



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

April 2023

Worship schedule

Two services are 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 on that Sunday. Holiday, Lenten, and Holy Week Services are rotated between the churches.

FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, APRIL-JUNE

APRIL 2023			
		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
Week 1-Palm !	April 2	SL C	BLC C
Maundy Thurs	April 6	7:00 PM	SL C
Good Friday	April 7	7:00 PM	BLC C
Easter Sunday	April 9	C at all 7:00 - FLC	9:00 - SL/BLC
Week 3	April 16	Food for Kidz	BLC-9:00 am
Week 4	April 23	FLC	BLC
Week 5	April 30	SL C	FLC C
MAY 2023			
		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
Week 1	May 7	SL C	BLC C
Week 2	May 14	BLC	FLC C
Week 3	May 21	SL C	FLC C
Mem. Wkend	May 28	-	SL C
JUNE 2023			
		9:30 AM	
Week 1	June 4	BLC	C
Week 2	June 11	FLC	C
Week 3	June 18	SL	C
Week 4	June 25	BLC	C

C indicates communion service

Bernadotte notes

• Special congregational meeting Sunday, April 2 following 9:30 a.m. service to vote on a constitution change in regard to council member numbers and terms.

• Food for Kidz food packing Sunday, April 16, starting at 9:00 a.m. This will be a joint service event, as the April 16 and April 30 services have been swapped.

• Vettern College Choir concert, Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. The concert will be early as the group will begin its trek to Chicago yet that night—so will not stay with host families.

• Outdoor Park Services—Sundays, June 25, July 30, & August 27.

Easter Sunday plans

• There will be three services on Easter Sunday—7:00 a.m. at First and 9:00 a.m. at Swan Lake, both with Pastor Bob; and 9:00 a.m. at Bernadotte with Ken Bentson.

• Swan Lake will have an Easter breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Bernadotte will have coffee and rolls at 8:00 a.m. First Lutheran will have coffee after the 7:00 a.m. Easter service.

• Sunday School will sing at the 9:00 a.m. service at BLC.

• FLC Choir will sing at the 7:00 a.m. Easter service at First. Practice will follow the March 29 Lenten service at FLC. The choir will also sing at confirmation May 21 at FLC.

UPCOMING FOG EVENTS

(check pages 4-9 for details)

• **HAM BINGO, SAT., APR. 1 AT FIRE HALL**

• **VETTERN COLLEGE SWEDISH CHOIR AT BLC, TUES., APR. 18, 6:00 P.M.**

• **BLOOMING IN BERNADOTTE, SAT., MAY 13 (ORDERS DUE APRIL 1)**

• **ICE CREAM SOCIAL, BERNADOTTE, WED., JUN. 7**

Fields of Grace notes

• Confirmation students are to attend Lenten service Wednesday March 29 at FLC and serve soup supper 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Classes resume Wednesday, April 12, with the confirmation service on Sunday, May 21.

• Sunday School will meet April 2, 9 and 16 at Bernadotte. SS will sing at 9:00 a.m. Easter service at Bernadotte—arrive by 8:45 a.m. SS will help with Food for Kidz April 16 at BLC, starting at 9:00 a.m. Classes will return to FLC for April 23 & 30.

• FOG surveys included in bulletins March 26 & April 2. Confirmed members are invited to complete and leave at any church by April 16. Results will be used by FOG and call committee. Questions? contact a FOG council member. Surveys can be emailed; contact trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com.

First Lutheran notes

• Several coats have been left at First—and have been there for a while. If you're missing a coat, check at the church. The coats will be donated if nobody claims them.

