

# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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## Welcome, Pastor Todd!

Pastor Todd Nelsen of New Ulm is happy to be the new pastor of Fields of Grace parish.

"I definitely am very excited to be called to serve and walk with the people of Fields of Grace. If I wasn't excited, I wouldn't be here," Nelsen said.

Pastor Todd began his new role Monday, August 8.

He and his wife, Pat, have three daughters—Leah, a sophomore at Concordia, Moorhead; Sarah, a junior at New Ulm High School; and Hannah, a freshman at NUHS. Pat is middle school and senior high band director at NUHS.

Pastor Nelsen will be officially installed by Bishop Jon Anderson at all three churches Sunday, September 11.

## 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://pastortoddnelson.wordpress.com>. Check it out as Pastor Todd reflects on "Considering God in the midst of the mess."

## Joint service + time change

A **joint service** will be held Sunday, September 4 (the day before Labor Day) at 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran Church.

**New service times** will go into effect the next Sunday, September 11. Times for the next year will be 8:00 a.m. at Swan Lake, 9:30 at First Lutheran, and 11:00 a.m. at Bernadotte. Pastor Todd will be installed at all three churches that Sunday.



## Greetings!

Welcome to the second monthly email/print newsletter for members of the three churches that make up Fields of Grace. It's YOUR newsletter so I'm looking for your input. Please send me things to include—email [cowlady@centurylink.net](mailto:cowlady@centurylink.net) or call 507-240-0048.

I've received news from all three churches this month so have a lot to share. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Ruth Klossner, Communication Coordinator

## Sunday School set to start

Sunday School at **First Lutheran** will begin Sunday, September 11. Time is 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

The Sunday School staff asks that parents of the Sunday School children stay and have a snack with their children that day. A short meeting with the parents will be held to go over the Sunday School year.

On Sunday, September 18, third graders Harley Sjogren and Bailey Langhoff will receive Bibles during the 9:30 church service.

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**Bernadotte's Sunday School** will also begin Sunday, September 11, at 9:45 a.m. All children age four and older are welcome. New SS teachers are still being sought. Call Jackie Helget or Rosanne Johnson for more information.

## Confirmation delayed a week

Due to a delivery delay from Augsburg Fortress, the **confirmation schedule** has been revised to start a week later than originally planned.

The **first evening** will be an orientation **Wednesday, September 14** at Swan Lake. That church will host the classes through October 12. There will be no classes Wednesday, September 21 and October 19.

Confirmation will meet 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.

## FOGGY News

FOGGY will meet **Sunday, September 25** at 5:30 p.m. at the BLC park to plan this year's schedule. Sixth through 12th graders are invited for supper, a campfire, and some games.

## Fields of Grace Worship Services (beginning September 11)

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

### New Men's Bible Study

Pastor Todd believes that this is an opportune time for the men of Fields of Grace to become more deeply involved in opening the scriptures. Starting **Saturday, September 10**, he invites all men in the parish to join him for a **Men's Bible Study** that will explore the scriptures that will be shared on Sunday morning. The Bible Study will meet at Bernadotte from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. each Saturday.

All men and boys are invited for coffee, conversation, and maybe even a few cony jokes. Bring your Bible and bring a friend. If you have any questions, call Pastor Todd at 507-276-5208.

### Hungry?

#### Two events planned at Swan Lake

The men of Swan Lake Lutheran will hold their annual **Harvest Breakfast** Saturday, September 24, from 6:00 to 9:30 a.m. Come for a good breakfast!

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.

### Joint WELCA/LCM

#### Hamburger Fry at Bernadotte

Sunday, September 11 will be a busy day at Bernadotte. Not only will it be Pastor Todd's installation and the first day of Sunday School, but the WELCA/LCM Hamburger Fry/Picnic will be held at noon. Devotions will be led by Ken Martens, with the program planned by Brent and Kevin Johnson. Hosts are Neil and Renee Rasmussen, Ron and Denise Johnson, and Lowell and Adrienne Sjostrom.

### Baptisms & Weddings

Baptized recently at Bernadotte were Bryton Steven Sondag, son of Scott Sondag and Kari Wilkie; Lincoln Michael Sondag, son of Chad and Jenna Sondag; and Eve Peters, daughter of Kelly and Lori Peters.

Brenda Fenske and Nathan Lindmeyer were married Saturday, August 20 at Bernadotte Lutheran.

Laura Schulz and Kyle Dalquist were married Saturday, August 27, also at Bernadotte.

### Good News Items from the FOG churches



Blaine Cox of Swan Lake, left, brought home a gold medal, lots of souvenirs, and enough memories to last a lifetime when he competed in bowling at the Special Olympic World Summer Games in Athens, Greece in July.

Bernadotte Lutheran members Elaine and Sidney Holberg of Gaylord, right, were named Outstanding Senior Woman and Outstanding Senior Man, respectively, at the Sibley County Fair in Arlington in August.



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