



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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Fall worship schedule

The FOG Council has approved a new worship schedule going forward. Two services will be held each Sunday, at 8:00 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m., with the exception of holiday weekends and the fifth Sunday of the month. In months that have five Sundays, there will only be one service. The schedule will be followed through the end of 2022, then evaluated to see if any tweaks are needed.

FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE NOV-DEC 2022

NOVEMBER			
		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
WEEK 1	Nov. 6	SL C	BLC C
WEEK 2	Nov. 13	BLC	FLC C
WEEK 3	Nov. 20	SL C	FLC C
THANKSGIVING EVE (TUES)	Nov. 22	7:00 PM	SL
WEEK 4	Nov. 27	FLC	BLC

DECEMBER			
		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
WEEK 1	Dec. 4	SL C	BLC C
WEEK 2	Dec. 11	BLC	FLC C
WEEK 3	Dec. 18	SL C	FLC C
CHRISTMAS EVE	Dec. 24	7:00 PM	SL
CHRISTMAS EVE	Dec. 24	9:00 PM	FLC
CHRISTMAS DAY	Dec. 25	8:00 AM	BLC

At this point, it has been decided that the services marked with a red C will be communion services.

Upcoming Fields of Grace events

• **Sunday, October 30** will be a busy morning. As a “fifth Sunday,” only one service will be held, that at First Lutheran at 9:30 a.m. It’s Reformation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday for Jenna Donnay of First Lutheran. Fifth graders will also receive first communion. And, it will be a “Noisy Offering” Sunday, to help the Haitian people who are very short of food at this time. Please bring your loose change and make it rattle when you drop it into a milk can!

To prepare to sing at the confirmation service, there will be choir practice at 9:00 a.m. that morning. Contact Laurie Larson at 507-240-0360 if you have questions.

Sunday School will be held after the service, at 10:45 a.m. Check page 5 for the complete Sunday School schedule.

• This year’s **Thanksgiving Eve** service will be held at Swan Lake Lutheran on TUESDAY, November 22, with Ken Bentson leading the service. Ken will also be with us on November 13 and 20 when Pastor Bob is travelling.

Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—Mon., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Nov. 16, 7:45 p.m., FLC
- Bernadotte Council—Mon., Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m.



Wednesday confirmation classes held weekly

Pastor Bob leads confirmation classes each Wednesday at First Lutheran. The evening begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m., with education hour from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. That’s followed by a

short worship service at 7:15 p.m., required for confirmation students, encouraged for parents, and other members welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 13-Todd Nelson, Jon Hartley; 20-Myron Isaacson, Jon Hartley; 27-Mike Hoffmann, Connor Hoffmann

Reader: Linda Youngblom

Liturgist: (open)

Altar: Jorja Langhoff, Bailey Langhoff, Shelly Langhoff

Coffee: 13-Naomi Green, Deb Grant; Katie D, Carrie Nelson; 27-Sue Helget, Carrie Nelson.

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Myron & Doris Kaduce

Readers: 6-Steve Sjostrom; 13-Tim Schulz; 27-Trish Gieseke

Ushers: Shaun & Jerome Anderson, Brian Pettis, Steve & Mary Langhorst

Communion: 6-S Shaun Anderson, C Neil Rasmussen, U-Lori Fenske, Jim Bartels

Coffee: 6- WELCA (Ron & Denise Johnson, Brent & Sarah Johnson); 13-open; 27-open.

Will I Have Enough?

by Pastor Bob Stover

Every day when I drive down the street, I cringe as I look at the price of gasoline at a station I drive by. As I go into the supermarket and purchase a dozen eggs or a loaf of bread, I know that I will be paying more than I did just several months ago. The cost of eating out at a restaurant, the expense of a vacation, the phone bill, all seem to be spiraling out of control. With inflation taking a bigger bite out of our wallets every day, it's easy to find ourselves asking, "Will I have enough?"

A recent survey reported that increasing wealth from poverty to sufficiency resulted in a significant increase in personal happiness. But it also revealed that increasing wealth from sufficiency to luxury did not significantly increase happiness. There was an old television interview with entertainer Steve Allen, who confessed that in his own experience, accumulating wealth did not increase happiness. To emphasize his point, he went on to state the obvious fact: "You can only drive one car at a time, eat one meal at a time, sleep in one bed at a time, and only wear one suit of clothes at a time."

