



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte & First Lutheran Churches

July 2026

FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, July-August

JULY 2026		
		9:30 AM
Week 1	July 5	FLC*
Week 2	July 12	BLC*
Week 3	July 19	FLC
Week 4	July 26	BLC Park

AUGUST 2026		
		9:30 AM
Week 1	August 2	FLC*
Week 2	August 9	BLC*
Week 3	August 16	FLC
Week 4	August 23	BLC Park
Week 5	August 30	FLC

* Communion

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Lafayette Community Center
- **FOG YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Friday, July 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Lafayette Community Center
- **MUSIC WITH A MESSAGE OUTDOOR SERVICES**
Sunday, July 26 with the Norells
Sunday, August 23 with Larry Mages
9:30 a.m., Bernadotte Church Park

Inaugural cash raffle drawing held Sunday, May 31



Fields of Grace president Jacob Sjostrom did the honors when the drawing was held for the inaugural FOG cash raffle. He first drew out the winner for the \$2,000 grand prize—but withheld announcing that until the other winners were drawn.

CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

- \$2,000—Jay Hagberg
- \$1,000—Cameron Mogard
- \$500—Kathy Dietz
- \$250—Brandon Uecker
- \$250—Deb Uecker
- \$100—Arlynn Hoffmann
- \$100—Brian Carlson
- \$100—Gina Sievert
- \$100—Elly Blair
- \$100—Rachel Frauendienst

With \$4,500 paid out in prizes, the raffle netted about \$5,000, after expenses, for parish projects.

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JULY 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 5-Charles Hartley, Jon Hartley; 19-Jeff Donnay, Addison Donnay
Altar: Jorja Langhoff, Shauna Hoffmann
Reader: Linda Youngblom
Coffee: 5-Laurie Larson; 19-Jorja Langhoff, Shauna Hoffmann

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Ron & Denise Johnson
Ushers: Steve Sjostrom, Deb Sjostrom, Jacob Sjostrom, Ron & Denise Johnson
Readers: 12-Tim Schulz; 26-Musicians
Communion (July 12): S-Steve Sjostrom; C-John Nelson; U-Elias Webster
Coffee: 12- none; 26-Outdoor service refreshments

No pastor's column was received for this month's newsletter

Fields of Grace Raffle and Linger Longer potluck



As Jacob Sjostrom drew the names, Sandy Burger recorded the winners during the "Linger Longer" potluck after the May 31 service at First Lutheran.

Neighborhood Night Out

The Brighton/Bernadotte Neighborhood Night out will be held Saturday, August 1, starting at 5:00 p.m., at the Marvin Gieseke farm. Everyone with community ties invited! Lafayette's 6th annual Night to Unite will be held Tuesday, August 4 at Lund Park. Hours are 6:00-8:00 p.m. More details on both next month.

Graduations

First Lutheran member Saige Isaacson graduated from Western Technical College in La Crosse, Wisconsin as a medical assistant. She is working at Emplify Health Clinic in La Crosse in general internal medicine.



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Caiden Rose, son of Amy Sjogren and Jason Rose, graduated from New Ulm High School/online. He will go into the workforce and may attend vocational school. FLC will give him a tied blanket in July.

Food shelf fundraiser

Nicollet County Farm Bureau will host the first Miles for Meals Family Fun Run Saturday, July 18, at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in St. Peter.

A Kids Dash will start at 8:15 a.m., with the fun run at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds will go to the St. Peter Area Food Shelf.

Registration is open at <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/130698/miles-for-meals-family-fun-run>.

LMM golf tournament

The Lutheran Men in Mission Best Ball Tournament will be Friday, July 24 at the Redwood Falls Golf Club. Registration is at 2:30, with shotgun start at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$85 per golfer. Proceeds benefit the LMM Fund for Leaders Endowment for seminary tuition scholarships. Look for more information on church bulletin boards.

Confirmation at Bernadotte June 21



Douglas James Henderson, son of James and Jessica Henderson, was confirmed Sunday, June 21 at Bernadotte. His confirmation was delayed until mom Jessica returned home from deployment. Douglas' sponsors are Lindsay and Matt Koolmo and Elias Webster.