APRIL 2023 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 9-Al Youngblom, Darrell Abrahamson; 23-Landon Uhde, Marti Uhde; 30-Brad DeBoer, Dwight DeBoer
Reader: Linda Youngblom Liturgist: (open)
Altar: Lila Ellies, Jorja Langhoff, Shelly Langhoff
Coffee: 9-Sue Helget, Carrie Nelson; 23-Sue Helget, Katie Nelson; 30-Cindy Youngblom, Jo Pehrson
Visiting: Lila Ellies, Mary Martens

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Tim & Beth Anderson
Readers: 2-Sarah Johnson; 9-Shaun Anderson; 23-Steve Sjostrom
Ushers: Jim, Konnie, Adam & Abby Bartels; Scott Johnson
Communion (Apr. 2 & 9): S-Jim Bartels; C-Elias Webster; U-Lori Fenske, Tim Schulz
Coffee: Volunteers needed for April 2 & April 23.

All year long!

by Pastor Bob Stover

Every Christmas, we hear the sentiment, “I wish we could keep the spirit of Christmas alive all year long!”

Some of that is the act of generous giving to others and concern for those less fortunate than ourselves. Some of that is a longing to slow down and allow God’s peace to settle over our lives. And some of that is simply a desire to not fall back into a mundane existence, but instead continue feeling the festiveness of the season.

Before Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, followers of Yahweh kept the sabbath every Saturday. It was set aside to remember that God (after creating the world) rested on that day. It was a time to worship and honor God by gathering in fellowship and praise with God’s people.

But after that first Resurrection Day, that first Easter Sunday, Christians declared that every Sunday would become a day to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. By gathering in fellowship and praise on Sundays, that day of the week would always be a “mini-Easter.”

All year long, every Sunday, Christians seek to capture and hold onto the glory of the resurrection and all that it means for us.

So, every Sunday, all year long, we celebrate that Jesus rose from the grave, conquering death. Every Sunday is a renewal of the good news that, just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too will be more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord. Yes, Jesus was the first fruit of the resurrection, but now we too can live in the assurance that we, also, shall never die. Death, where is your sting?

So, every Sunday, all year long, we celebrate that Jesus made the final sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. Every Sunday we rejoice that we have been covered over with the righteousness of Christ and made completely acceptable to God. From that first Easter onward, God no longer sees the sins of those who believe in His Son, but God looks on us and sees Jesus. We celebrate that full fellowship with God was won on the cross, once and for all.

So, every Sunday, all year long, we remember that Jesus is the victor over sin and the devil. Every Sunday we remember that through Jesus we died to sin, that sin is no longer our master. Because Jesus was able to stand against the gates of hell and the darkness of this world, we know that in him we are given the strength and power through His Spirit to be victorious, as well.

So, my prayer for you is that, all year long, every Sunday would be a Resurrection Day, a day of celebrating the power, the forgiveness, and the eternal life that was won for us on Easter. May your entire year be a constant Easter celebration!

Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—Mon., April 4, 6:00 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., May 17, First Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.
- Bernadotte Council—Mon., May 15, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday
morning
service
at Swan
Lake

March 5, 2023



Note to Thrivent members

Thrivent members please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before the end of March. The dollars expire the last day of March.

WELCA notes

- The FOG churches are looking for volunteers to attend the MN Valley Conference WELCA spring gathering Saturday, April 15 at First Lutheran Church, Hector. Registration at 11:30 a.m. with a meal at noon. Anyone interested is asked to contact Sue Helget (FLC) or Rosanne Johnson (BLC).

- First's WELCA group will meet Sunday, April 30 after morning worship. Topics of discussion will be fall bazaar and graduation/confirmation breakfast. Contact Sue Helget or Wendy Hagberg for more information.

Good News from FOG

Kyle Dalquist of Bernadotte will retire from the military April 4, after 24 years with the National Guard, 20 years full time. Kyle has been very involved in the construction of the new armory facility in New Ulm.

Kyle is currently the vice commander of Lafayette American Legion Post #300.



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News Flash! It was announced Tuesday morning (March 28) that BLC's **Jim Bartels** is one of five Minnesota Broadcasters' Hall of Fame 2023 inductees. Induction ceremonies will take place Tuesday, October 3 in the Twin Cities.



