



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, Aug.-Sept.

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

SEPTEMBER 2025			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	Sept 7	BLC*	FLC*
Week 2	Sept 14	BLC	FLC
Week 3	Sept 21	BLC*	FLC*
Week 4	Sept 28	BLC	FLC

* communion

Starting in September, communion will tentatively be held the first and third Sundays at both churches. The councils will review and adjust accordingly if necessary.

The FOG Choir will continue to sing during communion at services this summer. Communion will be August 17 at FLC and August 31 at BLC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMPFIRE CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 5:00 P.M., SWAN LAKE

OUTDOOR PARK SERVICE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 9:30 A.M., BERNADOTTE

Swan Lake leaving FOG

Swan Lake Lutheran has decided to leave Fields of Grace effective December 31, 2025. The Swan Lake members have decided to begin holding their own services as of September 7.

With that decision, FOG will begin the following worship schedule, starting the first Sunday of September.

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship at BLC
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship at BLC and FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School at FLC (starting Sept. 28)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship at FLC

This schedule will be in place through 2025. Starting January 1, 2026, the location of the worship services will switch.

Please contact a member of the FOG council, Trish Gieseke, or Pastor Bruce, if you have questions.

Prayer service at Lafayette's 125th anniversary celebration



Pastor Bruce led the Lafayette 125th celebration worship service at Memorial Park July 27. The shade of the tent was appreciated!

From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

The Call to Worship

You ask me why I heed this call and let some other calls go by?

Let me try to answer.

Worship punctuates my page, gives meaning to all it contains, and addresses the "why" in my surfeited world of "how-to's."

Worship replenishes my "therefore" and reminds me of the great "because", the Cross of Jesus my Lord.

Worship lets me sing my way through constant change and live joyfully in the flow.

Worship provides a plot to this otherwise incoherent and senseless world stage.

~ From the book *Seasons of a Lifetime*
by Pastor Gerhard Frost

This poem by Pastor Gerhard Frost helps me to identify the meaning of worship for myself. Worship is essential to the life of the Christian Community. It is central to what it means to be the church.

If our life is not gathered in worship and renewed in worship, we will not be the church. We need to do our very best to keep our life centered in worship.

We gather around Word and Sacraments as we come together. We make our best effort to give of ourselves as we worship together.

Pastor Frost writes that worship reminds us of the great "because," the Cross of Jesus my Lord.

May our worship continue to remind us of the great "because."

See you in worship!



The second of three campfire services was held at Swan Lake Sunday afternoon, July 6. As always, the ladies of the church put on quite a spread of food.

Swan Lake campfire service July 6

The final outdoor campfire service at Swan Lake will be Sunday, August 24. Everyone welcome!





Music with a Message at BLC



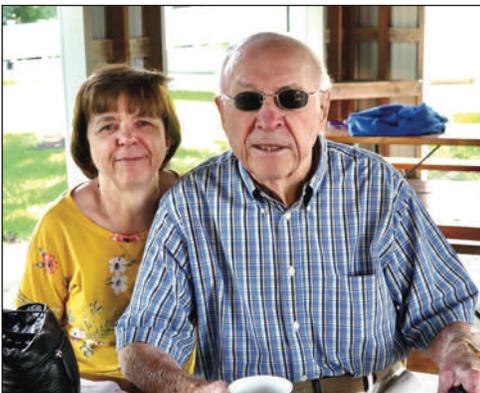
Carol and Gerry Larson provided music for the outdoor service with Pastor Bruce leading the singing.



The Webster boys chose to sit in the "tree chair" during the service.



Wendy and Tim Schulz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by serving cupcakes and ice cream afterwards. The grandkids helped get things ready.



It's always good to see Pam and Carl at events.



AUGUST 2025 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 17-open;
Altar: open
Reader: open
Coffee: 17-Laurie Larson, Jorja Langhoff

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Tim & Wendy Schulz
Ushers: Neil & Renee Rasmussen; Jim & Stacy Kline
Reader: 31-Sarah Johnson
Communion (Aug. 31): S-Neil Rasmussen; C-Steve Sjostrom; U-Tim Anderson
Coffee: Treats and fellowship follows August 10 outdoor service.



FOG youth at Lafayette parade

The Fields of Grace youth group took part in Lafayette's 125th anniversary parade Sunday, July 27, handing out juice boxes.

Looking ahead to fall

Just a "heads up" that Pastor Bruce will meet with confirmation parents and students Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. at First in Lafayette.

This is a required meeting for both parents and students. If, for some reason, you cannot make it to this meeting, let Pastor Bruce know so another time to meet can be arranged.

Classes will begin on September 24.

The 2024-2025 Sunday School season will begin on Sunday, September 28 at First.

Final Music with a Message outdoor service

The last Music with a Message outdoor service at Bernadotte is coming up Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 a.m., with Larry Mages providing the music.

Council Meeting Dates

- FOG Council—Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran
- FLC Council—Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.
- BLC Council—Sunday, September 21

Email addresses

If you change your email address—or if you know of family members who have changed theirs—please notify the newsletter editor at cowladyruth@gmail.com.

Every now and then we get notice that an email we sent is undeliverable. There's no way to find new addresses if someone doesn't provide them.

And, if you know of family members that aren't getting FOG newsletters and notices, please let the editors know so they can be added to the mailing list.

Lafayette's 5th Annual

NIGHT TO UNITE!

Interested in being involved? Contact Kayla!
kayla.altmann@gmail.com

• Firetruck	• Paintball
• Ambulance	• Bounce house
• Tractor	• Yard Games
• Squad Car	• Blacksmith
• Groomer	• Vendors
• School Bus	• Bike drawing
• Snowmobiles	
• Tow Trucks	
• Sprayer/Floater	
• Ice Cream	
• Semi	
• 1/4 Midget Car	

LIONS FOOD STAND!

AUGUST 5

LUND PARK
6-8P