



# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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## FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, Oct.-Nov.

OCTOBER 2025			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	October 5	BLC*	FLC*
Week 2	October 12	BLC	FLC
Week 3	October 19	BLC	FLC
Week 4	October 26	BLC	FLC*

NOVEMBER 2025			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	November 2	BLC*	FLC*
Week 2	November 9	BLC	FLC
Week 3	November 16	BLC	FLC
Week 4	November 23	BLC	FLC*
Thanksgiving (Tues.)	November 25	7:00 PM	BLC
Week 5	November 30	BLC*	FLC*

\* communion

*The FOG Choir will sing during communion at BLC on the first Sunday and at FLC on the first and fourth Sundays.*

## Worship times

With Swan Lake leaving the parish—the FOG worship schedule has changed to the following.

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship at FLC

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- RALLY SUNDAY AND FIRST WEEK OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 9:45 A.M. CLASS, 10:30 A.M SERVICE, FLC
- FLC WELCA BINGO, LUNCH AND MORE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M., FLC
- BLC QUILTING TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21-22 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. BBQ LUNCH FURNISHED

## Confirmation and Sunday School

Confirmation classes started Wednesday, September 24 at First Lutheran, with supper at 5:45 p.m., followed by class from 6:15 to 7:30 and worship from 7:30 to 7:45.

Sunday School will begin on September 28 with Rally Sunday. From September through December, classes will be at First in Lafayette at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School students are asked to bring their school backpacks to the 10:30 service at First on September 28 as Pastor Bruce will ask God's blessings on those backpacks, the students, and school year.

*Bernadotte received a print of this beautiful drone photo from photographer Michael David Olsen. Wow!*



# From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

One of the constant worries of so many people is how others perceive them. In fact, such a worry can become an obsession that shapes one's personality, character, and outlook on life. Of course, it ought to be. But, in another sense, we ought to be concerned about how others perceive us. Or, maybe a better way to say it is that we ought to be concerned about what others see in us.

What do others see in us, others such as our family, our neighbors, our business associates, even strangers? Do others see someone who is obsessed with perfection or totally oblivious to perfection in even the slightest form? Do others see someone who is self-absorbed or who is totally selfless? Do others see someone whose first priority is acquisition of material goods or who is concerned only with

people? (You can add to the list of questions and qualifications).

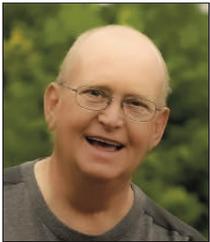
Or, do others see someone through whom God is at work? Someone who is far from perfect, someone who is well acquainted with sin, but even better acquainted with the one who forgives sin?

Do others see someone who may have little time, but who always has time for prayer and praise? Do others see someone who is day by day struggling with life and with remaining faithful in an antagonistic culture? Do others see someone who is day by day being shaped and molded by God? If so, then one is seeing a witness to Christ and to the Holy Gospel. What do others see in us? Hopefully Christ.

See you in church!

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## Called to their heavenly home



First Lutheran member Dean "Narve" William Pehrson, 68, of Lafayette passed away Saturday, September 20, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 27, at the Bernadotte cemetery with Pastor Bob Miner officiating. A celebration of life

will follow at Lafayette Community Center. Dress in Dean fashion, laid back and casual.

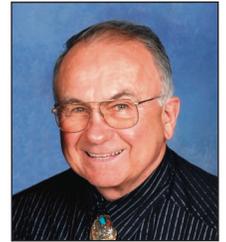
Dean is survived by his wife, Jo Pehrson of Lafayette; daughters Heidi Hutton of New Ulm and Lindsay (Eric) Benson of Courtland; grandchildren Tyson and Ryan, and other relatives. Dean spent 47 years working at United Farmers Cooperative (UFC) until his retirement in August 2023. Dean enjoyed going to auctions, playing cards, and deer hurting. He was a proud member of the Lafayette Fire Department and Lafayette Ambulance.

Bernadotte member Myron Kaduce, 86, of St. Peter passed away Thursday, September 4, 2025. A memorial service was held Monday, September 22 at Bernadotte. Burial was in his hometown, at Union Cemetery in Mapleton.

Myron's career included helping to build missile silos in South Dakota, for the Department of Defense. His work later took him to Altus, Oklahoma and Canada, where Myron was a foreman on the construction of the largest natural earth material dam in the country.

Myron and his first wife Ladonna returned to Mapleton where they founded Minnesota Hog Farm Equipment (MN Hog).

After Ladonna's passing, Myron married Doris Stoffregen on June 17, 2007. Together they enjoyed life in St. Peter, traveling by motorcycle, convertible, or tour bus.



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## Bernadotte donation update

BLC has seen tremendous giving in recent months.

The church hopes that giving continues throughout this year so that the church can continue to be beautiful and well-maintained.

The council was excited to see its first goal nearly met—with just 10 generous donors contributing over \$21,000 to the roof project. It hopes to surpass that and have the roof half-paid for by year end. Even small gifts would be greatly appreciated.

BLC also received anonymous donations of \$10,000 to cover improvements and updates of all of the lighting and wiring in the church.

In addition a wonderful financial gift was donated to cover the cost of new seal-coating on the parking lot which was completed in August.