Lenten suppers and services



The confirmation students served soup suppers and church members took part in special dialogues during the services.



FIELDS OF GRACE YOUTH

HAM BINGO!

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 1**

LAFAYETTE FIRE HALL

**DOORS OPEN
4:30 PM**

**BINGO
6:00 PM**



**40 GAMES
\$20.00**

38 Regular Games
2 Blackout Games

Prizes include Half Bone-in
Hams for Regular Games
and Whole Bone-in Hams
for Blackout Games,
PLUS other Door Prizes

**BBQS, HOT DOGS AND
OTHER CONCESSIONS
FOR SALE**

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Proceeds to FOG Youth
Contact Mark Haler with any questions
at 507.766.6327



The Vettern College Choir

from Jonkoping, Sweden, is returning
to Bernadotte Lutheran Church

Tuesday, April 18 • 6:00 pm



All are invited to attend.

**Bernadotte Lutheran
34122 515th Ave.
Rural Lafayette**

A free-will offering will be accepted for the choir
to help defray their expenses.

Blooming in Bernadotte PLANT SALE

SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023

Just in time for Mother's Day and Memorial Day!

Preorders are required and can be placed
now through April 1, 2023

Order forms are available via the Fields of Grace Website
(fieldsofgracemn.com),

Fields of Grace MN Facebook Page, at the church or by
contacting Carol Young at 507-720-8882 or 507-237-2181

Email: Carol.young12@icloud.com

Mailing address: 50894 316th St. Winthrop, MN 55396

You may pick up your flower orders at Bernadotte Lutheran
Church Park on Saturday May 13, 2023 from 10:30 am– 1:30pm

PLANT SALE

*TO-Go box lunches
available for purchase*

PLANT SALE

*Kids Activities
or Fun!*

PLANT SALE

Opportunity
Tickets
are available
\$10



BLOOMING IN BERNADOTTE

Quantity	Hanging Baskets	Size	Color	Cost	Total
	Mixed Petunia Basket	10"	Pink Mixed	\$35.00	
	Mixed Petunia Basket	10"	Red Mixed	\$35.00	
	Mixed Petunia Basket	10"	Blue Mixed	\$35.00	
	Trailing Wave Petunia	10"	Purple	\$35.00	
	Trailing Wave Petunia Mix	10"	Mixed	\$35.00	
	Impatiens	10"	Pink Mixed	\$32.00	
	Ivy Geranium	10"	Red Mixed	\$35.00	
	Zonal Geranium	10"	Red Mixed	\$35.00	
	Mixed Basket	10"	Shade or Sun	\$35.00	
	Mixed Basket	12"	Sun	\$44.00	
	Mixed Basket	12"	Shade	\$44.00	

Quantity	Colorful Containers	Size	Color	Cost	Total
	Combo Patio Planter	10"	Pink Mixed	\$35.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	10"	Red Mixed	\$35.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	10"	Blue Mixed	\$35.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	12"	Pink Mixed	\$44.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	12"	Red Mixed	\$44.00	
	Combo Patio Planter	12"	Blue Mixed	\$44.00	
	Oval Planter	16"	Mixed	\$40.00	
	Geranium Tub	12"	Red Mixed	\$44.00	
	Suncoleus Planter	12"	Mixed	\$44.00	
	Succulent Mixed Planter	12"	Mixed	\$44.00	
	Color Bowl Mixed Annuals	12"	Mixed	\$38.00	
	Color Bowl Mixed Annuals	14"	Mixed	\$40.00	

Quantity					Total
	\$25 Hacker's Gift Certificate (Redeemed at Hacker's Tree Farm Nursery/Greenhouse 45372 190th Street Sleepy Eye MN OR Hackers Garden Center 15th S Broadway New Ulm MN Not for use at A2Zinnia)				\$25.00

