



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte, First & Swan Lake Lutheran

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FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, Nov.-Dec.

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*

DECEMBER 2025			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	Dec. 7	BLC	FLC*
Week 2	Dec. 14	BLC	FLC
Week 3	Dec. 21	BLC	FLC
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	5:00 PM	FLC
Christmas Day	Dec. 25	8:00 AM	BLC*
Week 4	Dec. 28	BLC	FLC*

* communion

The FOG Choir will sing during communion services at BLC and FLC. (BLC 11-2 & 11-30, FLC 11-2, 11-23, and 11-30) Read the weekly FOG email and the church bulletin for any upcoming holiday practices. New participants are welcome to join in singing easy and familiar music.

Worship times

The FOG worship schedule through December:

- 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2:00 A.M.
- BLC WELCA & CHURCHMEN MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 9:30 A.M. DURING FELLOWSHIP
- THANKSGIVING 'EVE' SERVICE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 7:00 P.M., BLC

Confirmation and Sunday School

Confirmation classes are held on Wednesdays, with supper at 5:45 p.m., followed by class from 6:15 to 7:30 and worship from 7:30 to 7:45. The November 5, 12, and 19 classes will be at **Bernadotte**. There will be no class on November 26.

Sunday School is being held at First Lutheran through December, classes are at 9:45 a.m.

Council Meeting Dates

- FLC Council—x, 7:00 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. at **Bernadotte**
- BLC Council—Sun., Nov. 23 7:00 p.m.

Rally Sunday, September 28, first day of Sunday School



The kids brought their backpacks for a blessing on Rally Sunday, the first day of Sunday School this fall.



Sunday School teachers Laura and Kyle Dalquist were installed.

From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

By now, Halloween has been, or will be, celebrated, and November will soon arrive. Quite a few trees have lost their leaves, and it's starting to get a little "cool" outside.

Christmas commercials have been on the air for at least a few weeks and stores have had their Christmas decorations out for sale in hopes of catching us early. (Let's hope they wait at least until Thanksgiving to put up the decorations!).

But let's not get ahead of ourselves with this talk about Christmas. There is another holiday between Halloween and Christmas—namely Thanksgiving. St. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil. 1:3-5) "I thank my God," says Paul. That is what we are asked to do, and our national tradition designates one day each year

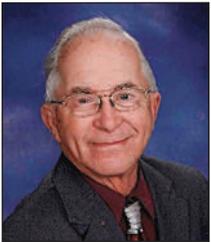
for this purpose. For Christians, though, giving thanks to God isn't confined to a single day, or even to a special Thanksgiving service of worship. Every day is a day of thanks, especially when we realize that everything we have and everything that we will have comes only by the grace of God. The grace of God is the main reason for Christian thanksgiving.

Let us live out each day in this fact, not just on Thanksgiving but all the other days, making each a day of "Thanksgiving," praising God for what He has given us.

Pastor Bruce

P.S. You will have an opportunity to thank God in worship! Our Community Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Bernadotte this year, on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. Come and thank God for all of His blessings!

Called to his heavenly home



First Lutheran member Stanley Youngblom passed away Wednesday, October 1 at Oak Hills Living Center in New Ulm. His funeral was held Sunday, October 5 at First Lutheran with interment in the church cemetery.

Stanley is survived by children Pamela Akins and husband Peter, Alan Youngblom and wife Marlene and Lori Thronson and husband Mike; four grandchildren, and other relatives.

Stanley was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran. He served his country in the National Guard from 1957-1963.

Stanley was self-employed as a painter. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards, and community functions and was a Lafayette Lion.

Fourth son for the Websters

Elias and Jenna Webster of Bernadotte are happy to announce the birth of Isaiah Dennis Webster on Sunday, October 12.

Isaiah weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 20.5".



Elias reported, "He let us know right away that his lungs work well. He and Mom are doing great. God is good, all the time."

Isaiah was welcomed home by big brothers Edwin, Arlo, and Oliver.

Good News from Fields of Grace



Bernadotte's Tanner Johnson is a member of Sibley East's Cross Country team that will compete at state Saturday, November 1.

"Happy 80th Birthday, Jim!

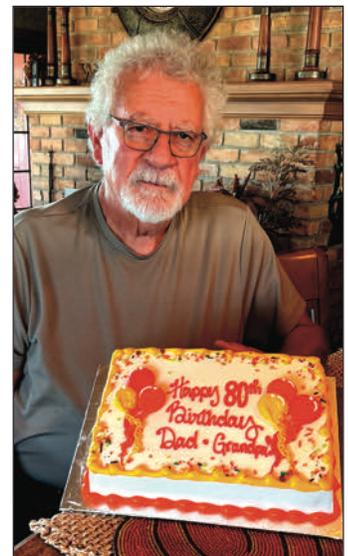
October 26, 2025

"At 80 years old they still let me keep my job in the combine!!!"