With the state of the economy, it's easy to find ourselves worrying about whether or not we will have enough. Are we going to have to deprive ourselves of things that we love to do or love to have? Can I still be generous in my gifts to the church, ministries, or organizations that I want to support? Will I continue to be able to afford my habits or lifestyle, or

will I need to make some changes?

If we look to the Bible for ways to navigate these economic times, we hear Jesus saying, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot." (Luke 12:15 The Message)

St. Paul gives us some good advice, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation...in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:11-13 NIV)

Our trust never should be in our stocks or bonds, not in our possessions or our government, not in our houses, our pension, or our jobs. Our trust always has been and always should be in God, to whom Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." (Matthew 6:11 NRSV) God is our provider. "And with all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs." (Philippians 4:19 Good News)

I hope and pray that God will give us peace in our minds, generosity in our sharing, and eternal hope in our hearts, as we face the financial challenges of today and our future. God's blessings to you as you continue to trust in your great God to provide all you need. May you have the peace of God that passes all understanding to believe that you will always have enough in Christ Jesus.



• Doris Kaduce thanks the FOG members who visited, called, and sent cards after her recent hospitalization, surgery, and recovery. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated!

• First Lutheran thanks everyone who attended and supported its Fall Festival Dinner Sunday, October 2. Thank you to those who worked, sold raffle tickets, and brought items for the bake sale and farmers' market—that made it

a big success.

• Laurie Larson thanks Ranae Fischer for the floral decoration she won at the FLC Fall Festival.

• Ron and Denise Johnson send a big thank you to family and Fields of Grace friends for helping them celebrate their 50th anniversary by attending their "coffee fellowship party," sending cards, gifts, greetings, and well wishes. They added, "We have enjoyed being part of this loving community and appreciate your thoughtfulness. You made it a special day for us...Blessings to all."

• First Lutheran thanks John Nelson for trimming trees.

Great weather for First Lutheran's Fall Festival



First Lutheran members worked together to put on the annual fall festival Sunday, October 2. It included a drive through dinner, farmers' market, bake sale, and quilt raffle.

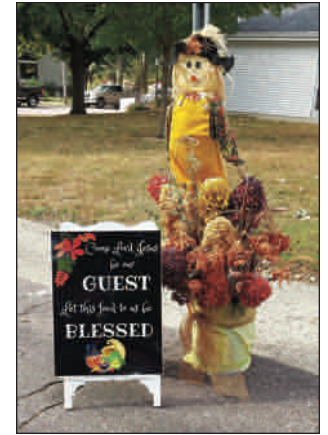


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The Fall Festival raffle included this beautiful quilt and 25 other prizes. Erin Gjerde was the lucky winner of the quilt.

Thank you to all who provided Fall Festival and Sunday School photos for this newsletter



Sunday School fun

The Sunday School kids had a blast October 9 when they painted pumpkins and sang and danced to songs by Pastor Bob during their lesson. The pumpkins came from Pastor Heidi's garden

that Lane and William Dalquist took care this summer. Paint and a few more pumpkins were provided by Kayla, Al, Cooper, and Aubrey Campbell. Kayla also had other coloring crafts for the kids to do.



After Sunday school, the Dalquists went to Hutchinson to meet up with Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Heidi's great-niece Elaina. They had a picnic in the park, took a walk to the river, and the boys gave Elaina some pumpkins from Heidi's garden, along with some eggs from Heidi's coop, and some apples from their trees.

CNC at BLC

The Connecting Nicollet County (CNC) leadership group visited Bernadotte Lutheran Thursday, October 13, as part of its day in the western part of the county. The group also toured Lafayette, Klossner, St. George and Fort Ridgely.



FLC Notes

- First Lutheran is looking for someone willing to clean the sidewalks during the week this winter as the city asks that sidewalks be cleared after each snow-fall. Snow removal will also be needed before 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday when there is confirmation class. Contact Laura Isaacson if interested.

- A member of FLC offered a challenge earlier this year for at least nine First members to give \$1,000 to the church. So far six members have accepted the challenge so First is hoping for a few more.

