next newsletter;
email to cowlady@centurylink.net or call Ruth's cell phone at 507-240-0048**