

# 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, lets 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!

## 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](mailto: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://pastortoddnelsen.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 online at [www.mountcarmelministries.com/grow-in-the-word/daily-texts](http://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.

## FOG Men's Bible Study Continues

All men of Fields of Grace are invited to join us for studying the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Bernadotte Lutheran Church. This is an opportunity to get a sneak peak at the lessons and maybe even help shape the direction of Sunday's sermon. Men of all ages are welcome! The coffee will be on, so bring your Bible and bring a friend.

## MN Valley Conference gathering

The Minnesota Valley Conference Fall Gathering will be held Saturday, October 8, starting at 8:30 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran in St. Peter. The speaker is Brenda Moore, with a topic of "Ask, Thank, and Tell." Officers and all WELCA members are welcome. Registration is due Saturday, October 1. Konnie Bartels has more information.

## Confirmation continues at SL

Confirmation classes continue to be held at Swan Lake Lutheran Church—Wednesdays, October 5, 12, and 26. There's no confirmation class October 19.

Confirmation meets at 6:30 p.m. for a light supper, followed by a 15 minute worship at 7:00 p.m., then instruction at 7:15 p.m. One week, grades eight and nine will have confirmation class while sixth and seventh grades will have forum (group discussion on matters of faith in life). The next week, the groups will switch.

## 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.

## Teen and Mom at TEC

Aimee Abrahamson and her mom Traci from First Lutheran will attend and work the upcoming TEC (Teenagers Encountering Christ) October 20-23. Aimee was an attendee (camper) two years ago and has been a worker in the kitchen at several events since. She has been chosen to be the teen female rectora. Traci will attend for the first time and will be an adult table leader.

Please keep them in your prayers.

## 'Songs, Signings, Celebrations'

Retired Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Rev. Herb Chilstrom will sign copies of his recently published autobiography, *A Journey of Grace*, at First Lutheran Church in St. Peter Sunday, October 16. The afternoon will begin with an organ recital in the sanctuary, presented by Dr. Chad Winterfeld at 3:00 p.m. It will be followed by the Chilstrom book signing and celebration in the church fellowship hall about 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. As part of the event, both Herb's and his wife Corinne's 80th birthdays will be celebrated.

## Swan Lake Harvest Supper

The women of Swan Lake WELCA invite everyone to their **Fall Harvest Supper** Thursday, October 13. They'll serve beef and turkey commercials from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## 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

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### October Worship Assistants First Lutheran

#### Ushers

2-Mike Hoffmann & Dick Zuehlke; 9 & 16-Tom Brethorst & Justin Brethorst; 23 & 30-Arden DeBoer & Chris Isaacson

#### Liturgists

2-Jorja Langhoff; 9 & 16-Brad DeBoer; 23 & 30-Eileen Block

#### Readers

2-Cindy Youngblom; 9-Sandy Hartley; 16, 23 & 30-Cindy Youngblom

**Greeter for the month**—Marilyn DeBoer

**Altar for the month**—Carmen Broste & Jorja Langhoff

#### Coffee Servers:

2-Deanna Sjogren; 9-NO COFFEE; 16-Carmen Broste & Jorja Langhoff; 23-Eileen Block & Mary Martens; 30-Ardis Lokensgard & Eileen Block

**Visiting for the month**—Phyllis Schultz

**Council Assistant for the month**—Mary McGraw

### October Worship Assistants Bernadotte Lutheran

#### Readers:

2-Elaine Holberg, 9-Jim Bartels, 16-Judy Radke, 23-Lori Fenske, 30-Lowell Sjostrom

**Greeters:** Daniel Fenske & Laura Dalquist

#### Acolytes:

2-Tevin Henderson, 9-Jason Ross, 16-Jacob Sjostrom,, 23-Erin Radke, 30-Megan Houdek

**Ushers:** Adrienne & Lowell Sjostrom, Joe Sondag, Vern & Neva Paulson

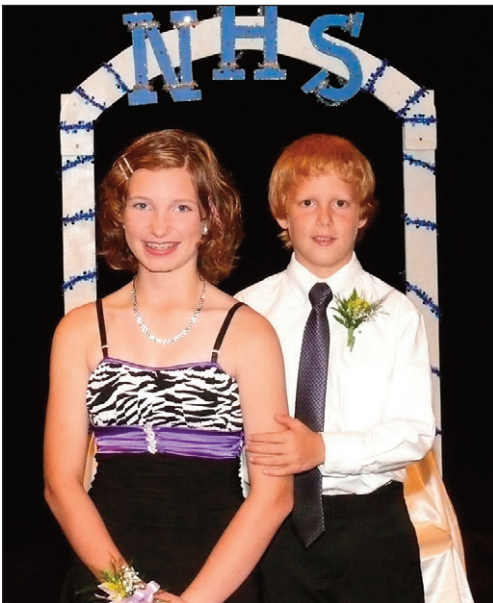
**Communion:** October 9:

S-Adrienne Sjostrom, C-Steve Langhorst, U-Bob Helget, Arlin Nelson

### Bernadotte WELCA to meet

The women of Bernadotte will meet Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. for elections and disbursements. Devotions will be by Elaine Holberg, the program by Sally Webster. Hosts are Romy White and Deb Sjostrom.

## Good News Items from the FOG churches



Clarissa Giefer, daughter of Tim and Lorie Giefer of Swan Lake, was a seventh grade attendant in the homecoming court at Nicollet High School. She was escorted by Noah Miest, left.

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Jacob Sjostrom, right, son of Steve and Deb Sjostrom of Bernadotte, received two scholarships at the Minnesota State Fair and another at the Nicollet County Farm Bureau meeting. Sjostrom was awarded a \$1,000 Minnesota Purple Ribbon Auction Scholarship, a \$1,000 Minnesota State Fair Rural Youth Scholarship, and a \$500 Lokensgard Scholarship from Farm Bureau. Jake is studying ag at South Central College in North Mankato.



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