Joint Worship Sunday, May 26
All-Parish Worship at Swan Lake Lutheran
Interim Pastor Evelyn’s last Sunday with us
Cake and coffee reception for Pastor Evelyn and her family following the service

Pastor Scott to join FOG June 1
We expect that Pastor Scott Jakel will begin his ministry with FOG June 1. Everyone is encouraged to welcome him at worship at their church Sunday, June 2.
Pastor Scott’s installation is set for Sunday, July 7, during a 9:30 a.m. outdoor all-parish worship service at Bernadotte, weather permitting.

Confirmation services held at FOG churches
Six young people were confirmed by Interim Pastor Evelyn Weston at the Fields of Grace churches Sunday, April 28—four at First Lutheran and two at Bernadotte. The FOG confirmation class is pictured with Rev. Weston. Confirmands are, from left: Jacob Broste, son of Jeremy and Carmen Broste; Matthew Hartley, son of Charlie and Sandy Hartley; Connor Hoffmann, son of Mike and Shauna Hoffmann; Jessica Helget, daughter of Bob and Jackie Helget; Dylan Gieseke, son of John and Tricia Gieseke; and Alyssa Kelley, daughter of Wendy Kelley and David Kelley. Helget and Gieseke were confirmed at Bernadotte, the others at First Lutheran.

Vacation Bible School coming soon
Lafayette Community Vacation Bible School will be held June 17 to 21, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Connect Children with God’s Eternal Good News at VBS: Every child needs to hear the Good News that Jesus their Savior is by their side, forgiving them and strengthening them, no matter what mountains they face. At Tell It on the Mountain VBS, children will connect with the most important message of their lifetime—the miraculous story of what Jesus did for us that we could never do for ourselves.
If you can help full or part time, there are many ways to be involved, to suit schedules and interests. Call Ann Gieseke at 507-276-8185 or email tawintop@newulmtel.net. Or call Rosanne Johnson at 507-228-8551 or email krjohnson@centurylink.net for more information or to register. “Tell it” on the mountain!

2013 Synod Assembly June 7-9
Delegates from our Fields of Grace churches, along with Pastor Scott, will be at the 2013 Synod Assembly June 7-9.
Worship at the FOG churches on Synod Assembly Sunday, June 9, will be lay-led, using the sermon that Bishop Jon provides, rather than having a pulpit supply pastor.
FIELDS OF GRACE WORSHIP SERVICES
Swan Lake Lutheran—8:00 a.m.—Communion the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
Bernadotte Lutheran—9:30 a.m.—Communion the 2nd Sunday of the month
First Lutheran—11:00 a.m.—Communion the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church
Ushers: 2-Arden DeBoer & Chris Isaacson; 9 & 16-Bill Youngblom & Ken Block; 23 & 30-James Carlson & Brian Carlson
Liturgists: 2 & 9-Charles Hartley; 16 & 23-Pastor; 30-Jorja Langhoff
Reader: (volunteer needed)  Greeter: Eileen Block
Visiting: (volunteer needed)  Altar: (volunteer needed)
Coffee Servers: 16-Laurie Larson & Ardis Lokensgard; 23-Laurie Larson; volunteers needed for the other Sundays

Bernadotte Lutheran
Greeters: Renee Rasmussen & Andrew Rasmussen
Ushers: Bruce White, Romi White, Denise Johnson, Ron Johnson, & Linda Messerli
Readers: 2-Jessica Helget; 9-Jim Bartels; 16-Judy Radke; 23-Lori Fenske; 30-Lowell Sjostrom
Acolyte: Ben Radke
Communion (June 9): S-Bruce White, C-Deb Sjostrom, U-Brent Johnson, Lori Fenske

Swan Lake
Happenings
Swan Lake Lutheran received a new (used) organ early in May. It was donated by Leanna and John Fluegge who live just a few miles to the west. The Fluegges are moving, and didn't want to take the organ with them. Several volunteers went to the Fluegge home Sunday, May 5, to move the organ.

Swan Lake was the first FOG church to use the new Fields of Grace logo on a sign. SL member Gary Kollmann did the sign which went up in front of the church in early May.

Meeting Dates
• First Lutheran Church Council—Mon., June 3 at 5:30 p.m.
• FOG Council—Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m., First Lutheran
• Bernadotte Church Council—Mon., June 24 at 7:30 p.m. (Note change of date)

WELCA Convention
WELCA’s 26th Synodical Women’s Convention will be held in Redwood Falls June 21-22. Next year’s officers are encouraged to attend but anyone can go—for one or both days—contact Wendy Schulz or Romi White for more information.
Pictorial Directory Notes

The final photo session for FOG’s new pictorial directory is Friday, June 14, 2:00-9:00 p.m., at Swan Lake. Parish members can sign up online at appt.lifetouch.com or by calling Rosanne Johnson (228-8551) or Mary Martens (228-8247).

