



# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran June 2024

## FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, June-July

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\* communion

## Summer worship change

Instead of holding morning worship services three times it is hosting FOG services in June, July, and August, Swan Lake will hold 5:00 p.m. "campfire church" with a brief service with offering, beanbags, campfire, and lunch. (See full summer schedule on back page.)

## Thank you, Kayla!

After several years of coordinating and teaching Sunday School, Kayla (Altmann) Campbell has resigned to concentrate her efforts on her children's school and church in St. Peter. Fields of Grace thanks Kayla for her hard work over the years. We will miss her!

Laura and Kyle Dalquist have volunteered to coordinate FOG Sunday School and are looking for more parents to step forward to help. Please volunteer!

## Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—Monday, July 22, 6:00 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Jun. 19, 7:30 p.m., Swan Lake
- Bernadotte Council—August, date TBD

## Please note these email addresses

- Newsletter and weekly announcement items should be sent to Ruth at [cowladyruth@gmail.com](mailto:cowladyruth@gmail.com). (The old communications email no longer exists.)
- Bulletin items and prayer requests should be sent to Trish at [trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com](mailto:trish.fieldsofgrace@gmail.com).



## Triple Baptism at First Lutheran

Jason Richard, Lola Marie, and Apple Amelia Gronewold, the children of Jason Gronewold and grandchildren of Wendy and Brad Woller, were baptized Sunday, May 26 at First Lutheran. Their sponsors are Sandy and Charlie Hartley, Sandy and Dave Burger, and Sue Schuelter. The baptism was celebrated with cake and coffee after the service. Check the Fields of Grace MN Facebook page for more photos.

## UPCOMING FOG EVENTS\*

- BLC ICE CREAM SOCIAL—WED., JUNE 5
- FOG YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL—FRI., JUNE 21
- CAMPFIRE CHURCH—SUNDAYS, JUNE 23, JULY 14 AND AUGUST 25, 5:00 P.M.
- OUTDOOR PARK SERVICES, SUNDAYS, JUNE 30, JULY 21 AND AUG. 11, 9:30 A.M.
- FLC WELCA ICE CREAM SOCIAL—JULY 26

\* Check for more details in this newsletter

## Music with a Message outdoor services

Three summer outdoor "Music with a Message" summer services will be held in the Bernadotte Church Park this summer, each beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Kavan will provide the music for the Sunday, June 30 park service. She is filling in for the Larsons who had to cancel due to a medical situation.

The Norells from Norseland will be at Bernadotte Sunday, July 21 and Larry Mages Sunday, August 11.

A light treat or beverage will served after each service.

The services will move indoors if the weather is bad.

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## JUNE 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 16-Kevin Reinhart, Jon Hartley  
Reader: (open)  
Liturgist: (open)  
Altar: Jorja Langhoff, Shelly Langhoff  
Coffee: 16-Laurie Larson, Stacey Reinhart

### Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Renee Rasmussen, Andrew Rasmussen  
Reader: 9-Sarah Johnson  
Ushers: Steve Sjostrom, Bruce & Romi White, Jim & Konnie Bartels  
Communion: (June 9): S-Steve Sjostrom; C-John Nelson; U-Elias Webster  
Coffee: 9-Carol Young; ; 30-Rosanne Johnson, Pam White

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## Many positives exist at Fields of Grace

by Interim Pastor Mike Zaske

*I got to thinking the other night, "What would I say in an email to a minister who was considering interviewing for the open pastoral call at Fields of Grace?" My article this month is what I would want to convey to him or her.*

Hello Pastor! I understand you have expressed an interest in the Fields of Grace Parish. As you know, I am currently serving as the interim pastor at Fields of Grace, and have been there since the beginning of 2024. I hope my thoughts in this email will prove useful to you as you discern your next call to serve God's church.

First of all, the Lord God is active at Fields of Grace. Faith matters to the people who attend these three churches, as clearly evidenced by their resilience during these days where the church in general is struggling. They want their church parish to have a future, and thus are well-committed in the present to make sure that God's work continues in this lovely, rural farming area.

Let me assure you that the people who make up this parish are amongst the kindest and most thoughtful folks I have encountered during my eight interim calls. From day one, I was made to feel welcome—and they have been wonderfully accommodating not only to my needs, but also the needs of my wife and our extended family. I cannot overstate how much you will come to love the parishioners.

