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FOG SERVICE SCHEDULE, Nov.-Dec.

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
Thanksgiving (Tues.)	November 24	7:00 PM	FLC
Week 5	Nov 29	FLC	BLC

DECEMBER 2026			
		8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Week 1	Dec 6	FLC*	BLC*
Week 2	Dec 13	FLC*	BLC
Week 3	Dec 20	FLC	BLC - SS Program
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	7:00 PM	FLC*
Christmas Day	Dec. 25	8:00 AM	BLC*
Week 4 - Joint Worship	Dec. 27	9:30 AM	BLC*

* Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Community Thanksgiving Service**
  Tues., Nov. 24, FLC, 7:00 p.m.
- **Bernadotte Advent Potluck Dinner**
  Sun., Nov. 29, 11:30 a.m.
- **Community Hymn Sing**
  Sun., Dec. 13, BLC, 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday School Christmas Program**
  Sun., Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m., BLC

Acolyte schedule

The FOG Council has asked confirmation students to acolyte at church services. The schedule has been made through the end of December. Names are listed on page 2, under the Worship Assistant schedule. Thank you to the students for serving our churches.

Sunday schedule through 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

Sunday School Rally Sunday September 27





The first session of Sunday School for the 2026-27 year was held September 27 with a big group of kids on hand. Mentioning hands, the kids all placed their painted hands on a poster to which they added the words, "God keeps his promises."

NOVEMBER 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

First Lutheran Church

Ushers: 1-Todd Nelson, Randy Altmann; 8-Al Youngblom, Randy Sandquist; 15-Charlie Hartley, Jon Hartley; 22-Darrell Abrahamson, Jacob Broste; 29-Darrell Abrahamson, Brad DeBoer

Acolytes: 1-Zanney Kamm; 8-London Kanuch; 15-Owen Hartmann; 22-Haven Hagberg; 29-Apple Gronewold

Altar: Carmen Broste, Trudy Hofstad

Reader: Linda Youngblom

Coffee: 1-Char Nelson, Sheri Portner; 8-Nancy & Jim Carlson; 15-Katie Decko, Carrie Nelson, Sue Helget; 22-Wendy Hagberg, Emily Hagberg; 29-Sandy Burger, Mary Martens

Reminder Calls: Susie Wendorff

Bernadotte Lutheran

Greeters: Brent & Sarah Johnson

Ushers: Elias Webster, Jerome & Shaun Anderson, Brian Pettis, Steve & Mary Langhorst

Acolytes: 1-Sierra Martin-Hvinden; 8-Savannah Martin-Hvinden; 15-Savannah Martin-Hvinden; 22 & 29-Alan Henderson

Readers: 1-Sarah Johnson; 8-Tim Schulz; 15-Ruth Klossner; 22-Rosanne Johnson; 29-Jennifer Bringle

Communion (Nov. 1): S-Elias Webster; C-Savanna Clemon; U-Steve Radke

Coffee: 1-Romi White; 8-open; 15-Joint WELCA/LCM; 22-Barb Foster; 29- Advent Dinner, A-L kitchen, Shaun Anderson, Rosanne Johnson.

From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Bruce Bringle

"Praise is the most fitting of all human activities. Rather than hindering our work in the world, it enhances it. Rather than destroying or hampering our pleasure, it sanctifies it."

These words were written by the late Dr. Gerhard Frost in his book *Homing in the Presence*.

Pastor Frost makes the point in this meditation that the saddest moment for the unbeliever is when he is truly thankful and has no one to thank. This is not the case for us, and need not be the case, as we give praise and thanks to God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are meant for prayer and praise. We are creatures in the image of God. We can never fully realize how close we are to our Father until we learn to live in daily thanksgiving and take the time to celebrate the source of our belief.

We celebrate Thanksgiving Day in our nation in November. It's a good time for encouraging us as people in the nation to pause and give thanks. It is as we live in daily thanksgiving that we continue to know God our Father and Jesus Christ.

We are meant for praise. We gather to worship to join together in praising our Lord. When we cut ourselves off from the Giver, we live in loneliness and incompleteness.

May we live lives of prayer and praise. May we come together to be renewed by the Word and Sacraments so we can live lives of praise.

Pastor Bruce

P.S. You will have an opportunity to thank God in worship. Our Lafayette Area Community Thanksgiving service will be held at First this year on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Come and thank God for all of His blessings!



First Lutheran WELCA presents quilt to high school graduate

It took some time for the First Lutheran WELCA ladies to catch up with 2026 high school graduate Caiden Rose to present him with a tied fleece blanket. Linda Youngblom gave him the blanket Sunday, October 4, with his mom, Amy Sjogren, on hand. His name, etc., was sewn in it.







Serving spaghetti with sauce, toast & salad.

Bernadotte spaghetti dinner September 27

The Bernadotte fundraiser committee wrapped up its 2026 efforts by serving a spaghetti dinner to about 135 people Sunday, September 27 and holding the drawing for prizes in the opportunity ticket drawing a few days later. Prize winners are listed below.



Bernadotte Lutheran Opportunity Ticket Prize Winners

Prize	Winner
20-pound Beef Pack	Sue Helget
Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Gift Certificate	Jerome Anderson
$100 Cash	Nicholas Kotten
$50 B&L Bar Gift Certificate	Kori Klockmann
20-pound Beef Pack	Doug Hoffman
Lafayette Gift Basket	Tim Schulz
$200 Pork Bundle at Schmidt's Meat Market	Bert Honl
$50 Cash	Jon Hartley
20-Pound Beef Pack	Steve Loncorich
$50 B&L Bar Gift Certificate	Abby Bolduan
$25 Cash	Kris Ryberg
$15 Cash & 10 pounds Ground Beef	Mike Haas
Handmade Quilt	Kolton Jacobsen
$50 Kwik Trip Grocery Card	Kathy Volkman

News and notes from the churches

• The Community Thanksgiving Service will be November 24 at First Lutheran. The FOG Choir will sing "Faith of Our Fathers" and will practice prior to the service at 6:10 p.m.

