



# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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## FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, Feb.-Mar.

FEBRUARY 2026			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	Feb. 1	FLC*	BLC*
Week 2	Feb. 8	FLC	BLC
Week 3	Feb. 15	FLC	BLC
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 18	7:00 PM	BLC*
Week 4	Feb. 22	FLC*	BLC
Lenten Week 1	Feb. 25	7:00 PM	BLC

MARCH 2026			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	March 1	FLC*	BLC*
Lenten Week 2	March 4	7:00 PM	BLC
Week 2	March 8	FLC	BLC
Lenten Week 3	March 11	7:00 PM	FLC
Week 3	March 15	FLC	BLC
Lenten Week 4	March 18	7:00 PM	FLC
Week 4	March 22	FLC*	BLC
Lenten Week 5	March 25	7:00 PM	FLC

\* Communion

*There will be no scheduled FOG choir practices in February. The choir will continue to sing hymns during communion. All are welcome.*

## Council Meeting Dates

- FOG Council—Wed., Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., BLC
- BLC Council—Sun., Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m.
- FLC Council—Tues., Feb. 17, 6:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

• **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**  
WED., FEB. 4 & 11, BERNADOTTE, USUAL TIME

• **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
WED., FEB. 18, 7:00 P.M., BERNADOTTE

• **LENTEN SERVICES**  
WED., FEB. 25 & MARCH 4, 7:00 P.M., BLC  
WED., MARCH 11, 18 & 25, 7:00 P.M., FLC

• **HOLY WEEK & EASTER**  
Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m., FLC  
Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m., BLC  
Easter Sunday, April 5, 8:00 BLC, 9:30 FLC

• **FOOD FOR KIDZ MISSION SUNDAY**  
Sunday, April 12, 9:00 a.m., BLC

## FOG Worship Schedule now through April

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship at FLC
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship at BLC and FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School at BLC
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship at BLC



## Helping out the Sjostroms

The Lafayette Lions did a cash raffle to help Lindsay and Jacob Sjostrom with expenses while son Chet receives treatment for leukemia. The raffle drawing was held December 30 at My Place. The Sjostroms are pictured with Lions president Trish Gieseke who presented the raffle check.

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## FEBRUARY 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 1-Charlie & Sandy Hartley; 8-Addison Donnay, Jeff Donnay; 15-Haley & Sara Kanuch; 22-Eric & Heidi Sjogren  
Altar: Traci Abrahamson & Cindy Youngblom  
Reader: Linda Youngblom  
Coffee: 1-, 8-, 15-, and 22-volunteers needed  
Reminder Calls: Susie Wendorff

### Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Jerome & Shaun Anderson  
Ushers: Brent Johnson, Tim & Beth Anderson, Kevin & Rosanne Johnson  
Readers: 1-Shaun Anderson; 8-Trish Gieseke; 15-Steve Sjostrom; 22-Ruth Klossner  
Communion (Feb. 1 & 18): S-Brent Johnson; C-Steve Radke; U-John Nelson  
Coffee: 1-Jerome & Shaun Anderson-, 8-Rosanne Johnson, 15-Judy Ross & Renee Rasmussen, 22-Doris Kaduce & Barb Foster

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## From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

### Lenten series this year—'Facing the Cross'

Our Wednesday night Lenten series will have as its theme "Facing the Cross." When the days drew near for him to leave this earth, Jesus "set his face" to Jerusalem to encounter the pain of the cross on our behalf (Luke 9:51).

In the same way in this Lenten series, we set our faces on the cross of Christ that lies before us. As we face the cross during these Lenten days, we also face certain aspects in our lives which are not always in line with the cross. We come to terms with them in this series through the cross of Christ—who came to save us that we might see him face-to-face in heaven.

Services will begin at 7:00 p.m., preceded by suppers served by the FOG youth at 5:45 p.m.

Here is the schedule through the end of March:

- Ash Wednesday, February 18 at Bernadotte. Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. "Facing Our Sins," Romans 3:23-24. We come to terms with our sinfulness and rejoice in Christ's forgiveness. No supper that night.

- Wednesday, February 25 at Bernadotte. "Facing Temptation," Hebrews 4:14-15. We acknowledge that we give in to temptations at times, but rest on the power of Christ to resist the devil.

- Wednesday, March 4 at Bernadotte. "Facing Our Fears," Isaiah 41:10. Recognizing what strikes fear in our hearts helps us to grab on more tightly to Christ.

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## MN Valley Conference Assembly

The MN Valley Conference Assembly will be held Sunday, February 15 at St. Paul's Lutheran in Gaylord, beginning with registration at 1:00 p.m. Each church is allowed six delegates. If interested, talk to Pastor Bruce.

## Prayer Request

Bernadotte member Barb Züst has moved to Ecumen Prairie Hill, 1305 Marshall St., Apt. 303, in St. Peter, 56082. She would appreciate prayers, notes, and visits.

## Thank you note

Thank you to Bernadotte Lutheran Church for the Kwik Trip gift card I received at the annual meeting. It is appreciated. Laurie Larson

- Wednesday, March 11 at First. "Facing Our Worldliness," Matthew 6:19-21. Accepting we are often all too dependent on worldly goods opens the door to seeing the value of everlasting blessings.

- Wednesday, March 18 at First. "Facing One Another," Ephesians 4:31-32. Confessing that we have not always treated each other in a Christlike manner helps to build better relationships.

- Wednesday, March 25 at First. "Facing Suffering," Romans 8:18-19. Enduring suffering in this world connects us to Christ and points us to the joy to come.

Come and grow in your faith this Lenten season!

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6 7:00 PM**  
LAFAYETTE FIRE HALL  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM  
ALL AGES WELCOME!

**PARK & REC LAFAYETTE**

**MEAT BINGO**

**40 GAMES \$20.00 PER CARD**  
PLUS 50/50 RAFFLE AND MORE!

**FREE WILL DONATION FOOD AND SNACKS AVAILABLE:**  
BBQs, Pulled Pork, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies, Pop & Water  
Plus, Popcorn After Game 20

PROCEEDS FOR LAFAYETTE PARK & REC FENCE PROJECT

# Bernadotte WELCA Brunch

About two dozen Bernadotte ladies and guests gathered at the New Ulm Country Club for the annual Bernadotte Women's Brunch Saturday, January 10. The location was new this year, since the usual location, Hahn's, is no longer open.

