



# Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte & First Lutheran Churches

May 2026

## FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, May-June

MAY 2026		
		9:30 AM
Week 1	May 3	FLC*
Week 2	May 10	BLC*
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Week 4	May 24	BLC
Week 5	May 31	FLC

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\* Communion

*FOG Choir practice will be Sunday, May 3 at 9:00 a.m.  
The choir will sing at the May 3 confirmation service and at the May 17 service at FLC.*

*From May 3 through August, there will be ONE service each Sunday, rotating between churches, with some schedule adjustments.*

## Confirmation May 3 & June 21

Confirmation, also known as “Affirmation of Baptism,” marks the completion of the congregation’s period of instruction in the Christian faith as taught by the Lutheran Church. Participation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, and a pledge on their part to remain faithful to that covenant.

Preparing for this special milestone on May 3 at First Lutheran are Addison Donnay, daughter of Jeff Donnay and the late Sandra Donnay; Haley Kanuch, daughter of Dan and Sara Kanuch; and Taylyn Reinhart, daughter of Kevin and Stacy Reinhart.

Douglas Henderson, son of Jim and Jessica Henderson, will affirm his baptism June 21 at Bernadotte.

Please remember these young people in your prayers as they look forward to this important day.

## Graduation recognition

The Fields of Grace high school graduates will be recognized at services in the next few weeks.

Bernadotte graduates Tracker Clemon and John Sondag will be recognized Sunday, May 10 while First Lutheran graduates Benjamin Friedrichs, Tate Isaacson, Zelle Kamm, and Zoe Uhde will be honored Sunday, May 17.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

• **CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
WED., APR. 29, 5:45-7:45 P.M. PIZZA, PICS & PRACTICE

• **FLC CONFIRMATION & BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, May 3, 8:30-9:15 a.m. Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Confirmation service

• **BLOOMING IN BERNADOTTE 2026**  
Saturday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.-noon, pick-up

• **GRADUATION RECOGNITIONS**  
Sunday, May 10, 9:30 a.m. Service followed  
by coffee and cupcakes, BLC  
Sunday, May 17, 8:30-9:15 a.m. breakfast,  
followed by 9:30 a.m. service, FLC

• **BLC CONFIRMATION**  
Sunday, June 21, 9:30 a.m. Confirmation service

• **BLC 160TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE**  
Sunday, June 28, 9:30 a.m. outdoor service  
Cake during fellowship afterwards



## Baptism at FLC

Lindy Emma Spence, daughter of Jarin and Jenessa Spence, was baptized at First Lutheran Church in Lafayette Sunday, April 19. Lindy’s sponsors are Justin and Jessica Keech.

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## MAY 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 3-Breck, Zayla & Kevin Reinhart; 17-open; 31-Jeff Donnay, Addison Donnay.

Altar: Laura Isaacson. Reader: open

Breakfast: 3-Sandy Hartley, Sue Helget, Wendy Hagberg, Carman Broste, Laura Isaacson, Sandy Burger; 17-Sandy Hartley, Laura Isaacson, Wendy Hagberg, Jorja Langhoff, Sandy Burger, Sue Helget, Linda Youngblom; 31-Linger Longer potluck.

### Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Romi White, Pam White

Ushers: Steve Radke, Arlin Nelson, Jerry Oscarson, Brent & Sarah Johnson.

Readers: 10-Sarah Johnson; 24-Tim Schulz

Communion (May 10): S-Steve Radke; C-Jim Bartels; U-Steve Langhorst.

Coffee: 10- Cake & coffee for graduation, Carol Young, Romi White; 24-open.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

How do others hear us speak about God?

I ask this question referring to two ways of speaking about God. The first, and most obvious, is to speak of God in a way that we usually refer to as using God's name in vain.

That is, we use God's name as an explanation point (Oh! God!), as a way to undergird something we have said (God's truth), etc. As you can very well guess, this does not do much to help our neighbor understand the place of God in our life.

In fact, it will only encourage our neighbor to do the very same thing with God's name. Thus, God's name becomes virtually meaningless to us.

A second way is—even in a very pious manner—to speak of God in a way that God becomes our personal “go-fer.” God becomes sort of our personal chauffeur or butler.

We speak in a way that we are seemingly always asking

God for something, to do something for us, to provide something for us, to give us something, etc.

One would get the idea that our prayers are always, “I want something” prayers. I wonder if, rather than speaking of God as our personal “go-fer,” we ought rather to speak of God in a way that we “go for” God.

Would it not be better to speak in a way that betrays our understanding that God is using us, rather than we are using God?

When we use God's name, there should be no mistaking that we understand ourselves to be in God's service, open to His will in our life, regardless of what that will may be. I believe that this will do more to draw our neighbors to God than will speaking of God in other ways.

See you in church!

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## First Communion



Apple Gronewold received communion for the first time at the Maundy Thursday service at First Lutheran April 2. Will Dalquist received First Communion on Easter Sunday at Bernadotte.



