



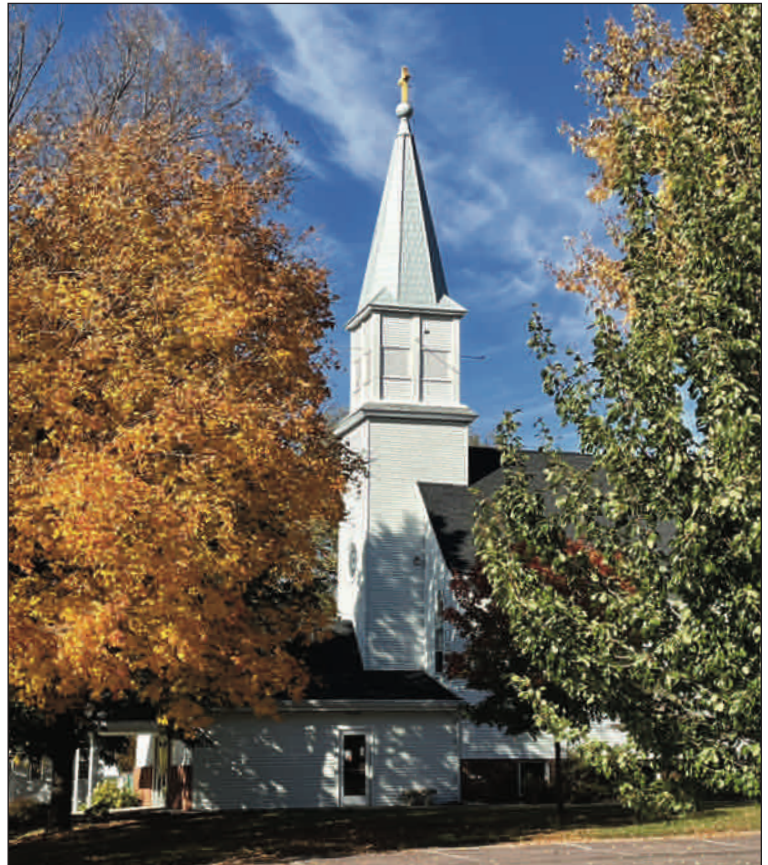
Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Our churches are beautiful in any season

Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday services

Coffee & fellowship at 8:30 a.m. at FLC and SL; at 10:30 a.m. at BLC

One worship service each Sunday, on this rotating schedule:

- Oct. 31—First Lutheran
 - Nov. 7—Swan Lake
 - Nov. 14—Bernadotte
 - Nov. 21—First Lutheran
 - Nov. 28—Swan Lake
 - Dec. 5—Bernadotte
 - Dec. 12—First Lutheran
(with Sunday School singing)
 - Dec. 19—Swan Lake
 - Dec. 26—Bernadotte
- (Christmas services as usual)*

Community Thanksgiving service

With St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church closed and Fields of Grace without a pastor, it's taking some creative planning to come up with a Community Thanksgiving Service.

At this point, we plan to have the service, at Bernadotte, at 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November 23. FOG administrative assistant Trish Gieseke has lined up pulpit supply for the Sundays into mid-December and is looking to get something scheduled for the Thanksgiving service.

Quilting days at Bernadotte

The Bernadotte ladies will quilt at the church Monday and Tuesday, November 1 and 2, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day. Everyone welcome; bring your own lunch.

Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—Monday, November 1, 5:30 p.m.
- Bernadotte Lutheran Council—Monday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Fields of Grace Council—Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m., FLC

FIELDS OF GRACE WORSHIP SERVICES

For the foreseeable future:

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

Fellowship and coffee hour before the service at First and Swan Lake; afterwards at Bernadotte

**‘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.

Pastor Heidi sends thanks and an update

How can I possibly express my gratitude for the benefit on Sunday, October 24? It broke my heart to not physically be there with y’all, but I just didn’t have the stamina necessary for such an event. Family friends created a video of the program, and I am blown away by the lovely sentiments expressed.

I treasured the years I served the Fields of Grace Parish. I hope you know I wish it could have been longer. Not only did you teach me lessons about life and faith, I grew in many ways by contributing to the community through Lions, as a member of the Lafayette Charter School Board, and the Hub Club. Thank you especially to the FOG Council for sponsoring my participation in Connecting Nicollet County.

And what can I say about receiving the Melvin Jones award? It blew me away to be recognized as a person you think embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. I tip my hat to all y’all for that great honor, and I hope to continue to embody those values at the end of my life.

Today, October 25, I met with a new oncologist with expertise in melanoma cancers. I am being considered for a promising clinical trial. If not accepted (which would be due to M.S.), there is a second protocol he recommends. It is a specialized immunotherapy which one needs a medical degree to explain, but it, too, is promising. I will start one of

these protocols in the very near future. In the meantime, the doc prescribed medication to address the pain, and some that should boost my energy level.

To my surprise, he told me to drink caffeinated beverages! I have been mostly caffeine free for years, so that will be a change. And I have to eat those awful protein drinks, which is super difficult for a person who dislikes milk or milk-like products (sorry dairy farmers!), as well as chocolate and strawberry flavored drinks. My sister is going to try and mix them with ice cream to replicate a milk shake. Then maybe I can stomach them.

One last request: I worked like a crazy person to spruce up the parsonage yard. I hope that someone will enjoy the asparagus, the raspberries, and apples in season. Also, if someone wants to plant the garden, talk to the BLC council. The soil produced an abundance this year.

