



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

June 2023

Worship schedule

Worship services will rotate between the three churches during the summer months.

FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, JUNE-AUGUST

JUNE 2023

		9:30 AM
Week 1	June 4	BLC
Week 2	June 11	FLC
Week 3	June 18	SL
Week 4	June 25	BLC

JULY 2023

		9:30 AM
Week 1	July 2	FLC
Week 2	July 9	SL
Week 3	July 16	BLC
Week 4	July 23	FLC
Week 5	July 30	BLC

AUGUST 2023

		9:30 AM
Week 1	Aug. 6	SL
Week 2	Aug. 13	FLC
Week 3	Aug. 20	FLC
Week 4	Aug. 27	BLC

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FOG YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL—FRI., JUNE 2, LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY CENTER**
- **BERNADOTTE ICE CREAM SOCIAL—WED., JUNE 7, BERNADOTTE CHURCH PARK**
- **FIRST LUTHERAN WELCA ICE CREAM SOCIAL—JUNE 16, LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY CENTER**
- **BEVERAGES AND HYMNS—MONDAYS, JUNE 5, JULY 24 & AUGUST 14 AT LAFAYETTE MINI PARK/DAVE'S PLACE ***
- **GAMES, BONFIRES & FUN—SUNDAYS, JUNE 11, JULY 16 & AUGUST 20 AT SWAN LAKE, 5:00 P.M. ***
- **MUSIC WITH A MESSAGE—SUNDAYS, JUNE 25, JULY 30, AUGUST 27 AT BERNADOTTE CHURCH PARK ***

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Fields of Grace notes

- The FOG Youth will host a free will offering pork chop and ice cream dinner Friday, June 2 at the Lafayette Community Center; serving is from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. All youth and their families are asked to work at the event. Contact Mark Haler for details and job duties. The Lafayette Band will perform at 7:30.
- Mary Anderson Harris from FARM Haiti will speak at the 9:30 a.m. June 18 joint service at Swan Lake.

High School grads honored at FLC

Three of First Lutheran's four high school grads were on hand to be recognized May 21. From left: Tarik Gavranovic, Noah Krueger, and Landon Uhde. The fourth grad, Nikyta Youngblom, was not present. The grads received tied blankets and were honored at the confirmation and graduation brunch afterwards.



JUNE 2023 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 11-Jim Langhoff, Steve Langhoff
Reader: Sandy Hartley Liturgist: (open)
Altar: Traci Abrahamson, Cindy Youngblom
Coffee: 11-Elmari Kamm, Geni DeBoer
Visiting: (open)

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Renee Rasmussen, Andrew Rasmussen
Reader: 4-Jim Bartels
Ushers: Rosanne & Kevin Johnson, Bruce & Romi White, Konnie Bartels
Communion (June 4): S-Brent Johnson; C-Rosanne Johnson; U-John Nelson, Steve Sjostrom
Coffee: 4-open. 25-refreshments after outdoor service.

What is my response?

by Pastor Bob Stover

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
And where there is sadness, joy.*

This is the prayer of St. Francis, who in the Middle Ages he saw a lot of hatred, injury, doubt, despair, and sadness.

The crusades, pestilence, and famines were happening, so he had to have wondered what could possibly combat these strong evil forces of the world. To sow love, pardon, faith, hope, and joy seemed naive to many.

But yet St. Francis believed, in spite of the darkness, the light of Christ could prevail.

We live in an interesting age right now. There is plenty of conflict, hatred, fear, and confusion. It is easy to find ourselves giving in to those strong evil forces, resigning to just “hanging in there” or “going with the flow.”

But yet, in the midst of it, the world hungers for words of encouragement, forgiveness, understanding, and compassion.

St. Francis’s prayer culminates by asking God to help

him rise above a self-centered existence, to be more Christ-like, a sign of His light to the world:

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console; to be understood,
as to understand; to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, and it's in
pardoning that we are pardoned, and it's in dying
that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen*

My prayer for myself and the people of the Fields of Grace Parish is the same as St. Francis that, as we encounter the forces of darkness in our days, we would call upon the light of Christ to shine instead.

And when we are tempted to make our lives all about ourselves, that we would reach out to others in their needs.

The world right now desperately needs consolation, understanding, and love. God has blessed us with so much, in order that we may be a blessing to the world.

So, in the weeks and months ahead, no matter what this life continues to throw at us, let’s be about the business of forgiving and sacrificing ourselves for others. For in doing so, we offer Christ crucified and risen to the world. In doing so, “we are born to eternal life.”

Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—Mon., June 5, 6:00 p.m. (meetings will now be held every other month)
- Bernadotte Council—Mon., July 17, 8:00 p.m. (bi-monthly meetings)
- FOG Council—Wed., July 19, First Lutheran, 7:30 p.m. (meetings will be held every other month)

Bernadotte notes

• Bernadotte members are reminded of the work assignments for the June 7 ice cream social which have been mailed and are posted in this newsletter. If someone can’t do their assigned task, they are asked to contact one of the committee members.

• Music with a Message outdoor park services will be held in the Bernadotte Church Park on the last Sundays of June, July, and August. Gerry and Carol Larson, along with Jodi Poehler, will provide the music for the June 25 joint service at 9:30 a.m.