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## Pastor away May 30-31

Pastor Bruce will be out of town Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31. Pastor Dennis Frank from St. Peter will preach Sunday, May 31. Pastor Bob Miner from Peace Lutheran in Winthrop will be available for pastoral emergencies. His cell number is 320-296-1800.

## Tables available

Bernadotte is making the old wood tables from the park shelter available. If interested, contact Steve Sjostrom by June 1.

## Synod Assembly

The SW MN Synod Assembly will be held from Friday, June 5 (registration opens at 11:30 a.m.) to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Gustavus Adolphus College. Participants may attend either in person OR online by ZOOM. FLC is looking for one male voting member and one female voting member. If interested, please talk to Pastor Bruce or a council member.

## News and notes

• May 4 marks the 160th anniversary of Bernadotte Lutheran. With no service that weekend, the council has opted to recognize the milestone with birthday cake at the June 28 outdoor service.

• First Lutheran WELCA is doing a fundraising match again this year. The ladies will match, up to \$10,000, money given to the church that is not part of members regular offering. Please mark these special gifts as “WELCA Match” and write a separate check, if possible.

• Pick-up day for flowers ordered through Blooming in Bernadotte is Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

• A poster and the work list for the June 3 Bernadotte ice cream social are in this newsletter. Please contact Mary Langhorst at 507-327-8333 if you have any questions or are unable to do your assigned task or donate.

• Outdoor music service dates at Bernadotte are June 28 with the Larsons, July 26 with the Norells, and August 23 with musicians yet to be identified.

• First Lutheran WELCA will host the July 10 Friday night social at the Community Center.

## Raffle tickets available

Tickets are now available for the Fields of Grace Parish Inaugural Cash Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each with 500 to be sold. There will be 10 cash prizes (\$2000 down to \$100). Drawing will be held Sunday, May 31 after the 9:30 a.m. service at First Lutheran. Winners need not be present. Purchasers must be 18 to participate. If interested in purchasing tickets, contact a FOG council member. If you're interested in selling tickets, contact Sandy Burger or Jacob Sjostrom.

The raffle drawing will be Sunday, May 31 after the 9:30 a.m. service at FLC. It will be followed by a potluck dinner.

## Community announcement

Legion Auxiliary Unit 314 will host pillow cleaning Thursday, May 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, May 8 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Winthrop. There will be on-the-spot cleaning, new ticking, and return the same day for feather, crushed foam, and polyester pillows.

### Council Meeting Dates

- FLC Council—Tues., May 12, 6:00 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., June 10, 7:30 p.m., BLC
- BLC Council—Sun., June 14, 7:30 p.m.



## FLC pics

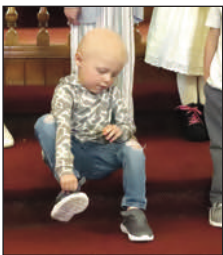
While trying to figure out how to get new chairs for the First Lutheran Fellowship Hall, Sandy Burger found a listing on Facebook Marketplace for 48 padded chairs that were being given away. Sandy and Dave rescued them, Jean Ahl helped clean them, then Charlie and Sandy Hartley, Jon Hartley, and the Burgers put them in place. The price was certainly right!

These girls who served a soup supper during Lent were accidentally left out of the coverage last month. I didn't mean to leave them out!





## Sunday School wrapped up its year April 26



The 2025-26 Sunday School year came to an end April 26 when the kids enjoyed root beer floats during class time, then sang two delightful songs during the 10:30 a.m. service at Bernadotte. During the first song, “The Ten Commandments” (top), the kids emphasized the “souls” part of the song by holding up their shoes. Then, of course, they had to put them back on!

With the kids—plus more from the congregation—Pastor Bruce had a “rail-full” for his kids’ sermon. Thank you to Laura and Kyle Dalquist and Trish Gieseke for leading the Sunday School program.



Laura told about the Sunday School year.





## Ham Bingo Saturday, March 28 was a lot of fun



As always, it was a fun evening.  
Good job, youth and parents!



The Lafayette community "hammed it up" at the Fields of Grace Youth Ham Bingo at the fire hall Saturday, March 28. The hall was filled with young and old alike, trying to win half hams, ham slices, and even whole hams. The youth group served a BBQ or hot dog meal beforehand and brought treats around during the games.





# Food For Kidz Mission Sunday at BLC



All ages worked together at the annual Mission Sunday Food For Kidz food packing event Sunday, April 12. An amazing 18,576 meals (86 cases) were packed by 56 volunteers. That's about a thousand more meals than last year.

The package meals will be sent all over the world.

The church organizations and individuals raised \$3,485 to cover the cost.

With the work done, Pastor Bringle led a brief devotion and everyone enjoyed pizza.





Nancy (and Konnie) were kept busy sewing while the others quilted.

