



# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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## FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, Feb.-Mar.

FEBRUARY 2025			
		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
Week 1	Feb. 2	SL*	BLC*
Week 2	Feb. 9	BLC	FLC*
Week 3	Feb. 16	SL*	FLC*
Week 4	Feb. 23	FLC	BLC

MARCH 2025			
		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
Week 1	March 2	SL*	BLC*
Ash Wednesday	March 5	7:00 PM	BLC*
Week 2	March 9	BLC	FLC*
Lenten Week 1	March 12	7:00 PM	FLC
Week 3	March 16	SL*	FLC*
Lenten Week 2	March 19	7:00 PM	FLC
Week 4	March 23	FLC	BLC
Lenten Week 3	March 26	7:00 PM	SL
Week 5	March 30	Joint	FLC*

\* communion

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ANNUAL MEETING

Swan Lake, Sunday, February 2  
Following brief 8:00 a.m. service

### LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 7:00 p.m., Bernadotte

### FOG MISSION SUNDAY—FOOD FOR KIDZ

Sunday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. Bernadotte Lutheran

### FOG HAM BINGO

Saturday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. Lafayette Fire Station

### CONFIRMATION/GRADUATION RECEPTION

Sunday, May 11, 9:30 a.m. First Lutheran



## Bernadotte WELCA Brunch – January 11, 2025

The annual Bernadotte WELCA brunch was held Saturday, January 11, at its usual place, Hahn's in Winthrop. Everyone

enjoyed a great meal prepared by the staff, then enjoyed good conversation before moving on to the rest of their day.



# From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

A couple of years ago, I found the following story in a church newsletter:

*A little boy came home from Sunday school and was asked by his father what he had learned that day. The boy answered that he had learned about Lent. "What did you learn about Lent?" his father asked. "It's a time during the church year when people prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection," the boy answered. The father asked, "How do they do that?" The boy replied, "Many times people give up things to remind themselves of the suffering of Jesus." "That sounds like a good idea," the father responded. "What do you think we could give up for Lent?" Without a moment's hesitation, the boy replied, "Going to church!"*

Church attendance is something with which we, as Christians, struggle. Some children consider worship to be "boring," while some adults go out of habit because "It just doesn't seem like Sunday if I don't go to church."

I like to consider worship to be a family gathering where we join with our sisters and brothers in Christ to pray together, sing together, eat together, and to support one another. It's like a mini family reunion. If some members of a family



are missing from a reunion, they are missed. So it is with worship. When church family members are not present, they are missed and missing something important.

Worship plays an important part in our Christian life. We believe the Holy Spirit works through God's Word and the Holy Sacraments to help enlighten and sanctify Christian people. It's during worship that we

not only sing God's Word through the hymns and liturgy but we also hear the Word being read and hear the Word being interpreted through the sermon. It is also during worship that the Sacraments are administered. Worship helps us grow in our faith and our relationships with God.

We begin this year's season of Lent on Wednesday, March 5, with our Ash Wednesday service at Bernadotte at 7:00 p.m., with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

This Lenten Season you might consider giving something up for Lent to remind yourself of Christ's suffering. But please don't give up worship attendance! Worship is central to our Christian faith and life.

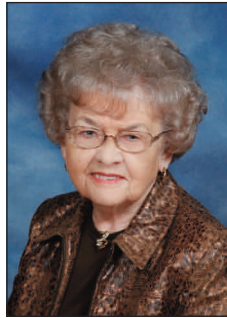
See you in church!

Pastor Bruce

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## Called to her heavenly home

Bernadotte member Verone Langhorst, 104, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2025. Her funeral was Thursday, January 16 at Bernadotte Lutheran, with interment in the church cemetery.



Verone is survived by children Diane Harbarth, Rita and David Heinrich, Linda Meyer, Carol and Jim Young, and Steve and Mary Langhorst; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

A graduate of St. Peter High School, Verone went on to Mankato Beauty School and worked as a beautician in New Ulm. She married Elmer Langhorst August 27, 1943 and together they farmed on the farm she grew up on in Bernadotte Township, until 1980 when they moved to Gaylord. Verone was known for her good cooking and baking—especially for her all-time favorite, home-made buns.

Rest in peace, Verone.

## FOG, FLC and BLC Notes

• The FOG Choir will sing during communion at the 9:30 a.m. services at BLC on February 2 and at FLC on February 9 and 16.

• First Lutheran WELCA is doing a stewardship drive to help with the church's anticipated budget needs for 2025. WELCA will do a quarterly match of funds raised from donations given above and beyond individuals' normal church offerings. Each quarter, the ladies will do a max of \$2,500 for a total donation of \$10,000 during the year. Those giving extra are asked

to note "Stewardship Drive" on their extra donations so WELCA can track the donations for the match.

• Mission Sunday/Food for Kidz April 6 at Bernadotte will be a joint service. Set-up will be at 8:00 a.m., with food packaging from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and a devotion and lunch at 11:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday school that day so youngsters can help.

• Outdoor music service dates at Bernadotte will be June 22 with the Larsons, July 13, and August 10.

