



# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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## Indoor outdoor service at Bernadotte Lutheran

The threat of rain—and a few drops falling—along with cool temperatures, moved the Sunday, June 20 outdoor service indoors. Gerry and Carol Larson, accompanied by vocalist Jody Poehler, provided the beautiful music—both hymns to sing along to, as well as solos. Pastor Heidi gave the message, based on Paul’s letter to Timothy. Refreshments followed in the church basement.



### Summer Services

9:30 a.m. Sunday services

8:30 a.m. coffee at SL & FLC refreshments afterwards at BLC

July 4—Swan Lake

July 11—Bernadotte Park

July 18—First Lutheran

July 25—Swan Lake

Aug. 1—Bernadotte

Aug. 8—First Lutheran

Aug. 15—Swan Lake

Aug. 22—Bernadotte Park

Aug. 29—First Lutheran



## ‘Music with a Message’ outdoor services continue at Bernadotte Lutheran church park

“Music with a Message” outdoor services will continue in July and August at Bernadotte’s church park and bandstand...weather permitting!

The Norells will be back at Bernadotte with fun and entertaining singing on Sunday, July 11. And, on August 22, Mary Kavan of Lafayette will sing and play guitar for the final outdoor service.

Both services will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by fellowship and refreshments.

# FIELDS OF GRACE WORSHIP SERVICES

For the foreseeable future:

**One 9:30 a.m. service with communion on a rotating schedule between churches**

*Swan Lake & First Lutheran will have coffee hour before the services they host, Bernadotte after*

**‘A New Day’ radio broadcast on KNUJ Radio, 10:05 a.m. Sunday  
with the broadcast available online on the KNUJ web page afterwards**

The cost of broadcasting is \$160 per week, split between FOG, Scandian Grove & Trinity/St. Paul’s.

If you’d like to sponsor a broadcast, contact Brad DeBoer at [abdeboer57@gmail.com](mailto:abdeboer57@gmail.com).

## Pastor Heidi’s reflection

### A prayer on the 4th of July, 2021

Gracious God, on this day in which Americans celebrate our independence, we offer prayers for our country and its leaders.

First, thank you for all the ways you have blessed us through the United States of America. Though our nation is far from perfect, nevertheless, it has been the source of much goodness, both for American citizens and for the world. In particular, we thank you for the freedom Americans have to worship and live out their faith without fear. In today’s world, this is nothing to take for granted, even though we do so often take it for granted.

Second, we pray for our leaders today: for President Biden and his administration, for those who serve in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, for members of the Supreme Court and the federal courts, for the leaders of the U.S. military

and for all who serve in the federal government. We also pray for Governor Walz and the Minnesota legislators, for county and state judges, for Lafayette’s leaders and those in the neighboring communities. Grant to all of these leaders your wisdom. Give them hearts that seek your truth and justice. Guide them in your ways.

Third, we pray for those who serve the needs of our neighbors. For firefighters and police who respond without hesitation to all sorts of emergencies, for those who staff food shelves and emergency shelters for abused women, for those who serve returning veterans and their families, and for all medical personnel who tend to the needs of the elderly. Give them all an extra measure of patience, strengthen their resolve and surround them with people who can affirm their vocation.

All praise be to you, King of kings, because you are the ultimate authority in this universe. You are always right, always good, always gracious, always just. Amen.

## A message from Pastor Heidi

Wow! It felt so good to be with y’all in worship on June 20! It was a good day, but not all days are.

That is why I have asked the FOG executive committee if I can limit my pastoral responsibilities for the remainder of the summer.

I will prepare the outline for worship weekly—both in-person worship and for the radio broadcast. Supply pastors

who have stepped up to support our parish will lead the in-person worship. Each week a pastor will be identified to also tend to any pastoral care needs that might arise.

The best way to make a need known is to call the parish phone at 507-766-3471. Either I will have that phone or our new administrative assistant, Trish Gieseke, will. One of us will communicate any needs with the supply pastor.

**To contact Pastor Heidi: 507-766-3471 or [pastor@fieldsofgracemn.com](mailto:pastor@fieldsofgracemn.com)**

**New email addresses: Trish Gieseke, FOG administrative assistant: [trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com](mailto:trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com)**

**Ruth Klossner, FOG communications coordinator: [fogcommunications2@gmail.com](mailto:fogcommunications2@gmail.com)**

## Council Meeting Dates

- FLC Council—Mon., July 5, 5:30 p.m.
  - BLC Council—Mon., July 19, 7:00 p.m.
  - FOG Council—Wed., July 21, 6:30 p.m., FLC
- ~ All members of the individual church councils are encouraged to attend the July 21 joint meeting to discuss FOG’s mission and direction as a parish*

## Choir for St. Gregory’s service

All Fields of Grace members are invited to participate in a choir anthem to be sung at the final mass at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Lafayette on August 8.

