

Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

February 2012

Lenten service schedule

Building on the theme, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord," the Fields of Grace Wednesday evening Lenten services will take us through the events of Holy Week. The first two services of the six-week Lenten schedule will be at Bernadotte, Ash Wednesday (February 22) and February 29. The next two (March 7 & 14) at Swan Lake, and the last two at First Lutheran (March 21 & 28).

Lenten soup and sandwich suppers will begin at 6:30 p.m. with worship services at 7:30 p.m.

The Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at First Lutheran April 6, with Good Friday at Swan Lake April 7.

Wanted: People with a dramatic flair

A series of monologues from characters who were behind the scenes during the events of Holy Week will be presented during the mid-week Lenten worship services. Pastor Todd is looking for three men and three women willing to share these monologues. If you are interested, contact Pastor Todd at 507-276-5208 or e-mail him at ptnelsen@gmail.com.

FOG Confirmation continues at First Lutheran

The Fields of Grace Confirmation Classes will meet at First Lutheran in Lafayette the first three weeks of February—the 1st, 8th, and 15th. Confirmation starts with a light supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by worship at 7:00, and lessons at 7:15 p.m.

During Lent, confirmation students will be expected to attend mid-week Lenten worship services. A Lenten confirmation project will be determined before Lent starts.

FOG Men's Bible Study continues

FOG Men's Bible Study will meet at 8:00 a.m. Saturday mornings February 4, 18, and 25 at First Lutheran in Lafayette. (No meeting Saturday, February 11.) Coffee and rolls are provided. Bible study is open to all men in the parish. Bring a Bible and bring a friend.

Baptisms at Bernadotte and First

Savannah Jo and Sierra Rose, twin daughters of Amy Martin and Ron Hvinden and granddaughters of David and Sandy Martin, will be baptized Sunday, January 29 at Bernadotte Lutheran.

Peyton Grace Verdon, daughter of Christopher and Anna Verdon and granddaughter of Mary McGraw, will be baptized Sunday, February 12 at First Lutheran Church.

FOGGY skiing at Mount Kato

Sunday, February 12 is ski day for the FOGGY youth and anybody else who likes to ski. By buying all tickets and rentals together, FOG will get discount rates—\$18.00 for lift tickets, \$17.00 for ski or snowboard rental, and \$4.00 for helmet rental. Lessons are also available for a small fee. All tickets must be purchased together to get the special rates. (Make checks to FOGGY Youth, if paying by check.)

To take part, RSVP Rosanne Johnson at krjohnson@centurylink.net by **Sunday, February 5**. Include where you'll join the group—First Lutheran at 1:00 p.m., Bernadotte at 1:15 p.m., or Swan Lake. (The group will also stop at Nicollet, if requested.)

Those younger than seventh grade must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Friends may be invited. Bring a sack lunch or money for food. One snack or beverage will be provided. Return time will be 8:30 p.m. at Swan Lake, 8:45 p.m. at Bernadotte, and First Lutheran at 9:00 p.m.

Please keep Pastor Todd informed

Pastor Todd wants to know if you or a family member is hospitalized or experiencing health difficulties, you have experienced a death in your immediate or extended family, you are celebrating a birth in your immediate or extended family, a significant anniversary or event is happening soon in your life, or if you, a family member, or a friend is in need of pastoral care or attention.

Contact Pastor Todd by phone at 507-359-5238 (home) or 507-276-5208 (cell) or e-mail him at ptnelsen@gmail.com.

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

FOGGY selling Kwik Trip cards

FOGGY youth are selling Kwik Trip cards as a fundraiser for the youth gathering in July 2012.

'Getting Dirty in the Gospel' retreat

Men of Fields of Grace are invited to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Lutheran Men in Mission Spring Retreat Friday and Saturday, March 16-17 at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer. Keynote speaker is Senator Dean Elton Johnson, who is also a pastor in our synod. Activities include building Faith Chests, service projects for the camp, camp auto tune-ups, hiking, darts, putting challenge, and cards. Off-site activities include bowling, golf driving range, sporting clays, and a group challenge course. Cost is \$100.00 per person, including lodging and meals. For more information, download the brochure with registration form at www.swmnelca.org events page.

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

February Worship Assistants First Lutheran

Ushers: 5 & 12-Jay Hagberg & Neal Hagberg; 19 & 26-Matt Hagberg & Mark Hagberg

Liturgists: 5-Charles Hartley; 12 & 19-Pastor; 26-Jorja Langhoff.

Reader: Sandy Hartley

Council Assistant: Mary McGraw

Greeter: Audrey Wise

Altar: Cindy Youngblom & Traci Abrahamson

Coffee Servers: 5-Diane Durheim & Mindy Engel; 12-Cindy Youngblom & Laurie Larson; 19-Sheri Portner & Angie Hartmann; 26-Brenda Brey & Kris Hagberg

February Worship Assistants Bernadotte Lutheran

Readers: 5-Lowell Sjostrom, 12-Rosanne Johnson, 19-Ruth Klossner, 26-Sally Webster

Greeters: Ken & Dorothy Martens

Acolytes: 5-Erin Radke, 12-Meghan Houdek, 19-Tevin Henderson, 26-Andrew Radke

Ushers: Bob, Jackie and Katie Helget, Daryl Franke, Laura Dalquist

Communion: February 12, S-Bob Helget, C-Phil Wingen, U-Konnie Bartels & Bruce White

Check the Fields of Grace Website

The Fields of Grace website has up-to-date information about activities in the parish, along with photos of recent events.

Check it out at www.fields-of-grace.org. Look for a weekly message from Pastor Todd, along with a current calendar, with events in all three congregations.

If you have ideas or information to share on the Fields of Grace website, send them to parish communications coordinator Ruth Klossner at mooseum@centurylink.net or to Pastor Todd Nelsen at ptnelsen@gmail.com.

Bernadotte notes and dates

• Quilting days are Wednesday, February 1 and Thursday, February 2, 9:00 a.m. to ????. Everyone welcome!

• Think summer! Bernadotte's 2012 ice cream social is set for Wednesday, June 6.

• Swedefest will be Saturday, June 23 at the Bernadotte Church Park. The committee is hard at work. If you have ideas or concerns, contact committee members Steve and Deb Sjostrom, Jim and Carol Young, Tim and Beth Anderson, Ruth Klossner, Steve Radke, or Judy Radke.

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.

Cookbooks available

Bernadotte cookbooks made great gifts any time of year. Check locations in Lafayette or contact Carol Monson, Wendy Schultz, Lynnette Sondag, or Sandy Martin.

Interested in visiting?

Pastor Todd is looking for individuals from all three congregations who would be interested in occasionally joining him as he visits community members or members of the parish. If you would be interested in being a parish visitor, please call Pastor Todd at 507-276-5208 or e-mail him at ptnelsen@gmail.com.

Winter weather concerns...

When we are faced with inclement weather, we will make every effort to keep you informed about worship schedules 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.

Waiting list for 'A Mighty Fortress is our Basement'

Bernadotte's February 18 trip to the Church Basement Ladies' performance of "A Mighty Fortress is our Basement" Saturday, February 18 is filled but a waiting list has been started. For more info, contact Shaun Anderson at 232-3100 or Konnie Bartels at 359-2778.

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

Please send photos of newsworthy events, too! (Milestone anniversaries, honors, etc.)