• Bernadotte's WELCA is looking for volunteers for committees and officers for 2027, and to plan its schedule. The current officer/ committee list is on the table at the back of church. Changes, additions, or deletions can be made on the list or by contacting Shaun Anderson or Rosanne Johnson. The list will also be discussed at the November 15 WELCA meeting.

• First Lutheran WELCA is doing a fundraising match. WELCA will match, up to $10,000, money given to the church that is not part of members' regular offering. Please mark special gifts as "WELCA Match" and write a separate check, if possible. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or given to Laura at the bank. As of mid-October, $5,952 had been received.

• 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. Check with Pastor Bruce about signing up.







First Lutheran Fall Benefit







First Lutheran's Fall Benefit was held Sunday, October 11. After the 10:30 a.m. joint service, the ladies served a soup and sandwich lunch, then it was time for bingo. Miss Lafayette, Haley Kanuch, called bingo with help from several other youth. Proceeds from the event will go toward parking lot improvements at the church. There was a lot of prizes for those who won bingo, as well as those whose names were drawn for door prizes. A quilt and numerous other prizes were awarded in a raffle drawing. (See winner list on the next page.)







First Lutheran Fall Benefit Raffle Winners

Prize	Winner	Donor
Quilt	Aimee Altmann	
$25 cash	The Burgers	Jay & Wendy Hagberg
Winter decor	Caden Brethorst	Tom & Lori Brethorst
$50 cash	Greg & Tami Stadtherr	Jean Ahl
8" Grill Pan	Linda Youngblom	Anonymous
$25 cash	Renae Fischer	Laurie Larson
$50 cash	Trudy Hofstad	Community Insurance
Coke glasses	Jorja Langhoff	Dave & Sandy Burger
$50 cash	Mary Phillips	Isaacson Sales
2 quart Braiser	Lila Ellies	Anonymous
$50 cash	Easton Klingler	Charles & Sandy Hartley
$25 Kwik Trip	Libby Maasman	Al Youngblom
$25 cash	JoAnn Portner	Laurie Larson
Gift basket	Brixtyn Abrahamson	Citizens Bank
$25 cash	Aimee Altmann	Sheri Portner
Diamond Dot Picture	Carmen Broste	Mary Martens
$25 cash	Jenny Maasman	Jay & Wendy Hagberg
$50 cash	Laura Isaacson	Community Insurance
Clock	Doug Durheim	Charles & Sandy Hartley
$25 cash	Nancie Carlson	Laurie Larson
Daisy Blue	Laura Isaacson	Sandy Burger
Microfiber towels	Madalyn Hartmann	Charles & Sandy Hartley
$50 cash	Brian Martens	Isaacson Sales
Back Street gift cert.	Amber Faerber	Tami Stadtherr
Dutch Oven	Mark Haler	Anonymous
$50 cash	Ole Pederson	Jean Ahl
$25 cash	Dwight & Geni DeBoer	Laurie Larson
Daisy Blue	Briana Engel	Sandy Burger
Round Pan	Dennis Sjogren	Anonymous
$25 cash	Carrie Nelson	Sheri Portner
$25 cash	Cindy Youngblom	Al Youngblom
$25 cash	Karli Hartmann	Tom & Lori Brethorst
$20 cash	George Hartley	Al & Kris Hagberg
His/Hers watches	Jean Ahl	Anonymous
Weighted Blanket	Jenna Donnay	Anonymous

Council Meeting Dates

FOG Council
Wed., Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., FLC

BLC Council
Date TBD

FLC Council
No date provided.

Best Christmas Ever

Once again, Best Christmas Ever will sponsor a local family experiencing a hardship this holiday season. Contact Angie Hartmann at 507-276-3374 with any questions, to offer to help, or make a donation. The family name will not be released until the day that donations are made to the family.

People in the News



• First Lutheran member Jayden Broste, son of Jeremy and Carmen Broste, was named Defensive Football Player of the Week and was interviewed on the Player of the Week Show on KNUJ Saturday, October 10.

• Nick Nelson performed with La Grande Bande (Michael Asmus of Gaylord's group) at Arlington Haus Too recently as an opera singer. He's the son of David Nelson of Bernadotte.

• Bernadotte native Lucas Sjostrom was recognized as a National Dairy Shrine Emerging Dairy Leader during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin late in September. Award winners are dairy industry professionals, 40 years old or younger, who have demonstrated leadership and accomplishments in the industry and their communities.



Sjostrom is an account manager at Specialty Herd Solutions, and has been involved in several other dairy organizations. He is also head distiller at Redhead Creamery at Brooten.











Sunday School pumpkin painting

The Sunday School kids had fun when they painted pumpkins during class time October 17. Teacher Laura Dalquist warned them to wear old clothes—just in case they got paint on themselves. The pumpkins stayed at church (to dry) until the next Sunday.



















Quilting at Bernadotte

The Bernadotte ladies—along with reinforcements—took over the church basement Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13-14. Nancy brought her granddaughters the second day. They not only tied a quilt but sewed the edges. The quilts are on display in the front of church.





