



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

July 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 First Lutheran
and at Bernadotte Outdoor Services*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ORIGINAL
ROTATION HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO
ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL EVENTS**

June 26—Bernadotte (outdoor)

July 3—Swan Lake

July 10—Bernadotte (outdoor)

July 17—First Lutheran

July 24—Swan Lake

July 31—First Lutheran 125th Anniversary

August 7—Bernadotte *

August 14—Swan Lake

August 21—First Lutheran

August 28—Bernadotte (outdoor)

** no coffee hour on this date*

News and Notes for upcoming Fields of Grace events

• Check page 2 for all the news about First Lutheran's 125th anniversary celebration coming up Sunday, July 31.

• The next three Lafayette ice cream socials will be served by groups with FOG connections. The FOG Youth will serve a pork chop meal, with a free will offering, this Friday night. The Lafayette backpack program, which FOG supports, will serve the July 8 social, and First Lutheran will serve the July 15 event. Look for posters for each in this newsletter (pages 5-7).

• The Bernadotte Church Park will be the site of three "Music with a Message" outdoor services, starting this Sunday, June 26.

Sunday's event will feature Gerry and Carol Larson with Jodi Poehler. The Norells will be at the park July 10, and Mary Kavan on August 28. Turn to page 8 to learn more.

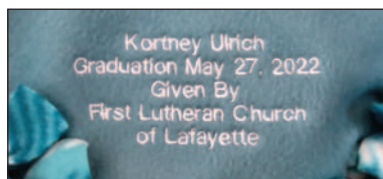
Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Church Council—Mon., July 11, 5:30 p.m.
- Bernadotte Church Council—Mon., July 18, 8:00 p.m.
- Fields of Grace Council—Wed., July 20 at Swan Lake, 6:30 p.m.



**FLC
graduate
recognized
at May 29
service**

First Lutheran Church honored high school graduate Kortney Ulrich during the Sunday morning church service May 29. On behalf of the church, Linda Youngblom presented Kortney with a hand tied throw. She's the daughter of Holly and Brad Ulrich.



First Lutheran will celebrate 125th Anniversary July 31

After many months of planning, the day is almost here. First Lutheran will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a special service, dinner, and afternoon program Sunday, July 31. The events are open to all.

The 9:30 a.m. service will be music-based, with pre-service music by the choir at 9:15 a.m. songs by the Sunday School kids and the fifth through ninth grade bell choir, more songs by the choir, and music by afternoon performers Pat and Donna Surface.

All FOG members are encouraged to join the choir which will also include members of the former St. Gregory's choir. (Please call or text Laurie Larson at 507-240-0360 if you are interested in singing with the choir.)

Dennis Sjogren will share the church's history.

The 11:00 am. dinner will be served in the social hall and is open to all. **Please RSVP to Sandy Hartley at 507-276-4692 or sandrahartley816@gmail.com by Monday, July 20 to help the committee plan.**

Mentioning that committee—it will hold one more meeting—Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m.

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Pat and Donna Surface—also known as American Pie—will take part in the morning service, then will present a 12:30 p.m. concert. Pat—at 6'8"—was an all-star basketball player and college coach before becoming a full-time touring musician. A foster child himself, he has been a key-note presenter and performer for child and family services agencies working with foster and adoptive families. Pat sings and plays his hand-built LaPlant guitars, either solo or with the band American Pie.

Donna is an actress, comedian, singer, dancer, story-teller, and playwright from New York City. She is also a performance artist in sign language. And,—at only 5'0"—Donna is literally the "wind beneath Pat's wings."

Pat and Donna began a non-profit organization committed to supporting the quality of life of those afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia.



First Lutheran Church

of Lafayette invites all friends and neighbors to join in a special day of celebration!

July 31



125
years

1897-2022

9:30a

Church Service with special music

11a

*Meal Served downstairs in Social Hall
Games, activities & music for all outside*

12:30p

Musical performance by Pat & Donna Surface

If you could so kindly RSVP to Sandy Hartley by July 20, we'd appreciate it.



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.

Bulletins and announcements, input and distribution

Bulletin announcements and prayer requests should be sent to FOG Administrative Assistant Trish Gieseke.

They can be phoned or texted to her at 507-766-3471 or can be emailed to her at trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com.

Bulletins, announcements, the FOG newsletter, and a weekly Bible study/devotion are mailed to our FOG home-bound members. If you know of someone that should be included on the mailing list, please email Trish at trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com.

We want to report YOUR news

We’re always looking for human interest items—like the one to the right—about our Fields of Grace members. Please send news items (with photos if possible) to Ruth at cowladyruth@gmail.com. Our members like to know what others are doing, whether it be milestone birthdays, awards, or other interesting items.