The first practice was Sunday, June 27. Future practices will be Sunday, July 18, 8:30 a.m.; Saturday, July 31, 9:00 a.m.; and Saturday, August 7, 9:00 a.m., all at First Lutheran. Please join the choir if you can!

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# JULY 2021 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 18-Tom Brethorst, Dwight DeBoer  
Reader: Deb Grant  
Liturgist: 18-Charlie Hartley  
Communion Bread–Joyce Reese  
Altar: Heidi Hutton, Lindsay Benson, Jo Pehrson  
Visiting: open  
Coffee: 18-Ann Gieseke, Beth Gavranovic: Coffee hour is at 8:30 a.m.  
BEFORE the SERVICE

## Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Marissa Anderson, Meghan Houdek  
Acolyte: Austin Gieseke  
Readers: 11-Ruth Klossner  
Ushers: Steve Sjostrom, Deb Sjostrom, Jacob Sjostrom,  
Ron Johnson, Denise Johnson  
Communion (July 11): S-Steve Sjostrom, C-John Nelson;  
U-Rosanne Johnson, Elias Webster

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## Joint FOG/church council meeting

All members of the First, Bernadotte, and Swan Lake church councils are encouraged to mark Wednesday, July 21 on their calendars. The Fields of Grace council will meet with members of the individual church councils to discuss the mission, direction, and future of the parish.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at First Lutheran.

## Community Notes

- Band Concerts in the Lafayette Mini-Park—Fridays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30 (First Lutheran Ice Cream Social July 23)
- Mudville Days—July 23-25, downtown Lafayette (garage sales, movie in park, bounce houses, food, kids' pedal pull Sunday)



Memorial Day  
at the  
Bernadotte  
Cemetery

Thank you to Harold Holmgren and his cemetery mowing crew for creating this special Memorial Day display in the west side of the cemetery. They do a special display each year.

Joe Hoffmann and friends fired an evening salute in the northwest corner of the cemetery. Joe also played Taps and an Abraham Lincoln enactor gave the Gettysburg Address.



## Getting to know Trish Gieseke, Fields of Grace administrative assistant

Thank you, Fields of Grace, for the opportunity to serve the parish as the new administrative assistant. I am excited to serve in this capacity and welcome any ideas, thoughts, or suggestions you might have.

I have lived in the New Ulm area for about 24 years and reside on the Fort Road with my husband, John, and two boys, Dylan (23) and Austin (18).

I work full-time as a graphic designer for Nuvera and have worked in the design field for nearly 30 years. I love what I do and enjoy designing for a living and on the side for friends and family (I've even designed book covers for a trilogy on Amazon).



When not at work, I could usually be found at one of Austin's high school sporting events or helping with things at school—prom decorating, locker posters, or banners for the athletes, etc.

Now that Austin recently graduated, I've passed the torch and it's time to find new things to do—so here I am at FOG.

Fields of Grace is a wonderful parish and I'm excited to get to know you all better and to help Pastor Heidi, as well.

Trish

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Bernadotte's four high school graduates were honored during the service and at the fellowship hour at the May 30 joint service. The grads received quilts hand made by the ladies of the



church. They are (with their quilts), from left: Austin Gieseke, Brock Peterson, Mia Ross, and Marissa Anderson. Their coffee-hour cake displayed the colors of each of their schools.

## BLC graduates recognized May 30

### First Lutheran notes

- First Lutheran Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2022. The council is looking for committee members and ideas of how to celebrate this occasion. Please contact a council person if you would like to be on the committee or have some ideas.

- First Lutheran will serve a taco meal/ice cream social in conjunction with the Friday night band concert in Lafayette July 23. Serving will be 5:30-7:00 p.m. (FLC members check your WELCA books for bringing desserts or working.)

- First Lutheran WELCA (ALL First Lutheran ladies) meeting on Sunday, August 8 following the 9:30 am church service at FLC. Items to be discussed are the fall bazaar fundraiser, FLC's 125th anniversary celebration in 2022, and yearly WELCA dues. This will be the time to voice suggestions/concerns and ideas. IF unable to attend, please have another member attending the meeting relay your ideas. Any questions call Sue Helget 507-276-5536 or Wendy Hagberg 507-276-4421.

### Congratulations to the Prahl's

Chas and Addie (Johnson) Prahl announce the birth of their son, Carlisle Garrison, on Friday, May 28, 2021. Carlisle was welcomed home by big brothers Carter and Clinton.



Grandparents are Kevin and Rosanne Johnson and Clayton and Rita Prahl. Great-grandparents are Ruth Prahl and Val Miller.

### Mobile food shelf at Lafayette

The New Ulm Mobile Food Shelf makes deliveries in the First Lutheran parking lot from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

Registration is required by the 20th of the month before. For more info, go to [www.newulmfoodshelf.com](http://www.newulmfoodshelf.com), email [newulmmobilefoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:newulmmobilefoodshelf@gmail.com), or call 507-354-7668.