## Springtime quilting at Bernadotte



The Bernadotte ladies—along with recruits from around the area—created a lot of great quilts Monday and Tuesday, April 13-14. The ladies had a great time—quilting and visiting.



The quilts are displayed in church.



The quilters were Rosanne Johnson, Konnie Bartels, Denise Johnson, Nancy Reinhart, Renee Rasmussen, Michelle Oswald, Deb Beatty, and Paulette Messerli.



# FIELDS OF GRACE PARISH

First and Bernadotte Lutheran Churches

# Join Us!

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

1020 Lafayette Ave, Lafayette

9:30 am Joint Worship

10:30 am Cash Raffle Drawing

*Only 500 Tickets Sold  
\$4,500 in Cash Prizes*

1 - \$2,000 CASH

1 - \$1,000 CASH

1 - \$500 CASH

2 - \$250 CASH

5 - \$100 CASH

**\$20.00**  
PER TICKET

Tickets available from  
Fields of Grace Parish  
Council Members and others  
beginning April 15th  
until sold out.

Contact Jacob Sjostrom or Sandy Burger  
for more information!

Must be 18 years of age or older to buy a ticket. Need not be present to win.  
Gambling License X-96111-26-001

AFTER THE DRAWING,

**JOIN US FOR**

**FIRST LUTHERAN'S**

**COMMUNITY**

*"Linger Longer"*

**POTLUCK & FELLOWSHIP**

Join us for Bernadotte Lutheran's  
Annual WELCA



**PIE AND ICE CREAM**  
*Social!*

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD**

**5PM - 7:30PM**

**Bernadotte  
Lutheran Church**



Pie Social Menu:  
McRib Sandwiches

Pork Burgers

Pie, Cake & Ice Cream

Coffee, Lemonade, & Milk

**Featuring Music  
from the  
Lafayette City Band  
Music from 6:00-7:00PM**

**"Bake Sale"**

Specialties of the  
Bernadotte Ladies



*Meal,  
Music  
&  
Bake  
Sale*



# **BLC WELCA's Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social**

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Below is the work and donation list for the Pie and Ice Cream Social. If unable to work/donate food or cash as suggested please contact Mary Langhorst (507-327-8333) ASAP and adjustments will be made. Also, if you are unable to make pie/bake sale items, we can switch you to the cash donation list or vice versa. Please just let us know! Thank you.

**General Committee:** Chair Mary Langhorst, Denise Johnson, Beth Anderson, Nancy Reinhart, Pam White and Barb Foster

**Serving Hot Sandwiches:** 5:00 Wendy Schulz, Jennifer Bringle, Gretchen Petterson  
**Make Coffee:** 4:30 Carol Young, Renee Rasmussen  
**Cut and Serve Pies:** 4:30 Rosanne Johnson, Judy Ross, Romi White  
**Scoop Ice Cream:** 5:00 Abby Bolduan, Konnie Bartels  
**Cashiers:** 4:30 Ruth Klossner, Betty Johnson  
**Bake Sale Workers:** 4:30 Shaun Anderson, Trish Gieseke, Stacy Kline  
**Waitress** 5:00 Laura Dalquist, Sarah Johnson, Deb Sjostrom, Lori Fenske, Mia Ross, Marissa Anderson, Amy Martin, Savanna Clemon

**BAKE SALE: Each** member please bring 2 bake sale items to the event by 4:30 PM

## **2 Pies per Member Listed Below:**

Beth Anderson	Laura Dalquist	Stacy Kline	Shaun Anderson
Carol Young	Wendy Schulz	Betty Johnson	Jessica Henderson
Denise Johnson	Rosanne Johnson	Mary Langhorst	Judy Ross
Romi White	Nancy Reinhart	Renee Rasmussen	Konnie Bartels
Deb Sjostrom	Sarah Johnson	Abby Bolduan	Pam White
Trish Gieseke	Jennifer Bringle	Gretchen Petterson	Barb Foster

## **\$15 Donation & Waitress:**

Lori Fenske      Mia Ross      Marissa Anderson      Amy Martin      Savanna Clemon

## **\$15 Donation/Cashier:** Ruth Klossner

## **\$30 Donation Only:**

LaRita Young	Sherryl Petterson	Amy Wagner	Deb Prodoehl
Karen Marren	Paula Thaemert	Connie Rasmussen	Carey McLaughlin
Linda Sjogren	Lori Peterson	Wanda Anthony	Emily Holberg
Lynette Sondag	Faye Boos	Addie Prah	Jessica Henderson

**Please Mail Cash Donations by June 1<sup>st</sup> to:** *Mary Langhorst  
50128 370<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lafayette, Mn 56054*

***Make checks out to WELCA***

*Any others not on the list and want to contribute please contact the committee.*

***Please ask any men/boys to help clean up that night afterwards. We need their strength.***

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Week 2	August 9	BLC*
Week 3	August 16	FLC
Week 4	August 23	BLC Park
Week 5	August 30	FLC