



Fields of Grace Newsletter

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Bernadotte & First Lutheran Churches

October 2026

FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, Oct.-Nov.

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

NOVEMBER 2026			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	Nov 1	FLC*	BLC*
Week 2	Nov 8	FLC*	BLC
Week 3	Nov 15	FLC	BLC
Week 4	Nov 22	FLC	BLC
Week 5	Nov 29	FLC	BLC

* Communion

Acolyte schedule

Confirmation students will acolyte at their churches.

Sept. 27 —9:30 BLC joint, Will Dalquist

Oct. 4—London Kanuch FLC; Sierra Martin-Hvinden BLC

Oct. 11—10:30 FLC joint, Madalyn Hartmann

Oct. 18—Haven Hagberg FLC; Elliyy Sondag BLC

Oct 25—open at both

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **JOINT SERVICE; SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS**
Sun., Sept. 27, BLC, 9:30 Service, 10:30 a.m., SS

• **BERNADOTTE SPAGHETTI FEED**
Sun., Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Comm. Center

• **FIRST LUTHERAN FALL EVENT**
Sun., Oct. 11; 9:45 SS, 10:30 service, FLC; lunch/bingo

• **BERNADOTTE QUILTING DAYS**
Tues.-Wed., Oct. 13 & 14, 9:00 a.m. each day

SW Synod Youth Gathering

All youth in grades six through nine are invited to the Synod Jr. High Youth Gathering in Willmar Friday, November 20-Saturday, November 21. The FOG youth account will cover most expenses, with each person asked to pay \$20. Help can be arranged for a hardship. Sign-up is due to Pastor Bruce by Wednesday, October 7.

Sunday schedule October-December

8:30 a.m.—Worship at FLC; 9:30 a.m.—Fellowship at BLC & FLC;

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School at BLC; 10:30 Worship at BLC

Blessing of the Harvest at Bernadotte September 13



A Blessing of the Harvest and Farm Families was held after the 10:30 a.m. service at Bernadotte Sunday, September 13. God's

blessing was asked on the upcoming harvest and farm families at both services that day.

OCTOBER 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 4-Brian & Mary Martens; 11-Charlie Hartley, Jon Hartley; 18-Brian Martens, Tom Brethorst; 25-Jim & Jorja Langhoff

Acolytes: 4-London Kanuch; 11-Madalyn Hartmann; 18-Haven Hagberg; 25-open.

Altar: Sarndy Hartley (except Oct. 18)

Reader: Linda Youngblom

Coffee: 4-Sandy Hartley; 11-Fall Fundraiser; 18-KT, Carrie, Sue Helget; 25-Wendy Hagberg, Emily Hagberg

Reminder Calls: Susie Wendorff

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Jessica Henderson, Deb Sjostrom

Ushers: Elias Webster, Steve & Deb Sjostrom, Jacob Sjostrom, Jim Henderson

Acolytes: 4-Sierra Martin-Hvinden; 18-Elliya Sondag; 25-open

Readers: 4-Jim Bartels; 18-Kyle Dalquist, 25-Shaun Anderson

Communion (Oct. 4): S-Elias Webster; C-Tim Anderson; U-Jim Bartels

Coffee: 4-Romi White, Rosanne Johnson; 18- & 25-open.

From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

A number of years ago, I received a letter from a member of the congregation I was serving at the time. She had moved to another part of the country and, as she explained, her life and her priorities had changed. Oh, she still believed in God, she said. But, she no longer “felt” it necessary to worship each week or be active in the church.

She “felt” she could worship God anywhere she happened to be. She didn’t have to “go to church” to do that. After all, she pointed out to me, “Jesus didn’t go to worship. He lived outside and worshipped God everywhere.”

I had to write back and tell her that her rather romantic view of the life of Jesus was probably based on the fanciful imagination of some TV show or movie, but that it was not scriptural. Where Jesus lived is rather left to conjecture. Most probably, it was not under the stars. And, as for worship, scripture is rather pointed as it tells us of the worship life of Jesus. Not only do we read often of Jesus worshipping in the temple and synagogue, it becomes specific in Luke 4:16, which reads, “And he came to Nazareth, where

he was brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as was his custom, on the Sabbath.”

Simply, Jesus did not skip worship, but each Sabbath day, he would attend worship at the local synagogue. Even in the practice of worship, Jesus serves as our example.