The people of the parish are also quite willing volunteers. Unlike some other places I have served as pastor, here I have never yet had to waste hours of time trying (often in vain) to get helpers. No, at Fields of Grace the members are always quick to offer their assistance in whatever ways are needed. I probably don't need to tell you how much of a blessing that would be to your ministry should you be called to serve here.

Doing service work is a point of pride in the parish. Fields of Grace recently hosted a two-hour mobile food packing event for the Food for Kidz organization, and produced over 60 large boxes full. An outside fundraiser held at one of our churches—which many of our members helped organize and support—raised funds to help a local family whose mother recently developed cancer. Caring for people is part of the DNA at Fields of Grace. Relationships are treasured.

Each of the three churches that comprise Fields of Grace has a unique building which, in addition to being beautiful, is also very well-kept and maintained. All of the facilities are

debt-free, having long-ago been paid for. This fact enables the parish to operate with reasonable budgets which have been faithfully met over the years.

I hope, Pastor, that I have at least piqued your interest in Fields of Grace. Are things perfect in this parish? Of course not. There is still work to be done building the three-way partnership, especially regarding getting our members to harness the power of the parish and not focus too heavily on their individual congregations. Striving toward more consistent worship attendance and stewardship are some other areas in which there is room to grow. Every church body, including Fields of Grace, always has places in which to improve.

But, all-in-all, there are many, many positives which I hope will lead you to strongly consider Fields of Grace as (perhaps) a place to continue your ministry career. I have enjoyed my time here immensely—and I'm convinced you would, too.

Sincerely, Pastor Mike.

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## Good News from FOG

Bernadotte member Austin Gieseke, a student at South Dakota State University, took a ceramics class and entered the college art show spring semester. Of nearly 150 pieces, 37 were selected to move on to a juried art show. Austin's piece was selected by SDSU President Dunn for the President's Choice Award.

After completing his junior year at SDSU, Gieseke left on Mother's Day for a month of landscaping studies in Italy.



## Confirmation services at First and Bernadotte



### Bernadotte May 5

Tanner Johnson, son of  
Brent & Sarah Johnson

### First Lutheran May 12

Hudson Kanuch, son of Dan  
& Sarah Kanuch

Jayden Broste, son of Jeremy  
& Carmen Broste

Bradyn Hagevold, son of  
Katie & Tim Decko and Wade  
& Cathy Hagevold



## Youth in the spotlight at May worship services



### Graduates recognized at FLC



Graduating seniors were recognized at the May 19 service at First Lutheran church. They were wrapped in the congregation's love and concern when the women of the church presented each with a fleece tied blanket.

Pictured above are, from left: John Haler, son of Mark & Jil Haler; Saige Isaacson, daughter of Chris & Amy Isaacson; April Rose, daughter of Amy Sjogren, and Jason Rose; Kaitlyn Donnay, daughter of Jeff and the late Sandy Donnay; Brooklyn Hagberg, daughter of Mark & Kelly Hagberg; and Tristan Sjogren, son of Eric Sjogren and Tracy Eustice. Not present was senior Jaydan Youngblom, son of Tom and Dianna Youngblom.

The graduate's name and graduation date was embroidered

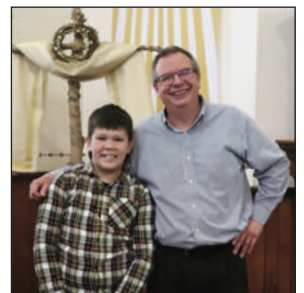
on each blanket. Linda Youngblom, Mary Martens, Laura Isaacson, Sandy Hartley, Joyce Reece, and Cheyanne VanDeest made the blankets, and Vickie Peterson did the embroidery.

A salad luncheon was served in their honor afterwards.



### First Communion at Bernadotte

After receiving first communion from Ken Bentson, Alan Henderson helped serve his family communion on Sunday, April 28. Alan is the son of Jessica and Jim Henderson and brother to Douglas and Lillian.