Community Events

Here’s the schedule for the remaining Friday evening Lafayette Ice Cream Socials and band concerts. The socials are served before the 7:30 p.m. concerts, starting about 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. (No concert on July 1)

Hosts for the socials are:

FOGGY Youth, June 24 (see page 5)

LCS Backpack Program, July 8 (see page 6)

First Lutheran WELCA, July 15 (see page 7)

Lafayette Legion, July 22

Lafayette Park & Recreation, July 29

Member news, notes and accomplishments

Landon Friedrichs of First Lutheran graduated with honors from Sibley East Elementary in May, receiving five honors. Landon placed first in Mathmasters competition in Mankato.

Dad Jamie thanks First Lutheran Church and Fields of Grace for all its support for him and his family.



Pastor situation

The FOG Council is currently working on getting an interim pastor. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

First Lutheran financial report

FLC reports its financial information through the first five months of 2022.

Actual income through that time was \$27,318.63 while the church had budgeted for \$39,210.00.

FLC member challenges others

A member of First Lutheran has put forth this challenge. He/she will pledge an offering of \$1,000, if nine other FLC members will do the same.

Submit your name and plan to pledge to Brad DeBoer.

JULY 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 17-Tom Brethorst, Dwight DeBoer; 31-anniversary committee

Reader: Deb Grant Liturgist: (open)

Altar: Heidi Hutton, Lindsay Benson, Jo Pehrson

Coffee: 17-Ann Gieseke, Beth Gavranovic; 31-125th dinner

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Rosanne Johnson, Kevin Johnson

Readers: 10-Steve Sjostrom

Ushers: Steve & Deb Sjostrom, Jacob Sjostrom, Ron & Denise Johnson

Coffee: 10-outdoor service committee



Bernadotte ice cream social

The weather was great for Bernadotte's ice cream social June 8... and even the gnats weren't a problem. The committee changed up the menu to riblets and hotdogs this year, grilled by the Nicollet County Pork Producers. The food was great and the Lafayette Band played a great concert. It's always fun to have people come to Bernadotte for this longtime tradition!



FIELDS OF GRACE YOUTH

**Friday Night
Social**

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY CENTER

**Pork Chops, Potato Salad, Chips & Beans
PLUS Ice Cream Sundaes**

FREE WILL OFFERING

WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO FIELDS OF GRACE YOUTH

*Come for the food,
stay for the band...*

**LAFAYETTE BAND
PLAYS AT 7:30 PM**





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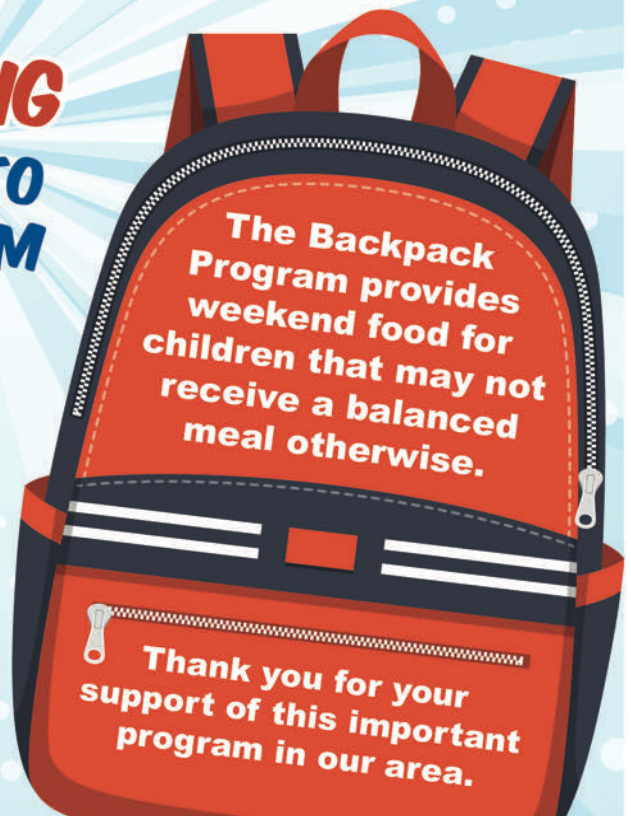
LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Serving Hot Dogs, Chips & Ice Cream Sundaes

**FREE WILL OFFERING
WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO
THE BACKPACK PROGRAM**

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stay for the band...*

**LAFAYETTE BAND
PLAYS AT 7:30 PM**



First Lutheran Church Taco Salad Bar



**With Beverage, Pie and Ice Cream
Hot dogs also available**

**Friday, July 15, 2022
Serving 5:30 to 7:30pm
Lafayette Community Center**

Please Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!

**Lafayette Community Band Concert
follows our meal**

2022 BERNADOTTE

Music
with a *Message*



9:30 a.m.
Bernadotte Park
rural Lafayette

Sunday, June 26th:

Gerry & Carol Larson, with Jody Poehler

Sunday, July 10th:

The Norells

Sunday, August 28th:

Mary Kavan

Join us at our beautiful park and bandshell for music, worship and fellowship. All are welcome!
In case of inclement weather, services will be moved inside Bernadotte Lutheran Church.