



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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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 WAS MODIFIED TO
ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL EVENTS**

August 7—Bernadotte *
August 14—Swan Lake
August 21—First Lutheran
August 28—Bernadotte (outdoor)

** no coffee hour on this date*

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News and Notes for upcoming Fields of Grace events

- This is the week...First Lutheran's 125th anniversary, Sunday, July 31, starting with prelude music at 9:15 a.m. (See page 2.)
- The third and final "Music with a Message" outdoor service at the Bernadotte Church Park is Sunday, August 28...weather permitting! Mary Kavan of Lafayette will sing and play guitar for the 9:30 a.m. service. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

Council Meeting Dates

- Fields of Grace Council—Wed., July 27, 6:30 p.m., Swan Lake
- First Lutheran Church Council—Mon., Aug. 1, 5:30 p.m.
- Bernadotte Church Council—Mon., Aug. 22, 8:00 p.m.

Interim pastor called to FOG

Fields of Grace is happy to announce it has entered into a contract with Pastor Bob Stover as an interim pastor. Pastor Bob will be full time. He will instruct confirmation, visit shut-ins, nursing homes, etc., as well as lead worship. The worship schedule has not been set as of yet. Please welcome Pastor Bob to our church family.

There's a big Bernadotte connection in GFW's 'The Sound of Music'

There will be some very familiar faces involved when the T-Bird Community Arts presents *The Sound of Music* next week. The cast includes Deb Sjostrom of Bernadotte, along with former Bernadotte resident Kylie (Grunzke) Rieke—daughter of Lorie and our late Pastor Garry Grunzke—and her daughters Avery and Maya. Also, BLC member Robby Gleason, who is on the stage crew and spent many hours constructing the sets.

Sjostrom plays the Baroness Elberfeld/Sister Margaretta in the production. Kylie has the main lead as Maria Rainer while her daughters play Brigitta Von Trapp (Avery) and the goat (Maya).

The musical will be presented Thursday through Saturday, August 4-6, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m., in the GFW Middle/High School Auditorium in Winthrop. Advance tickets are available by calling 507-207-2226 or by going online at www.Tbirdcommunityarts.com.

Pictured, from left: Avery Rieke, Kylie (Grunzke) Rieke, Robby Gleason, Maya Rieke, and Deb Sjostrom.



First Lutheran 125th Anniversary this Sunday

This is the weekend that First Lutheran members have been looking forward to for a long time. The congregation will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a special service, dinner, and afternoon program this 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, church history by Dennis Sjogren, and music by afternoon performers Pat and Donna Surface.

The First Lutheran choir will include members of the former St. Gregory the Great choir joining in.

The 11:00 a.m. dinner will be served in the social hall and is open to all.

Pat and Donna Surface 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 keynote 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, after Donna lost her father to the disease.

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 John Petterson at jdpetterson.7115@gmail.com

Greetings, Fields of Grace!

from Pastor Bob Stover

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, greetings to all of you! I am so anxious to meet and get to know you, and to begin my ministry with you as your interim pastor. Arriving to your parish in the summer, I may not actually interface with many church members for a few months, but I am looking forward to personally greeting you all soon!

For now, let me tell you a little about myself, my experiences, and my background. I was born and raised in NW Pennsylvania, just south of Erie. Camping, hunting, Boy Scouts, sports, and my church shaped my life as a young man in the rust belt of America. I attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, where I felt the strong call to become a pastor. I trained at Trinity Seminary, before moving to Minnesota for my internship and my first call at Brooklyn Park Lutheran.

Twenty-seven years of my vocation have been administering Lutheran Outdoor Ministry. Those various Bible camps have been Luther Dell in Remer, Minnesota; Luther Village near Kenora, Ontario; Pathways of Bemidji (corporation of three camps in Baudette, Menahga, and Cass Lake); and Bear Creek Camp near Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. I also served two years as Church Relations Director of Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

I returned to my first love, parish ministry, eight years ago, serving St. Paul’s of White Haven, Pennsylvania;



Messiah of North Mankato; First of St James; Our Savior’s of Jackson; Good Hope Parish in the Bricelyn/Kiester area; and most recently Scandian Grove in Norseland. I love sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing God’s healing touch to individual’s lives, bringing about deeper spiritual fellowship in the Body of Christ, and nurturing faith development in people of all ages.