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## Good News from FOG

FLC member Sara Kanuch, nurse practitioner in primary care at Ulm Medical Center, received the first DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses last month.

Sara's compassionate care, deep dedication, and patient-centered approach set her apart for the recognition.





## Blessing of the Harvest at Bernadotte

With harvest underway, there were tractors in the church yard for the Sunday service September 21. The Sjostrom grand-kids were eager to ride home with grandpa Steve after the service.

### *It's fall church dinner time*

In addition to the meals noted below, Peace Lutheran of Winthrop will serve a grilled chicken and homemade meatball dinner Sunday, September 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. And they're topping it off with cheesecake!



**Augustana Lutheran  
Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale**

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church  
Gibbon, MN (730 Cedar)

**Morning Coffee: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**  
Cinnamon Rolls & Muffins

**Lunch Served: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Hot Turkey & Beef Sandwiches  
American & German Potato Salad  
Desserts

Raffle  
Bake Sale, Produce, Lefse, Greeting Cards  
and more!

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!



SWAN LAKE CHURCH

# Fall Harvest

Breakfast Benefit for:



**Audie Olsen**

13 year old Audie was diagnosed with B-cell leukemia in February 2024. Proceeds will help with ongoing medical bills, travel and hotel expenses that Audie continues to need throughout her recovery.

Daughter of: Mitch Olsen and Jayme Olsen  
Grandparents: Oren and Julie Olsen

**FREE WILL DONATION | TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**

SERVING: COMPART HAM PANCAKES SCRAMBLED EGGS JUICE/COFFEE

**SAT - OCTOBER 4TH**

**6:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

51420 Fort Road New Ulm, MN

If you would like to mail a donation, checks can be made payable to:  
**Mitch Olsen** (memo line to read: **Audie Olsen Benefit**)  
c/o Darwin Gieseke 329 Hazelwood Ave, New Ulm, MN 56073

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## OCTOBER 2025 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 5-open; 12-Randy Altmann, Mark Halter; 19-Al Youngblom; 26-Kevin & Stacy Reinhart.

Altar: Amy Sjogren, Traci Abrahamson.

Reader: Cindy Youngblom.

Coffee: 5-open; 12-none; 19-Sue Helget, Katie Decko; 26-Mary Martens, Laura Isaacson.

### Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Jessica Henderson, Deb Sjostrom.

Ushers: Elias Webster, Steve & Deb Sjostrom, Jacob Sjostrom, Jim Henderson.

Reader: 5-Ruth Klossner; 12-Steve Sjostrom; 19-Sarah Johnson; 26-Tim Schulz

Communion (Oct. 5): S-Elias Webster; C-Tim Anderson; U-Jim Bartels.

Coffee: 5-Denise Johnson & Carol Young; 12-Wendy Schulz & Pam White; 19-Jennifer Bringle; 26-Romi White & Renee Rasmussen.

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## FLC Fall Benefit

First Lutheran will hold a Fall Benefit for electrical upgrades Sunday, October 12. After the 10:30 a.m. worship service, WELCA will serve a freewill soup and sandwich lunch, then will hold an afternoon of 40 games of A-Z Bingo, starting at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be toys, clothes, household items, bakeware, and groceries.

The ladies are accepting donations of new items for prizes. A grocery cart is in the front entry of the church to place items.

There will also be a Log Cabin quilt raffle, with the drawing during bingo intermission at 2:00 p.m. Other donated items and cash are welcome for the raffle.

WELCA Quilt Raffle tickets have been placed in member boxes at First Lutheran.

The Log Cabin quilt that will be raffled is pictured here.



## Council Meeting Dates

- FLC Council—Tues., Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran
- BLC Council—Sun., Nov. 23 7:00 p.m.

## BLC Quilting

All are invited to quilting at Bernadotte Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21 and 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Come for all or whatever time works for you. A barbecue lunch will be provided. Contact Konnie Bartels or Renee Rasmussen with any questions.

## Quilt raffle

BLC WELCA is still accepting donations of one dollar per chance for the quilt that was on display at the June ice cream social. Contact Rosanne Johnson or Deb Sjostrom by October 1. The winner will be announced by October 5.

## WELCA Fall Gathering

The Minnesota Valley Conference WELCA fall gathering will be held Saturday, October 11 at Immanuel Lutheran in New Auburn. The program will be by "Safe Avenues," a domestic and sexual violence victim advocacy group from SW Minnesota. Registration is at 11:30, with lunch at noon. Cost is \$12.00. Call Sharon Doering of Immanuel at 320-864-4938 to register by October 1.

## Donations sought

The Forensic Services Department at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center is looking for gifts or cash donations to bring holiday cheer to its residents. Gifts of new hygiene products, activity books, sweatshirts (M-5XL), sweatpants (M-5XL), or blankets would be greatly appreciated.

Donations should be made by Monday, November 17. For more info, call 507-985-2249.



FOR ALL AGES

*First Lutheran Church  
of Lafayette*

# FALL BENEFIT OCTOBER 12



**10:30a.m. Church Service**  
**11:30a.m. Freewill luncheon**  
*soup and sandwiches*  
**12:30p.m. A-Z BINGO**

*\$5 per card - 40 games*  
*prizes: toys, clothes, household items, bakeware, groceries*



**Proceeds go towards electrical upgrades**