Submitted photos for the directory can be sent to Ruth Klossner at cowlady@centurylink.net. Those wanting to use professional photos (taken by other than Lifetouch), must submit a written copyright release from the photographer.

There is a $10 charge for those submitting photos; they will get a directory.

Photos of shut-ins were taken during May. If anyone was missed, please call Ruth at 507-240-0048.

LGSAL Bible Study

Bible Study is scheduled to resume at Lafayette Good Samaritan Assisted Living Thursday, June 6. Time is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome!

FLC graduates recognized

First Lutheran’s WELCA presented blankets to the FLC graduates during the Sunday service May 19. Receiving blankets were, from left: Miranda Sandberg, Andrew Hartley, Brianna Stevensen, and Emily Youngblom. Grads not present were Bradley Hagberg and Riley Hoffmann (their blankets are on the floor). Inside each blanket, the women stitched the grad’s name, WELCA, and the date.

Good News Items from the FOG Churches

• CHARLIE HARTLEY of First Lutheran was one of four truck drivers inducted into the National Private Truck Council’s Hall of Fame on April 29. The honor was presented at the Hilton Plaza in Cincinnati, Ohio. The award recognizes miles of safe driving, community involvement, and transportation safety. Hartley has driven 4.1 million miles without a preventable accident during 33 years of driving—2.1 million with Kraft Foods in the last 17.5 years.

• LAURIE LARSON of First Lutheran is retiring from her teaching position at GFW at the end of the school year. Enjoy your retirement, Laurie!

• JIM BARTELS of Bernadette was named to the FFA Hall of Fame during the State FFA Convention late in April.

First communion at FOG churches

Ben Radke took first communion Sunday, May 12 at Bernadette and Heather Giefer at Swan Lake Sunday, May 19. They’re pictured with Interim Pastor Evelyn Weston.

Aid for Oklahoma

Guidecraft is organizing a shipment for Oklahoma disaster relief. Anyone wishing to make any donation is welcome to drop off at the Winthrop office from now until noon May 31. Office hours are Mon-Fri 7-4. Examples of items: clothes, towels, shoes, bedding, toys, dishes, non-perishable food, diapers, books, cleaning supplies etc. Any type of donation is greatly appreciated!

Bernadette Events

• Annual BLC WELCA Pie & Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, June 5. Serving sandwiches, homemade pie and ice cram, and beverages, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Lafayette Band will play from the Gazebo. Homemade bake sale items available.

• Swedefest, Saturday, June 29, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Entertainment by the Little Prairie Pickers (4:30 p.m.), followed by the Kingery Family. Swedish Smorgasbord featuring Swedish meatballs, pork loins, and all the fixings. Silent auction, horse-drawn wagon rides, kids’ coloring contest, T-shirt making, and refreshments. Closing devotions in song by the Kingery Family.
Dear Fields of Grace members,

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor for the past four-plus months. I’ve enjoyed jumping into the midst of your ministries and getting to know many of you. I’m grateful for your support, encouragement, and your kind words about my ministry at FOG.

God keeps changing our family’s next step. My husband, Steve Weston, will begin an interim at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Stewart on July 1. It looks like we’ll move most of our possessions into the Stewart parsonage, instead of storage.

This summer, our boys and I will spend time in both Stewart and with my dad in Hibbing. We’ll settle in Hibbing before school starts in the fall. At least...that’s the plan as of May 19—but God has changed our plans several times in the past 10 days! We continue to trust that God will provide for our family.

As FOG moves forward, I will continue to keep all of you and Pastor Scott in my prayers. May God bring abundant blessings from your partnership in God’s mission at Fields of Grace!

In Christ,
Pastor Evelyn

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**Pastor Scott’s office hours**

- First Lutheran, Mondays June 3, 10, 17, & 24; 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Bernadotte, Wednesdays June 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- Swan Lake, Thursdays June 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Please keep Pastor Scott informed of any events in your life that need pastoral care or attention. Contact him at 507-726-0323, sdjake1@gmail.com, or leave a message on the FLC answering machine 228-8906 or BLC at 228-8380.

