



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte & First Lutheran Churches

June 2026

FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, June-July

JUNE 2026		
		9:30 AM
Week 1	June 7	FLC*
Week 2	June 14	FLC
Week 3	June 21	BLC*
Week 4	June 28	BLC Park

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* Communion

The choir will sing at the June 21 confirmation service at Bernadotte. Practice will be at 8:55 that morning. The choir will resume singing during communion in June.

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

News and notes

• May 4 marked the 160th anniversary of Bernadotte Lutheran. With no service that weekend, the church will 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.

• The poster and 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 and Jodi Poehler, July 26 with the Norells, and August 23 with Larry Mages. Services will move indoors if weather is bad. Light beverage/treat will be provided after each music-based service.

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

• The FOG youth will host the July 17 Friday night social at the Community Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **BERNADOTTE WELCA ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Wednesday, June 3, 5:00-7:30 p.m., church park

• **BLC CONFIRMATION**
Sunday, June 21, 9:30 a.m. Service & fellowship

• **BLC 160TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE**
Sunday, June 28, 9:30 a.m. outdoor service with music by the Larsons and Jodi Poehler;
Cake served afterwards

• **FIRST LUTHERAN WELCA ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Friday, July 10, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Laf. Comm. Center

• **FOG YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Friday, July 17, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Laf. Comm. Center

FOG raffle drawing May 31

A few tickets are still available for the Fields of Grace Parish Inaugural Cash Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each. There will be 10 cash prizes (\$100 to \$2,000). Drawing will be Sunday, May 31 after the 9:30 a.m. service at First Lutheran. If interested in tickets, contact a FOG council member.



Clean-up at Bernadotte

All ages pitched in on clean-up day at the Bernadotte church yard and park Wednesday afternoon, April 29.

JUNE 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 7 & 14-open
Altar: Jorja Langhoff, Shauna Hoffmann
Reader: open
Coffee: 7-open; 14-Mary Martens, Jorja Langhoff
Reminder Calls: Susie Wendorff

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Renee Rasmussen, Andrew Rasmussen
Ushers: Steve Sjostrom, Bruce & Romi White, Jim & Konnie Bartels
Readers: 21-Ruth Klossner; 28-Musicians
Communion (June 21): S-Steve Sjostrom; C-Savanna Clemon;
U-John Nelson
Coffee: 21- Cake & coffee for confirmation; 28-BLC 160th anniversary cake

From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

“There is no substitute for sharing in worship.”

It probably doesn't surprise you that I would make that statement. But I believe it, as well, and I am not alone.

Of course, a person can get along without worshipping but, as humans, we shouldn't be satisfied with just getting along.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, “There is a little corner in my heart called reverence that needs watering each week.” He was right. Studies reveal that on any given Sunday, 35% of ELCA church members will attend a worship service. This means that 65% are church members only in the sense that they know which church they are not attending.

There is a true story about a man who never missed Sunday Services. It was not because he always found the hymns uplifting or the sermons inspiring. The real reason he gave for attending was good. He said, “The preacher is just a young feller, and I never know when he's going to need my advice.”

But the real reasons are deeper. This man had lived through dust storms, tornadoes, blizzards, and floods. He had seen war

and peace, feast and famine. No job on the farm ever overpowered him. What he had that moved him always to go to church was a felt need for God's grace, a deep sense of gratitude for God's goodness, quiet reverence, and a total commitment to the best he knew.

Those qualities of character were, I think, what people respected in him more than anything else. He and his church didn't always agree, but they were always together.

In the summer, even though people go away to attend reunions, camp, vacations, and numerous places, the church is still here.

Remember that attendance at worship services enables us all to give visible witness to that which we believe. There is no substitute for sharing in worship.

So come and receive what God has to offer in worship so that we might better live out our calling in this world.

See You in Church!

Pastor Bruce

Blooming in Bernadotte flower pick-up



Elias and Trish got help from Elias' son Edwin.

Saturday,
May 9
was
pick-up
day for
Blooming
in
Bernadotte.



After quite a few flowers had been picked up, Trish checked off the orders mid-way through the pick-up time.



The 2026 Fields of Grace confirmation class included three girls from First Lutheran and one boy from Bernadotte—Taylyn Reinhart, Addison Donnay, Haley Kanuch, and Douglas Henderson. The girls were confirmed Sunday, May 3 while Douglas will be confirmed Sunday, June 21 at BLC.

Confirmation at First May 3



Family and friends enjoyed an egg bake breakfast served by the church ladies.



Communication coordinator recognized by Sertoma Club



Fields of Grace Communications Coordinator Ruth Klossner received the New Ulm Sertoma Club's highest recognition, the Service to Mankind Award, at a banquet Monday, May 18. New Ulm Mayor Kathleen Backer declared the day "Ruth Klossner Day" in a special proclamation she presented at the banquet.

Council Meeting Dates

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

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.



First Lutheran senior Benjamin Friedrichs received his blanket after his graduation ceremony.

High school graduates recognized at FLC and BLC

First Lutheran Church honored its graduating seniors before and during morning worship Sunday, May 17. The church ladies served a breakfast for them and their families and presented tied blankets during the service. Getting their blankets were Tate Isaacson, Zelle Kamm, and Zoe Uhde, above.



The Bernadotte church ladies served cupcakes in honor of the BLC graduates May 10.

The FOG choir sang at the graduation recognitions.

More photos on the next page



Graduation recognition day at Bernadotte Lutheran was Sunday, May 10. Seniors John Sondag and Tracker Clemon were recognized during the service and at fellowship afterwards. Each received a quilt made by the Bernadotte quilting ladies.





Each FLC grad was wrapped in the warmth of the congregation.

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Seniors John Sondag and Tracker Clemon received quilts made by the Bernadotte quilting ladies.

The First Lutheran church ladies served an egg bake and coffee cake breakfast for the graduates, their families, and friends on Sunday, May 17.

Congratulations!



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



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 1st to: *Mary Langhorst
50128 370th 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 5	August 30	FLC

Lafayette Friday Night Pie Social Schedule

June 5—West Newton 4H	June 26—open	July 17—Fields of Grace Youth
June 12 —Lafayette Lions	July 3—none	July 24—Fire Relief
June 19—Legion & Auxiliary	July 10—First Lutheran WELCA	July 31—open