## Bernadotte WELCA sponsors painting class

They said they couldn't paint but, when the afternoon was done, were proved wrong. About 15 Bernadotte area ladies gathered April 28 for a painting class. Each completed a painting of birch trees and a bird. There were birds of all colors—gold and black, blue and gold, purple, and red. Nancy Guggisberg led the class. Looks like they had fun!



## Beautifying Bernadotte & beyond

The Blooming in Bernadotte committee checked in the flowers when they were delivered Friday, May 10 and got them sorted for pickup.



Flower pickup and prize drawing was May 11.



## Drawing winners

- \$250 cash—Denise Johnson, BLC
- \$150 cash—Garrett Loundermilk, St. James
- \$50 cash—Jenna Lehnen, Winthrop
- \$50 cash—Pam White, BLC
- \$50 cash—Sandy Martin, BLC
- \$50 cash—Leland Miller, Winthrop
- Half Hog—Arlin Nelson, BLC
- Half Hog—Dwayne Ross, BLC
- 15 lbs. hamburger—Steve Radke, BLC
- 15 lbs. hamburger—Duane Eckberg, Winthrop
- Chanassen Show Tickets—Alicia Gomez, Winthrop
- St. Paul Saints Tickets—Emily Holberg, BLC
- St. Paul Saints Tickets—Bill Manning, Litchfield
- \$10 Kwik Trip Card—Jason Anderson, BLC
- \$10 Kwik Trip Card—Randy Peterson, BLC
- Citizens Bank Basket—Brad White, BLC

## A New Day broadcast

“A New Day,” the Fields of Grace Sunday morning radio church broadcast, continues on KNUJ at 10:05 each Sunday morning. To listen live, go to KNUJ 860 AM or online by going to knuj.net. Click on “Listen,” then scroll down to KNUJ and click on “knuj listen now” box.

Can’t catch it live? The New Day podcasts are available online. To find the most recent one after it’s been broadcast, go to knuj.net. On the far left side, click on “Radio Waves Encore,” scroll down, and you should find it labeled. The actual web address is <https://www.ingstadmedia.com/radio-waves-encore/>.

## Pie social committee seeks help

The BLC pie social committee would appreciate help with cleaning the church grounds and pie shack Wednesday, May 29 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Also Wednesday, June 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m., with set-up.

## South African partnership

The Minnesota Valley Conference/Vryheid Circuit South Africa mission partnership will meet at Bernadotte Thursday, June 13, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bernadotte ladies will serve a light supper. Open to all. Contact Pastor Mike for more information.

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**FIELDS OF GRACE YOUTH**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**SOCIAL**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21**

**5:00 TO 7:30 P.M.**

**LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

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

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



BERNADOTTE

Lutheran's Annual WELCA

**PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
BAKE SALE AND BAND!**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024  
5 PM TO 7:30 PM**

**Bernadotte Lutheran Church/Park**

34122 515 Ave Lafayette

(rain or shine, moved indoors in case of inclement weather)

MENU:

McRib Sandwiches, Hotdogs  
Pie, Cake, Ice Cream  
Coffee, Lemonade, Milk

Featuring the  
**LAFAYETTE CITY BAND**  
PERFORMING 6:00-7:00 PM

Bake Sale- as supplies last!



# BLC WELCA's Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social

## Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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 Deb Sjostrom (507.276.0452) OR Konnie Bartels (507.240.0311) ASAP and adjustments will be made. Also, if you are unable to make pie/bake sale items, we can switch you to the cash donation list or vice versa. Please just let us know! Thank you.

**ICS Committee:** Deb Sjostrom, Konnie Bartels, Abby Bolduan, Jessica Henderson, and Denise Johnson.

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

**BAKE SALE: EACH member please bring 2 bake sale items to the event by 4:30 pm**

### 2 Pies per member listed below:

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 Bolduan	Pam White
Deb Sjostrom	Trish Gieseke		

### \$10 Donation & Waitress:

Lori Fenske      Mia Ross      Marissa Anderson

### \$10 Donation & Cashier: Ruth Klossner

### \$25 Donation Only:

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

**Please Mail Cash Donations by June 1 (make checks out to WELCA) to:** Deb Sjostrom, 50527 350 St Lafayette MN 56054 \*Any others not on the list who want to contribute, please contact the committee.

**Thank you to everyone who is contributing to this event in any way!**