Customer Name and Address:

Customer Telephone Number and e-mail address:

TOTALS (cash or checks payable to BLC Fundraiser due at time of order)	
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Completed order forms and checks can be sent to Carol Young 50894 316th St. Winthrop, MN 55396
If questions, call 507-720-8882 or e-mail carol.young12@icloud.com

Join us for Bernadotte Lutheran's Annual WELCA



PIE AND ICE CREAM Social!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH

5PM - 7:30PM

**Bernadotte
Lutheran Church**



Pie Social Menu:
McRib Sandwiches

Hot Dogs

**Pie, Cake & Ice Cream
Coffee, Lemonade, & Milk**

**Featuring Music
from the
Lafayette City Band
Music from 6:00-7:00PM**

**"Bake Sale"
Specialties of the
Bernadotte Ladies**



BLC WELCA's Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Below is the work and donation list for the Pie and Ice Cream Social. If unable to work/donate food or cash as suggested, please contact Shaun Anderson (507-381-3858) or Nancy Reinhart (507-766-0742) and adjustments will be made. If you are unable to make pie/bake sale items, we can switch you to the cash donation list or vice versa.

We will post assignments on the newsletter that Ruth sends out monthly. If we have any errors or you wish to switch jobs, please notify the committee **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

General Committee: Nancy Reinhart, Shaun Anderson, Konnie Bartels, Abby Bartels, and Romi White

Serving Hot Sandwiches: 5:00 Judy Ross, Pam White, Beth Anderson
Make Coffee: 4:30 Carol Young, Denise Johnson
Cut and Serve Pies: 4:30 Rosanne Johnson, Wendy Schulz
Scoop Ice Cream: 5:00 Deb Sjostrom
Cashiers: 4:30 Ruth Klossner, Mary Langhorst
Bake Sale Workers: 4:30 Trish Gieseke, Renee Rasmussen, Stacy Kline (Shaun Anderson)
Waitress 5:00 Laura Dalquist, Sarah Johnson, Jessica Henderson,
Mia Ross, Addie Prah, Marissa Anderson

Bake Sale: Each member brings 2 bake sale items to the event by 4:30 PM

2 Pies: Each member listed

Beth Anderson	Laura Dalquist	Stacy Kline	Shaun Anderson
Carol Young	Wendy Schulz	Betty Johnson	Jessica Henderson
Denise Johnson	Rosanne Johnson	Mary Langhorst	Judy Ross
Addie Prah	Nancy Reinhart	Renee Rasmussen	Konnie Bartels
Romi White	Sarah Johnson	Abby Bartels	Pam White
Deb Sjostrom	Trish Gieseke		

\$10 Donation & Waitress:

Lori Fenske	Mia Ross	Marissa Anderson
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\$20 Donation & Work: Ruth Klossner

\$25 Donation Only:

Gretchen Petterson	Amy Martin	Sherryl Petterson	Meghan Houdek
Beth Erdal	Sandy Martin	Connie Rasmussen	Lori Peterson
Carey Mclaughlin	Linda Sjogren	Megan Jacobsen	
Paula Thaemert	LaRita Young	Deb Prodoehl	
Karen Marren	Michelle Walter	Amy Wagner	

Please Mail Cash Donations to:

Shaun Anderson
PO Box 426
Nicollet, MN 56074

Make checks out to WELCA

Any others not on the list who want to contribute, please contact the committee.

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF WORKSHOP



24TH
APRIL
7:PM-9:PM

Join us for this free presentation as Randy shares his family's experience with tragic loss, survival, and helping others. Q&A to follow.

AUTHOR, SPEAKER,
GRIEF COACH

RANDY STOKER

WWW.HUGSHELP.ORG



Located at:
Redeemer Lutheran Church
700 S Broadway St.
New Ulm, Minnesota
507-381-8424



*The
Compassionate
Friends*
Supporting Family After a Child Dies