"Busy day—but took time to celebrate cake & ice cream with kids and grandkids. 🍰"

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Three generations of the Sjostrom family of Bernadotte—Lowell and Adrienne, Steve and Deb, and Jacob and Lindsey—were recognized in the *New Ulm Journal's* "Agriculture Generations" publication Saturday, October 25.



NOVEMBER 2025 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 2-Bill Youngblom; 9-Todd Nelson, Tom Brethorst; 16-Randy Altmann, Al Hagberg; 23-Kevin & Stacy Reinhart; 30-Jim Langhoff, Jacob Broste.

Altar: Carmen Broste, Trudy Hofstad.

Reader: Linda Youngblom.

Coffee: 2-Linda Youngblom; 9-Charlene Nelson, Lori Brethorst; 16-Myra Kienlen, Kris Hagberg; 23-Angie Hartmann & girls; 30-Jorja Langhoff, Shelly Langhoff.

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Brent & Sarah Johnson.

Ushers: Elias Webster, Jerome & Shaun Anderson, Brian Pettis, Steve & Mary Langhorst.

Reader: 2-Shaun Anderson; 9-Jim Bartels; 16-Rosanne Johnson; 23-Trish Gieseke; 30-Ruth Klossner

Communion (Nov. 2 & 30): S-Elias Webster; C-Neil Rasmussen; U-Steve Radke.

Coffee: 2-WELCA/LCM Joint Meeting, Abby Bolduan, Stacy Kline; 9-Rosanne Johnson; 16-Wendy Schulz, Pam White; 23-open; 30-Advent Dinner?



Bibles at baptism

The FOG Parish Council has decided that both Bernadotte and First will present an illustrated children's story Bible to every child at their baptism.

In order to "catch up" to children who did not receive a Bible in the past, each church will present Bibles to all children who have been recently baptized through the first grade. This will happen at both services on Sunday, November 30. Pastor Bruce will send invitations to parents about this.

FLC WELCA update

First Lutheran's WELCA continues to raise money to help church finances. With a goal of \$2500 per quarter, funding raised was \$2500 first quarter, \$2370 second quarter, and \$2500 third quarter.

Sunday School kickoff

The 2025-26 Sunday School year kicked off on September 28 with fun activities for the kids.

FOG notes

Scholarship applications for the Roman Fischer and John S Johnson scholarships for members of First Lutheran are now being accepted. Applications are available in the church entry on the east side of the front door. Applications are due December 28, 2025; they can be placed in the offering plate at First Lutheran or in the night drop box at Citizens Bank, Lafayette Branch, attention Laura. To receive scholarship payment, grades for the first semester must be turned in.

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Congrats to Carol Anderson whose name was drawn for the WELCA quilt raffle. (Chet Sjostrom pulled the name in the presence of Pam, Wendy and Deb). Approximately \$73 was collected for the raffle. Thanks to all who contributed.

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A big thank you to BLC-WELCA and Jan Anderson for the beautiful quilt I won at the drawing. What a nice surprise!
Blessings, Carol Anderson

Lutfisk & Meatball Dinner 

Served Buffet Style ~or~ Drive-thru Pickup

Saturday, November 1, 2025
Serving from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

~~ Menu ~~

Lutfisk, melted butter, white sauce, Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, buns, lefse, cranberry sauce, apple & pumpkin desserts, milk & coffee

\$26 per meal
\$13 for ages 6-10
ages 5 and under free

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church
Norseland, MN
42869 County Road 52 ~ St. Peter, MN 56082
10 miles West of St. Peter on Hwy. 22
then 1/2 mile North on County Road 52

Questions??
Call 507-246-5195

A portion of the net proceeds from the dinner will be donated to various charities



FLC WELCA Fall Benefit

First Lutheran WELCA's October 12 fall benefit included a soup and sandwich free-will offering lunch, an afternoon of grocery bingo, and the drawing for the church's quilt and prize raffle. The women had gathered a pile of bingo prizes, along with a lot of door prizes.

Tami Stadtherr was the winner of top prize, a beautiful quilt, in FLC's raffle drawing.



It was a long afternoon of bingo!



Budding artists paint pumpkins

The Sunday School kids had a ball, painting pumpkins for Halloween Sunday, October 12.





Swan Lake Fall Harvest Breakfast

The annual Swan Lake Fall Breakfast was a benefit for 13-year-old Audie Olsen, daughter of Mitch Olsen of Nicollet, Saturday, October 4. Audie was diagnosed with B-cell leukemia in February 2024. Breakfast proceeds will help with ongoing medical bills, travel and hotel expenses that Audie continues to need throughout her recovery.



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.

THE ANNUAL LAFAYETTE AREA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M. AT BERNADOTTE. FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE AFTERWARDS.



Two days of quilting at BLC

The Bernadotte ladies—along with several "community recruits"—quilted up a storm at the church Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21-22.



The completed quilts will be distributed to various charities.

