



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte & First Lutheran Churches

Sept. 2026

FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, Sept.-Oct.

SEPTEMBER 2026			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	Sept 6	9:30 Joint Worship - FLC*	
Week 2	Sept 13	FLC*	BLC*
Week 3	Sept 20	FLC	BLC
Week 4	Sept 27	9:30 Joint Worship - BLC	

OCTOBER 2026			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	Oct 4	FLC*	BLC*
Week 2	Oct 11	10:30 Joint Worship - FLC	
Week 3	Oct 18	FLC	BLC
Week 4	Oct 25	FLC*	BLC

* Communion

Please note the items highlighted in yellow. They have been updated to joint services. September 6 is Labor Day weekend and thus is a joint service. September 27 and October 11 will be joint services when church events will follow the services.

Youth Meetings set

A meeting for those interested in taking part in the 2027 National Youth Gathering is set for Sunday, September 13, at 7:15 p.m. at First Lutheran.

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis from Monday, June 28 through Friday, July 2. It is for students who will be in eighth through twelfth grades this fall and is a national gathering, with anywhere from 30,000 and 33,000 youth expected to attend.

Pastor Bruce and Mark Haler will meet with students (and their parents) who are interested in going.

More details on the gathering will be in future newsletters.

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Another youth meeting will be held earlier the evening of September 13. Pastor and Mark will meet with confirmation parents and students at 6:30 p.m. at First. This is a required meeting for both parents and students. If, for some reason, you cannot make it to the meeting, let pastor know so another time can be arranged. Classes will begin September 16.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING**
Sunday, September 13, 6:30 p.m., First Lutheran
- **NAT'L YOUTH GATHERING INFO MEETING**
Sunday, September 13, 7:15 p.m., First Lutheran
- **BLESSING OF THE HARVEST & BACKPACKS**
Sunday, September 13, both churches
- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN**
Wednesday, September 16, First Lutheran
- **JOINT SERVICE; SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS**
Sunday, September 27, Bernadotte
9:30 Service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School
- **BERNADOTTE SPAGHETTI FEED**
Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,
Lafayette Community Center
- **FIRST LUTHERAN FALL EVENT**
Sunday, October 11; 9:45 Sunday School,
10:30 service, FLC; lunch & bingo follows

Baptism at First Lutheran



Niyah Lynn Sandberg, daughter of Pat Sandberg and Tesah Gonzales, was baptized Sunday, August 16 at First Lutheran. Her sponsors are Ashlynn Kuester and Tyler Marquardt.

SEPTEMBER 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 6, 13, and 20-volunteers
needed

Altar: Laura Isaacson

Reader: Volunteer needed

Coffee: 6, 13, and 20-volunteers
needed

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Pam White, Lori Fenske

Ushers: John Nelson, Dave Nelson, Brad & Pam White, Ruth Klossner

Readers: 13-Rosanne Johnson; 20-Laura Dalquist; 27-Steve Sjostrom

Communion (Sept. 13): S-John Nelson; C-Elias Webster; U-Steve Lang-
horst

Coffee: 13-Jennifer Bringle; 20-Judy Ross, Renee Rasmussen; 27-Denise John-
son, Carol Young



First Lutheran sidewalk and parking lot

First Lutheran's sidewalks and blacktop parking lot are being repaired. FLC members are encouraged to attend the August 30 church service for a discussion afterwards in regards to the repairs, as well as stump removal.

From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

No column was received in time for the newsletter this month.

News and notes from the churches

• Bernadotte Lutheran will hold a Spaghetti Feed at the Lafayette Community Center, Sunday, September 27 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted. Check the poster on the back page.

• BLC Opportunity Tickets are out. There are many opportunities to win prizes, cash, and more. See any BLC Council or fundraising committee members (Nancy Reinhart, Trish Gieseke, Elias Webster, John Petterson, or Jim and Konnie Bartels) for tickets. The drawing will be held October 1.

• 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 put in the plate as a separate check, marked "WELCA Match," or given to Laura at the bank.

Council Meeting Dates

- FLC Council—Wed., Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m.
- FOG Council—Wed., Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., First Lutheran
- BLC Council—Sun., Oct. 11; 7:30 p.m.

Called to her heavenly home



First Lutheran member Diane Durham, 72, passed away Friday, August 21, 2026 at Oak Hills Living Center.

Visitation is Wednesday, August 26, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at First Lutheran, with funeral at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be in the First Lutheran Cemetery.

Diane is survived by husband Douglas Durham; sons Jason (Erika) Durham and Shawn (Shannon) Durham; daughter Mindy (Tony) Engel; grandchildren Briana and Tyler Engel and Lucas Durham; sister Susie (Buck) Wendorff; and other relatives.

Diane worked at Iverson's, the family cafe, and later at The Pocket Saver, her local second-hand store. She was also a dedicated homemaker and took great pride in caring for her family and home.

Third and final outdoor service at Bernadotte Church Park

Sunday, August 23 was a beautiful morning for an outdoor service under the trees in the Bernadotte Church Park. Larry Mages provided the music for the service and church members served ice cream afterwards.



BERNADOTTE LUTHERAN

Spaghetti **LUNCH**



SUNDAY
9.27.26

10:30 AM
1:30 PM

Lafayette
Community Center
540 7th St, Lafayette

Spaghetti
with Meat Sauce,
Salad, Bread and
Beverages

FREE WILL
OFFERING

All Invited!