It’s often tempting to make worship a priority only after all other things we want to do have been done, rather than building our week around worship. I have often been told that one can worship God anywhere. Of course, that is not true because we just don’t do it. I have no doubt that the name of God is used on the golf course, although I don’t think in the same way it is used in worship.

We need time when all our energies are focused on the worship of God and happen in the community of faith on Sunday morning. We need to hear God’s Word proclaimed to us. We need to receive the body and blood of Christ through Holy Communion. We need to worship in the way that it could be said of us, “He/she went to worship, as was his/her custom, on Sunday morning.” See you in church!



Baptism and new members welcomed at First August 30

Easton Nicholas Klingler, son of Nick and Morgan Klingler, was baptized at First Lutheran Sunday, August 30. Easton’s sponsors are Todd and Sarah Rossing. New members welcomed that

day were Bergan Broste from St. Paul’s Lutheran in New Ulm; Kole Bode from Trinity Lutheran in Lake Crystal; and Mary Phillips from Zumbro Lutheran in Rochester.



Blessing of Backpacks September 13

Fields of Grace students were asked to bring their school backpacks to church Sunday, September 13. During the service at each church, Pastor Bruce asked God's blessings on the backpacks, the students, and the school year. First Lutheran, above, Bernadotte, below.



News and notes from the churches

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

- BLC Opportunity Tickets are available. 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 October 1.

- First Lutheran WELCA Fall Fundraiser will be Sunday, October 11 after the 9:30 joint service. Soup sandwich lunch, A-Z Bingo, quilt raffle, and more. To make a donation, provide soup or to work, contact Sue Helget or Wendy Hagberg.

- Thank you to Jean Ahl for beautifully decorating the FLC church/fellowship hall.

Council Meeting Dates

FOG Council
Wed., Oct. 7,
7:30 p.m., FLC

BLC Council
Sun., Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.

FLC Council
Thurs., Oct. 22,
6:00 p.m.

Community event

"Plaid, Pieces & Purpose" will be held Sunday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Tanker Bay. All proceeds will benefit Best Christmas Ever to help bless a family with a memorable Christmas. For more info, contact Angie hartmann at 507-276-3374.

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!

First Lutheran Church

Fall Benefit

Sunday, October 11

Worship
10:30 am

Lunch
11:30 am

Soup and Sandwiches
Free Will Offering

Quilt Raffle
2:00 pm

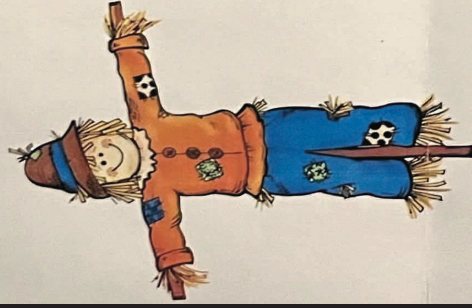
Bingo
12:30 pm

\$10.00 per card
30 Games
All Ages Welcome

Prizes include toys,
games, groceries,
household items & more!

Proceeds for Parking
Lot Updates at FLC

1020 Lafayette Ave • Lafayette



Augustana Lutheran Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale

Saturday, October 3rd
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church
Gibbon, MN (730 Cedar)

Morning Coffee: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Cinnamon Rolls & Muffins

Lunch Served: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Hot Turkey & Beef Sandwiches
American & German Potato Salad
Desserts

Raffle

Bake Sale, Produce, Lefse, Greeting Cards
and more!

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!



SWAN LAKE

Fall Harvest Breakfast

benefit for:

Robby Rieke

In October of 2025, Robby was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor. He underwent surgeries, chemo and radiation. The cancer returned and he is now undergoing a different treatment plan. The proceeds will help with ongoing medical, and travel expenses that Robby continues to need throughout his long road to recovery.

FREE WILL DONATION | TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

SERVING: COMPART HAM PANCAKES SCRAMBLED EGGS FRUIT COFFEE/JUICE

Saturday
October
3rd

6:00 - 9:30 am

Swan Lake Church
51420 Fort Road
New Ulm

**If you wish to mail a donation, please make checks
payable to: **Robby Rieke Fundraiser**
c/o Darwin Gieseke
329 Hazelwood Ave
New Ulm, MN 56073