• A Come and Go Bridal shower will be held for Abby Bartels, daughter of Jim and Konnie Bartels, on Saturday, June 10, from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at Tanker Bay in Winthrop. The couple is registered at theknot.com/abby-bjeremyb.

• A special thank you to all who helped clean up the Bernadotte park and church grounds earlier.

Called to his heavenly home

Bernadotte member Kenneth Martens, 83, of New Ulm was called to his heavenly home Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 6, at Bernadotte Lutheran. Burial followed in the Bernadotte Cemetery where the Lafayette Honor Guard provided full military honors.

Ken is survived by daughters Jackie (Bob) Helget, Sara (Doug) Hoffmann, and Theresa Kampa; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, brother Carl Martens; sisters Jan (Ted) Hundebly and Anita Davis, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy.

Ken operated several companies—Courtland Concrete Products Martens Distributing, Courtland Landscape Products, and Courtland Industries.



Thank you from the Martens family

Thank you to everyone who came to give their sympathy or sent cards on Dad's passing. We are grateful for all of the wonderful stories that were shared about Dad and his membership with BLC.

Thank you to organist Laurie Larson and the wonderful group of BLC ladies for serving lunch.

Words cannot express how much you all mean to the Martens Family!

The Family of Ken Martens



It was wet and rainy when Bernadotte held it's Blooming in Bernadotte flower pick-up. No problem, the committee moved the pick-up from the park into the church.



Committee members made some flower deliveries ahead of time, then arranged the flowers by purchaser in the church entryway.

The rains came at the same time as the flowers

Thank You...

To everyone for all the support in making our Blooming in Bernadotte fundraiser a success!

From: 2023 Blooming in Bernadotte Committee

The Raffle Winners are:

\$500 Cash	Norm Hanson
Processed Hog	Tim Anderson
20 lbs Ground Beef	Larry Anderson
20 lbs Ground Beef	Jennifer Peikert
Chanhassen Tickets	Jackie Odenthal



They couldn't do all the things planned when they had to move indoors, but the kids were busy and had fun!



Sunday School wrap-up held at Blooming in Bernadotte



Thanks to Kayla, Laura, Kyle and all the parents!





Confirmation Day at First Lutheran May 21



Zelli Kamm, Tate Isaacson, and Zoe Uhde affirmed their baptism at the Sunday, May 21 Fields of Grace service at First Lutheran Church. They, and fellow members of the confirmation class, took part in the service, playing in the bell choir and the piano prelude. The First Lutheran choir also sang and the younger members at the service took part in the kids' sermon.



FIELDS OF GRACE YOUTH

Friday Night Social



FRIDAY, JUNE 2

5:00 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**



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

\$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.

First Lutheran notes

• Spring Cleaning at First Lutheran is the week of June 5-12. Volunteers can come any time, at their convenience. Lists of things that need to be cleaned will be on the door. Volunteers are asked to check items off when finished.

• The sign-up sheets for job duties for the fall church event are downstairs in the church. It's your chance to volunteer for the job you want.

• A big thank you to Jay Hagberg, Myron Isaacson, Dwight DeBoer, Tom Brethorst and Kevin Isaacson for the doing the spring yard work at church!

Community Notes

• Lafayette Legion and Auxiliary will host a Salute to Veterans Memorial Day Program Monday, May 29 at the Lafayette Mini Park beginning at 10:00 am. A potluck meal will follow at the Community Center.

• The Lafayette Lions and Lafayette Ambulance Squad will host a Supper and Pie Social as a benefit for Levi Compton, infant son of Eli and Britany Compton on Friday, June 23. The event will include a silent auction and raffle drawing.

• Food trucks will be at Lund Park in Lafayette. 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday evenings in June. Food vendors are River City Eatery June 5; Fred's Dogs June 12, Backstreet Market June 19, and Tommy's Street Tacos June 26.

1st Lutheran WELCA

Friday Night Social



Friday, June 16

5:00 to 7:30pm

Lafayette Community Center

Ham or Turkey sandwich,
coleslaw, chips, goodies
and beverage

Free will offering with proceeds
going to WELCA projects.

Come for the food, stay for the
band!



Fields of Grace
**Summer
Worship**

OPPORTUNITIES

**Campfire
Church**

5:00 pm - Swan Lake
June 11 • July 16
August 20

*We'll roast hot dogs,
play games, have devotions and enjoy
time together outdoors at
Swan Lake Church**

**Hot dogs and lemoade provided.
Please bring a snack to share.*

**FIELDS OF GRACE
PARISH**

Bernadotte Lutheran
34122 515th Ave, Lafayette

First Lutheran
1020 Lafayette Ave, Lafayette

Swan Lake Lutheran
51420 Fort Rd, New Ulm

**Beverages
& Hymns**

7:30 pm - Dave's Place
June 5 • July 24
August 14

*Grab a beverage of your choice and
food*, from Dave's Place and join us
on the patio for Music,
Beverages and Fellowship*

**You are responsible for the cost of
your food and beverages.*

**Music with
a Message**

9:30 am - Bernadotte
June 25 - The Larsons
July 30 - Larry Mages
August 27 - Mary Kavan

*Enjoy Sunday morning worship with
music from local musicians
in Bernadotte's beautiful park.*

Fellowship to follow.