Finally, I will hold you all close in my heart in the weeks and months ahead. God knew we were a good fit, and I’m glad you trusted that pairing. The God I know—and hopefully proclaimed—is a God who keeps promises. Our God has promised eternal life. I am confident I will eventually experience eternal life which to me means more life! I don’t know what the more will be, but I trust there will be more! You can too.

Forever grateful, Pastor Heidi

Administrative assistant Trish Gieseke responds to calls to parish phone

At this time, Fields of Grace administrative assistant Trish Gieseke has the parish phone (507-766-3471). She will answer all calls and forward texts and voicemails to the proper person.

Trish can also be reached at trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com.

FLC drive-thru dinner

First Lutheran’s Fall Dinner will be drive-thru, following the 9:30 a.m. November 21 worship service. Check the poster on the back page for the menu and complete details. Raffle tickets will be available that day.

Lafayette Blood Drive

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Lafayette Community Center Monday, November 15, 1:00-7:00 p.m. Call Lori at 228-8788 to make an appointment.



**Don’t forget...turn
your clocks back
Sunday morning,
November 7**

NOVEMBER 2021 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 21-Myron Isaacson, Jon Hartley
Reader: 21-Linda Youngblom
Liturgist: 21-Jorja Langhoff
Communion Bread: Joyce Reese
Altar: Jorja, Bailey & Shelly Langhoff
Visiting: Sandy Burger, Sandy Hartley
Coffee: 21-Fall Festival Drive-thru Dinner following the morning service

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Myron & Doris Kaduce
Acolyte: Marissa Anderson
Readers: 14-Rosanne Johnson
Ushers: Shaun & Jerome Anderson, Brian Pettis, Steve & Mary Langhorst
Communion (Nov. 14): S-Shaun Anderson, C-Neil Rasmussen; U-Lori Fenske, Jim Bartels
Coffee: 14-Doris & Myron Kaduce, Steve & Mary Langhorst.

Noisy Offering for Haiti collected at October 3 service



With no pulpit supply available that Sunday, Trish Gieseke read the sermon and Ruth Klossner led the service. Jim Bartels was the reader and Elias Webster head usher.

The money from the collection will go to FARM Haiti through Mary Anderson Harris of Gaylord. FARM Haiti teaches Haitians to "Farm God's Way."

The Sunday, October 3 special offering was indeed noisy! Nearly \$300 in change was dumped into the milk can, for plenty of sound! The kids, especially, enjoyed it. With checks and folding money, \$521.77 was collected that day, with an additional \$110 deposited later, for a grand total of \$631.77.



First Lutheran notes

- FLC members should check the WELCA/First Lutheran calendar 2020/2021 church book for job duties for the Fall Bazaar/Drive-thru dinner November 21.
- The FLC calendar job duties will again remain the same for 2022. Anyone wanting to change job duties is asked to call Sue Helget at 507-276-5536 or Wendy Hagberg at 507-276-4421.

Bernadotte WELCA meeting

BLC's WELCA will meet Sunday, November 14 at approximately 11:00 a.m.—after the coffee hour following worship. Doris and Myron Kaduce and Steve and Mary Langhorst will be coffee hour servers.

Good News Item

They look good in red plaid and lederhosen! Bernadotte members Jim Bartels and Steve Sjoström recently joined the Concord Singers of New Ulm—and got a good workout during New Ulm's Oktoberfest the first two week-ends of October.





Community Farewell for Pastor Heidi Sunday, October 24

The Lafayette community turned out in a big way to recognize Pastor Heidi Hagstrom as she retires from her pastorage at Fields of Grace. Volunteers came out Saturday to haul tables and chairs from the fire hall to Lafayette Charter School, then set up the entire gym. A crew from Bernadotte's WELCA arrived Saturday afternoon to decorate the gym, hallways, and entry.



The volunteers were there again, early Sunday morning, to greet the waffle crew from Algona, Iowa, ready to unload all the supplies and "get things cooking."



Rosine Hermodson-Olsen led a brief worship service at LCS, before it was time to eat.





Everyone pitched in! Volunteers came from Fields of Grace, Lafayette Lions, the former St. Gregory church, the community, and even from Nicollet. Larry Mages provided background music during the meal. And, when the brunch was finished, the volunteers quickly loaded out the tables and chairs to send them back to the fire hall. Thank you to everyone!





The afternoon program included songs by members of the former St. Gregory the Great choir and the First Lutheran choir, as well as comments from the presidents of the three churches (or their representative), FOG president Karlen Nelson, and audience members.

Special thanks go to Lafayette Charter School for providing use of the school, the Lafayette Fire Department for tables and chairs, the Dad's Belgian Waffles crew, the Lafayette Lions for the raffle, and musician Larry Mages. Event organizers were Trish Gieseke, Sandy Hartley, and Ruth Klossner.



Darwin Gieseke



Traci Abrahamson



Deb Sjostrom

Narve Nelson

Karlen Nelson



The Lafayette Lions presented their highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, to Pastor Heidi. Heidi's sister, Tracy, accepted the plaque from Brad DeBoer.



Mark & Brad drew the tickets for the Lions raffle drawing. Winners of the cash prizes were Todd Nelson, Chuck Smith, and Nick Klingler, \$500 each; and Al Schmit and Trish Gieseke, \$250 each.

 **FALL DRIVE THRU
DINNER**
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF LAFAYETTE

21



NOVEMBER

9:30a
CHURCH

\$12 PER MEAL

MEAL

11-1p
(OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)
MEAL SERVED

HAM
MEATBALLS
MASHED POTATOES
GRAVY
CORN
COLESLAW
BUNS
PUMPKIN BARS

 **1p**
DRAWING
RAFFLE TICKETS
SOLD ON SITE