



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

March 2022

Fields of Grace Schedule

One worship service each Sunday, at 9:30 a.m., on a rotating schedule

Coffee & fellowship at 8:30 a.m. at Swan Lake; at 10:30 a.m. at Bernadotte & First

Mar. 6—Swan Lake

Mar. 13—Bernadotte

Mar. 20—First Lutheran

Mar. 27—Swan Lake

Apr. 3—Bernadotte

Apr. 10—FLC (Palm Sunday)

Lent and Easter Services

Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2—FLC, 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 14—SL, 7 p.m.

Good Friday, Apr. 15—BLC, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, Apr. 16—

7 a.m. at BLC; 9:30 a.m. at FLC

Lent and Easter schedule set

With Pastor Donna willing to do both a Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday service, the FOG council has added the Friday service to what was listed in last month's newsletter.

Two Easter Sunday morning services will also be held. (See box).

Pastor Donna Olsen will be with us for almost all services from now through May. Our thanks to her!

April events scheduled

Saturday, April 9—**Fields of Grace Youth Ham Bingo** at the Lafayette Fire Station. Doors open at 4:00, bingo starts at 6:00 p.m. BBQ and hot dog meals available, plus concessions for sale. (See poster on page 4)

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Saturday, April 16—**Father-Son Brunch & Program** at BLC. All FOG fellows invited—fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles, nephews and more. Starting at 9:00 a.m. with family group photos, then brunch, speaker, program. Committee is Mary Langhorst, Shaun Anderson, Rosanne Johnson and Beth Anderson. (See poster on page 5)

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Sunday, April 24—**Food for Kidz Mission Sunday**, 9:00 a.m. at BLC. Multi-generational event, bagging food for those in need in Minnesota, nationally, and internationally; collecting donations to help support the meals. All FOG members invited. Pizza for all at 11:00 a.m.



New Fields of Grace officers

New officers were elected at the February 16 FOG council meeting. Tracy Abrahamson was elected president, Jim Bartels vice president, and Cindy Youngblom secretary. The council is still working to find a treasurer to join them.

Early Deadline for April FOG newsletter

Since the newsletter editor will be enjoying the warmth of Florida the last week of March (with three busloads of high school kids!) the April newsletter will be out by March 24.

Please submit all input by March 18.

Can you sponsor 'A New Day?'

The "A New Day" radio broadcast on KNUJ each Sunday reaches untold numbers of people who are desperate to hear that God is with them in whatever trials or joys they are experiencing.

Please consider sponsoring "Radio Church" (as Pastor Heidi called it) in honor or memory of a birthday, anniversary, or special event in your life.

The cost of a broadcast is \$160. Checks may be sent to Brad DeBoer at FLC, 1020 Lafayette Ave., PO Box 14, Lafayette. 56054.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Church Council—Monday, March 7, 5:30 p.m.
- Fields of Grace Council, Wednesday, March 16, 7:30, First Lutheran Church
- Bernadotte Lutheran Church Council—Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

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 Swan Lake, afterwards at Bernadotte & First.

‘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.



BLC notes

- BLC WELCA/LCM Joint Meeting Sunday, March 13 after church and coffee. Shaun & Jerome Anderson and Stacy & Jim Kline are coffee servers.

- The annual directory for members will be available by March 1 and will be placed in church mailboxes. If not picked up by Easter, copies will be mailed. (Please pick up to save postage.)

- The 2021 reader list is currently being used. If you would be willing to be a reader, let Trish know and she’ll add you to the list to read at a service.

- Blooming in Bernadotte will be back! Last year’s plant sale fundraiser and wine pull was such a success that it will be done again, on Saturday, April 30. A small silent auction, refreshments, and maybe some music may be included. All FOG and community members are welcome to purchase flowers, provide or buy silent auction items, or provide wine donations. More details next month.

- The BLC Witness and Service Committee is planning three 9:30 a.m. outdoor services this summer—Sundays, June 26 with the Larsons and Jodi Poehler, July 10 with the Norrell family, and August 28.