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**BLC college graduates**

- Jacob Sjostrom graduated from South Central College in Ag Production with a dairy emphasis; presently working with Legend Seeds as an internship through the summer.
- Elias Webster graduated May 4 from South Dakota State University with a B.S. degree in Biotechnology and Microbiology.
- Andrew Rasmussen graduated from Ridgewater, Hutchinson Campus May 16 with an Associate Degree in Computer Science; he is helping with farm work while applying for jobs.

(Bernadotte did not have any high school grads this year.)
Pastor Scott excited to be coming to Fields of Grace

Pastor Scott Jakel’s interest in our Fields of Grace churches started some years ago, when he heard the late Rev. Garry Grunzke talk about the combined parish. The churches came to mind again when Pastor Scott started thinking about making a change, but the timing just didn’t seem to work out. He knew Interim Pastor Paul Lutter and intern Lowell Krogstad and watched from a distance as they served our parish. Then, just when he thought about applying for our vacancy two years ago, he heard that Pastor Todd Nelsen was interested—and didn’t want to go against him.

When Pastor Todd was called, Jakel felt he wouldn’t have a chance to serve here....that the opportunity would pass him by for good. That was until Pastor Todd chose to go into another field.

“I was shocked to hear that he was leaving,” Pastor Scott admitted. “I figured all I could do was apply. If the Spirit was leading me, I’d see how the interview went. The Spirit answered my question—it was a positive experience.”

Now Pastor Scott will serve the parish he’s watched from a distance. “You keep something on the back burner for awhile, you keep praying about it, it might happen,” he said.

Pastor Scott is excited to begin his work here and has been learning all he can about FOG as he prepares to join us June 1.

Jakel comes to Fields of Grace from Morgan where he served both St. John’s Lutheran and the Methodist church. It’s a unique partnership that began even before the national ELCA and Methodist churches approved the sharing of pastors.

It’s Jakel’s second time in Morgan. He had been at St. John’s for his first call, from August 1992 to January 1, 1996. After serving St. John’s in Annandale (1996-2004), and Christ the King in New Ulm (2004-2006), Pastor Scott took the call to go back to Morgan. For the first eight months, he served only the Lutheran church. In July 2007, the Methodists came on board.

“They remembered me from my first time. They thought I could serve them, too,” he said. “The next year, the Methodists, nationally, made the decision that we could serve each other. In 2009, the ELCA agreed, too.”

The two churches share Sunday School, confirmation, trips, etc.

While serving Morgan this time around, Pastor Scott commuted from New Ulm where the Jakels have lived since 2004. They will continue to live there.

Jakel and his wife Cyndi have two daughters. Hannah is graduating from New Ulm High School this month and will attend Gustavus Adolphus College in fall. Miriam will be a junior at NUHS this fall.

Cyndi taught sixth grade at Sleepy Eye from 2004 until this past January when she was hired as literacy coach at Jefferson Elementary in New Ulm.

A self-described “active guy,” Pastor Scott enjoys walking, tennis, golf, biking, and playing cards. He’s also an avid sports fan (Vikings and Twins). He’s an avid reader and spends a lot of time at the library.

In the community, Pastor Scott is on the advisory committee for Network New Ulm Youth, supports Putting Green, and was a member of the Morgan Lions. (He’ll soon join the Lafayette Lions Club).

“I’m environmentally-minded. I’m a ‘green guy’—but that’s not John Deere green,” he said with a laugh. “Social justice issues are a big deal for me, too.”

Pastor Scott is also co-chair for the board of directors of Green Lake Bible Camp. He has fond memories of working three summers there years ago—that’s where he and Cyndi met.

Jakel grew up on a diversified farm south of Willmar. His parents had dairy and feeder cattle and farrowed hogs. He and his older and younger brothers helped a lot on the farm.

Scott went to school in Raymond and graduated from Raymond High School (now part of MACCRAY). His family attended St. John’s Lutheran (ELCA) in Raymond.

Jakel attended Concordia College in Moorhead for a year, then took a year off to travel with Carpenters Tools — Youth for Christ, a Christian singing group, in 1983-84. The group traveled to 35 states, as well as Australia, China, Hong Kong, and South Korea.

“That probably was what gave me the desire to be a pastor. You’re sharing God’s love. You’re 19 and you’re in China,” he said.

Scott’s next two years of college were at Moorhead State, then he finished at Mankato State University—as that was closer to Northfield where Cyndi was attending college. He earned a BS in social work, with a minor in sociology with a concentration of classes in criminal justice.

After struggling to find a job in social work—and working a few part-time jobs—Jakel decided to take one class at Luther Theological Seminary. The next semester he took a full load. After graduating in May 1992, Pastor Scott got his first call...and started on the road that’s led him to FOG.