## Thank you from the family of Brian Petterson

We very much appreciate all of the support from each and every one of you (guys and gals) who helped us in so many ways December 23. We are grateful for the on-line condolences, calls and texts, emails, HMC memorials, various memorials to Bernadotte groups, florals, visits, words of comfort, and support from each of you.

Also to all of you who gave of your time in setup and preparation and for the delicious cakes and kitchen help. The sanctuary was beautiful.

To Pastor Bringle and all the church staff who also gave so much for a lovely service for our beloved Brian, we say thank you.

Our sincere and warmest thank you to all.

Duane & Sheryl Petterson and families.

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## FEBRUARY 2025 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 9-Bob & Cindy Youngblom; 16-Stacy & Kevin Reinhart; 23-Myron Isaacson, Dennis Sjogren

Altar: Sandy Hartley, Amy Sjogren

Readers: Sandy Hartley, Linda Youngblom

Coffee: 9-open; 16-Jeff & Addison Donnay; 23-Sue Helget, Carrie Nelson

### Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Jerome & Shaun Anderson

Ushers: Brent Johnson, Tim & Beth Anderson, Kevin & Rosanne Johnson

Readers: 2-Tim Schulz, 9-Jim Bartels, 23-Rosanne Johnson

Communion (Feb. 2): S-Brent Johnson; C-Steve Radke; U-John Nelson

Coffee: 5-& 12-volunteers needed; 26-Doris Kaduce

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### Council Meeting Dates

- First Lutheran Council—Tues., Feb. 4. 6:30 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Mar. 19, FLC, 8:00 p.m.
- Bernadotte Council—Sun., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.

### FLC Scholarship recipients

Recipients of the Roman Fischer and John S. Johnson scholarships at First Lutheran are Kaylyn Broste, Kaitlin Donnay, Brooklyn Hagberg, John Haler, Matthew Hartley, Saige Isaacson, and Landon Uhde. Congratulations!

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### Upcoming community events

The City of Lafayette will celebrate its 125th anniversary with special events July 23-27, 2025. Many different events are being planned. The 125th anniversary committee will meet next on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette City Office. Open to anyone interested in helping in any way.

In conjunction with the anniversary, Lafayette's history since 2000 will be reported in an update book, possibly called, "The Next 25 Years." Information on all area businesses, organizations, and activities will be included. Contacts are being made—but it would be very helpful if people would offer info and photos to history book author Ruth Klossner at [cowladyruth@gmail.com](mailto:cowladyruth@gmail.com) or 507-240-0048.

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**Annual Lafayette Ambulance**  
**STEAK FRY**  
Saturday, February 8  
5:00 - 9:00 pm  
Dave's Place, Lafayette

Choice of:  
Ribeye Steak, Windsor Chop,  
Walleye Fillet or Butterfly Shrimp

Includes Baked or Cheesy Potatoes  
and Salad Bar.

Take out orders available.

Lafayette Ambulance  
thanks everyone for their  
continued support!

**PARK & REC**  
LAFAYETTE

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
**7:00 PM**  
LAFAYETTE FIRE HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM  
FREE-WILL DONATION MEAL AVAILABLE

**MEAT**  
**BINGO**

**40 GAMES**  
**\$20.00**  
PER CARD  
PLUS 50/50 RAFFLES & MORE!

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

PROCEEDS TO LAFAYETTE PARK & REC FENCE PROJECT

# Fields of Grace Worship

March through August

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Week 2	April 13	BLC	FLC*
Maundy Thursday	April 17	7:00 PM	FLC* (1st Communion)
Good Friday	April 18	7:00 PM	SL
Easter Sunday	April 20	7:00 AM	SL*
		8:30 AM	BLC*
		10:00 AM	FLC*
Week 4	April 27	FLC	BLC

MAY 2025			
		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
Week 1	May 4	SL*	BLC*
Confirmation & Grad.	May 11	BLC	FLC*
Week 3	May 18	SL*	FLC*
Week 4	May 25	Joint	SL*

JUNE 2025			
		9:30 AM	5:00 PM
Week 1	June 1	BLC	-
Week 2	June 8	FLC	-
Week 3	June 15	-	SL
Week 4	June 22	BLC	-
Week 5	June 29	FLC	-

JULY 2025			
		9:30 AM	5:00 PM
Week 1	July 6	-	SL
Week 2	July 13	BLC	-
Week 3	July 20	FLC	-
Week 4	July 27	Lafayette Community Service	

AUGUST 2025			
		9:30 AM	5:00 PM
Week 1	August 3	SL	-
Week 2	August 10	BLC	-
Week 3	August 17	FLC	-
Week 4	August 24	-	SL
Week 5	August 31	BLC	-

Please *SAVE* this schedule for reference over the next months.

Note that the *Sunday, July 27* service will be held at the band shell in Lafayette's Memorial Park, as part of Lafayette's *125th* celebration

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
The Fields of Grace cell phone service plan has been cancelled. All calls should go to Pastor Bringle on his cell phone or to administrative assistant Trish Gieseke on her cell phone.

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Prayer requests and announcements for the church bulletin should be sent to Trish Gieseke.

Newsletter items should be emailed or phoned to Ruth Klossner at cowladyruth@gmail.com or 507-240-0048.