- A request has been made for a BLC commemorative spoon offered at a previous anniversary event. If you have an extra one, or no longer wish to keep the one you have, please let Trish know. It is being requested by a descendent of former members who are buried in the BLC cemetery, to be sent to other descendents in Sweden.

2024 Nat’l Youth Gathering cancelled

In checking the ELCA 2024 National Youth Gathering website, we’ve learned that the ELCA National Youth Gathering was cancelled on February 1. The event was to be held in Minneapolis.

Community Notes

- The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Lafayette, Community Center Monday, March 7, from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. Go online or contact Traci Abrahamson (228-8970) or Lori Dick (276-0876) to make an appointment.

- March is Minnesota FoodShare Month. During the month, all donations of food and money are doubled to allow local food shelves to get more food and non-edible commodities through Second Harvest Food Bank. Please consider donations to any of the local food shelves—Brown, Sibley, or Nicollet County (SPAF, 201B S. Third St., St. Peter 56081).



Thank you, Ken!

Ken Bentson of Broken Chains Fellowship provided pulpit supply Sunday, February 20, and will be back again Sunday, March 20. He had also been with us for the community Thanksgiving service back in November. Thank you for your messages!!

And thank you, again, to Pastor Donna Olsen who has been with us most Sundays for the past months—and will be with us through Lent and Easter, and following.

Calls, texts & bulletin requests

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

Bulletin announcements and prayer requests should also be sent to Trish at trish.fieldsof-grace@gmail.com or 507-766-3471.

MARCH 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 20-Doug Durham, Randy Sandquist
Reader: Linda Youngblom
Liturgist: (open)
Altar: Lila Ellies, Myra Kienlen
Visiting: Lila Ellies, Myra Kienlen
Coffee: 20-Kris Hagberg, Emily Hagberg

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: 13-Ruth Klossner, Trish Gieseke
Readers: 13-Trish Gieseke
Ushers: Steve Radke, Brad & Pam White, Brad Peterson
Communion (Mar. 13): S-Andrew Rasmussen; C-Dwayne Ross; U-Rosanne Johnson, Brent Johnson
Coffee: 13-Shaun & Jerome Anderson, Stacy & Jim Kline

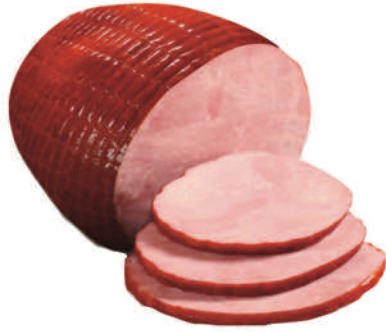


Two days of quilting
at Bernadotte



The Bernadotte ladies—with reinforcements from Lafayette—spent Monday and Tuesday, February 14-15 making a couple dozen beautiful quilts to donate to worthy causes. Great job, ladies!!





**FOG
Youth**

HAM BINGO

Saturday, April 9

6:00 p.m. start

Lafayette Fire Station

40 Games including 2 Blackouts

20 Games — \$10.00 40 Games — \$20.00

All Ages Welcome

Ham Door Prizes, too!

Come Early—Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

BBQ & Hot Dog Meals Available—

Plus concessions for sale

*All proceeds to
Fields of Grace Youth Group*

**Need more
info?
Call Mark
at
507-766-6327**

JOIN US FOR THE
FATHER SON BANQUET

Bernadotte Lutheran Church

*Lets go to the
Big Game with
Kevin Kush*



SATURDAY APRIL 16TH

All players report to the field for

TEAM PICTURES AT 9AM MEAL AT 9:30AM

GAME TIME AT 10AM



RSVP TO: JIM AND KONNIE BARTELS 507-766-4015

OR MARY LANGHORST 507-327-8333



Mr. Kush has been involved in coaching and teaching for over thirty years. Coach Kush spent 21 of those years working with at-risk youth at Boys Town in Omaha Nebraska. As a head football coach, he compiled a remarkable record of 164 wins and just 58 losses with 13 of those teams finishing in the top 10. Coach Kush now speaks full time to a variety of groups including teachers, youth organizations, and companies. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in marketing and business education, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska in vocational and adult education. In 2005 Mr. Kush was featured on ABC World News Tonight as their Person of the Week.