My wife Sarah and I have been married for 36 years. She works as a lead bank teller at Community Bank in Mankato, where we live. We have four children: Marne, who resides in Mankato; Eric and Kyle, both residing in Brooklyn, New York; and Betsy, who lives in Los Angeles with her husband and three sons.

Some of my interests include fishing, hunting, running, music (guitar, singing), and traveling.

Now you know a bit more about me so, when I arrive, I can focus on getting to know you, your needs, your faith journey, and what you have found meaningful about being a member of your church and community.

I ask everyone to keep an open mind and heart throughout this next year, as I strive to shepherd Fields of Grace’s worship, programs, and ministries. Stay in prayer, as we explore together what God is doing in our midst.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and beginning our partnership of ministry together.

AUGUST 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 21-Todd Nelson, Randy Altmann
Reader: Deb Grant
Liturgist: (open)
Altar: Traci Abrahamson, Cindy Youngblom
Coffee: 21-Kris Hagberg, Laurie Larson

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Sally Webster, Elias Webster
Readers: 7-Tim Schulz; 28-Trish Gieseke
Ushers: Neil & Renee Rasmussen, Jim & Stacy Kline, Andrew Rasmussen
Communion: 7-S Neil Rasmussen, C Shaun Anderson, U John Nelson, Andrew Rasmussen
Coffee: 7-none; 28-outdoor service committee



FOGGY & FLC ice cream socials



Two Fields of Grace groups served ice cream socials in the last month. The FOGGY Youth did the June 24 social, serving pork chops, followed by ice cream sundaes.

On July 15, First Lutheran's WELCA took charge, putting on a taco salad bar with beverages, desserts, and ice cream.

Both events were followed by concerts by the Lafayette Band.

The last social is this Friday, July 29, with a spaghetti feed by Lafayette Park & Rec.





Two outdoor services at Bernadotte church park



Bernadotte's first outdoor service of the season was held June 26, with Gerry and Carol Larson and Jodi Poehler providing great music and leading the service. The spirited music got some of the kids dancing—and the old tree trunk continues to fascinate! It was a bit windy and even kind of chilly, but it was great to worship outdoors. Thank you to the musicians for a very special morning!



The Norells and Wiests provided the music and led the second outdoor service on July 10. Again, it was rather windy—requiring quite a few clothespins to keep the music on the music stands, but all went well. Great music, great service! Thank you to them!

The third and final Music with a Message outdoor service will be Sunday, August 28, with Mary Kavan providing the music.



Bernadotte Neighborhood Night Out

The 25th annual Bernadotte/Brighton Area Neighborhood Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bernadotte Church Park. Anyone and everyone with “ties” to the area is invited to join in a potluck meal and an evening of fellowship.

Brian Nelson is in charge of this year’s event. He had hoped to hold it in a new shed on his farm—but construction was delayed so he’s holding it at the church park.

It’s a baby boy for the Websters!

Elias and Jenna Webster of Bernadotte welcomed their third son, Oliver Anthony, on Saturday, July 9 at 7:12 p.m. at the New Ulm Medical Center. Oliver weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 20 inches long.

He joins older brothers Edwin, three, and Arlo, one-and-a-half. Proud grandparents are Dennis and Diane Krzmarzick and Kim Locher and great-grandmother Sally Webster.



Early deadline for next FOG newsletter

Since the newsletter editor will spend 10 days working at the state fair, all news for the September newsletter will be due Friday, August 19 (earlier if possible). Thank you for your cooperation!

Please send YOUR news

We’re always looking for human interest items 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.

Night to Unite

AUGUST

2

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lund Park

Bounce House

Plinko

safe escape house

Food Stand
Free will offering!

Groomer

ice cream truck

Nicollet County

Squad Cars

ambulance

H2O

Antique Tractors

black smith demo

calves

clydesdales

Fire Truck

KAMM FARMS
BOY SCOUTS
AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION
LAFAYETTE PARK AND RECREATION













IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE WILL NEED TO LEAVE