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.

- The First Lutheran WELCA ladies are doing a stewardship drive. WELCA will match up to \$10,000 given to the church that is not part of members' regular offering. Donations can be placed in the offering plate as a separate check, marked "WELCA Match," or given to Laura at the bank. As of June 22, \$2,382 had been received.

- 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.

Council Meeting Dates

- FLC Council—Tues., July 7, 6:00 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., BLC
- BLC Council—next meeting in August, date TBD

Funerals and burials

- Bernadotte native and former BLC member Randy Monson, 60, passed away in Texas May 14, 2026. He is survived by wife Crystal, daughter Annabelle, son Rex, mother Carol Monson, sister Jody Merchant, and other relatives.

- Former Bernadotte member Ruth Lund, 104, was buried in the Bernadotte cemetery Thursday, June 11. She married Bob Lund at BLC in 1944.

- Funeral service for Jason Gronewold, 42, son of FLC members Wendy and Brad Woller, was held Sunday, May 31 at Minnesota Valley Funeral Home in New Ulm. Jason's three young children—Apple, Jason, Jr., and Lola—are Sunday School kids at FOG.



Bernadotte ice cream social

The weather was perfect for Bernadotte's annual ice cream social Wednesday, June 3. WELCA members worked together to make sure everything ran smoothly.



After the meal of rib sandwiches, pork burgers and pie, the Lafayette Band played its first concert of 2026. The evening also included a bake sale of goodies prepared by the BLC ladies.



The Nicollet County Pork Producers did the grilling as usual.



A message from the planning committee

Thank you to all who attended the Bernadotte WELCA Ice Cream Social. Whether you donated pies, baked goods, or your time, or attended, your support is appreciated!

Thank you to the Nicollet County ADA for a donation of \$100 towards dairy products.

We were able to raise approximately \$4,000 to be used for WELCA activities, projects, and donations.

The 2026 Ice Cream Social Committee



FLC WELCA

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

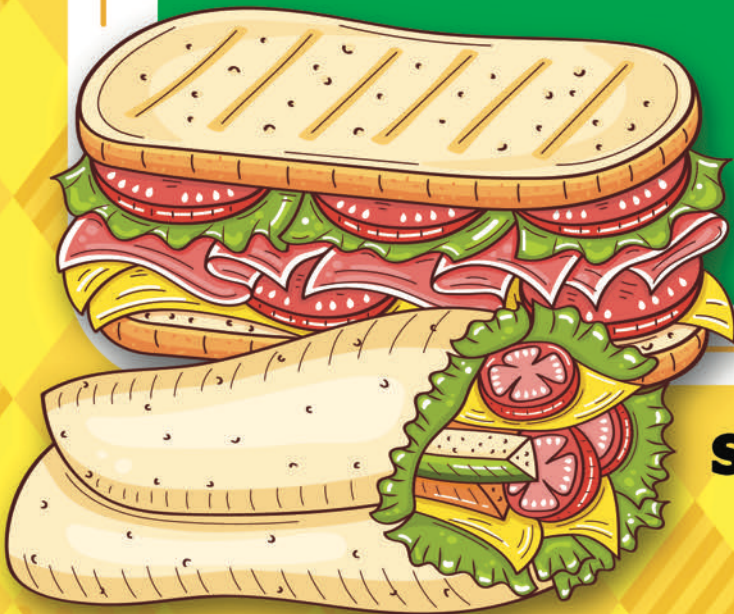
*Served by the Women of
First Lutheran Church, Lafayette*

**FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026
5:30-7:00 PM**

Serving turkey or ham wraps
with all the fixings,
chips, cookies and beverage

FREE WILL OFFERING

**supports the
projects of the
First Lutheran
WELCA**



**Stop for supper, Stay for
the Lafayette Band
from 7:30-8:30 pm!**

FIELDS OF GRACE YOUTH

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

FRIDAY, JULY 17

5:30-7:00 PM

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY CENTER

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Potato Salad,
Chips & Beans PLUS Ice Cream Sundaes**

FREE WILL OFFERING

*Come for the food,
stay for the band...*

**LAFAYETTE BAND
PLAYS AT 7:30 PM**