- FLC WELCA dues are due by the end of the year (\$25 for women and \$15 for men). Dues may be placed in the collection plate (“Attn: Jorja”) or given to Laura at the bank.

BLC announcement

Bernadotte’s WELCA/LCM meeting will be held Sunday, November 6 after coffee. Servers are Denise and Ron Johnson and Brent and Sarah Johnson.

Scandian Grove lutefisk

Scandian Grove will host its annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Saturday, November 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.— or until the fish is gone. The meal will be served buffet style or with contactless pickup.

The menu includes lutefisk, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, bun, lefse, cranberry sauce, and dessert. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$12 for ages 10 and under. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to charities.

Birth Announcement

Jim and Stacy Kline of Bernadotte Lutheran welcomed son Wesley James on Monday October 3. Wesley weighed 10 lb 7 oz and was 23-1/2 inches long.

He joins big sister Abigail. Wesley’s grandparents are Neil and Renee Rasmussen and Jim and Shirley Kline.

Bloodmobile in Lafayette November 14

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Lafayette Community Center Monday, November 14 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. To make an appointment, contact Traci at 507-276-3778 or Lori at 507-276-0876.

Sunday School

QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME, PLEASE REACH OUT! 507-276-6150

AGES 3-11 YEARS OLD!

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
4	2 <small>NO CLASS! FALL FESTIVAL</small>	6 10:45 TO 11:30A	4 10:45 TO 11:30A	1 <small>NO CLASS!</small>	5 10:45 TO 11:30A	5 10:45 TO 11:30A	2 10:45 TO 11:30A
11 <small>FIRST DAY!</small>	9 10:45 TO 11:30A	13 10:45 TO 11:30A	11 10:45 TO 11:30A	8 10:45 TO 11:30A	12 10:45 TO 11:30A	12 10:45 TO 11:30A	9 <small>NO CLASS! EASTER!</small>
18 10:45 TO 11:30A	16 10:45 TO 11:30A	20 10:45 TO 11:30A	18 10:45 TO 11:30A	15 10:45 TO 11:30A	19 10:45 TO 11:30A	19 10:45 TO 11:30A	16 10:45 TO 11:30A
25 10:45 TO 11:30A	23 10:45 TO 11:30A	27 <small>NO CLASS!</small>	25 <small>NO CLASS!</small>	22 10:45 TO 11:30A	26 10:45 TO 11:30A	26 10:45 TO 11:30A	23 10:45 TO 11:30A
	30 10:45 TO 11:30A			29 10:45 TO 11:30A			30 10:45 TO 11:30A



Swan Lake Benefit Breakfast



The guys at Swan Lake hosted their annual Fall Harvest Benefit Breakfast Saturday, October 1. This year's event benefited the family of nine-year-old Callie Sondag who was injured in an accident in Winthrop on August 15. Callie, her parents Scott and Kelsey, her grandmother Lynnette Sondag, and her great-grandmother Elaine Holberg all attended the breakfast.





Two days of quilting at Bernadotte

The Bernadotte ladies—with several reinforcements from Lafayette—were busy quilting Monday and Tuesday of last week.

It's always amazing how much they can accomplish in two days! Although they had a smaller crew the second day, they got a lot done, finishing about 20 quilts and baby blankets.

We hear that their lunches and coffee breaks are good, too—and there's always a lot of good conversation.

Tuesday afternoon it was time to pack everything up, to have it ready for "Round Two" come February. Good job, ladies!



Thank you
to all the
ladies who
do this sev-
eral times
every year.



Help save a life.



FREE CPR Training

The Lafayette Ambulance, Lafayette Lions and Jeff Allerson of Allina Health, invite you to join them in this FREE non-certified training.

- ♥ Tuesday, Nov 15th
- ♥ 6:30 PM
- ♥ Community Center,
540 7th Street,
Lafayette, MN

- ♥ Attendees will be able to learn about...
 - ♥ Adult & Child CPR
 - ♥ AED training
- Ambulance tours and demonstrations will also be available

Signup sheets are available at these Lafayette businesses: Citizens Bank, CIA Insurance and the Lafayette City office or by calling Mark Dick at 507-340-6848.

