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### **Financials: Feb.- April 2013**

#### Income

Collection	16590
Memorial	2475
Donations	2036
Rent	4100
Other	6556
Total	31517

#### Expense

DSUK	28000
Expenses	12488
Renovations	33495
Total	73840
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## **DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**June –August 2013**



### **Pastor's corner,**

As you read this article, we have just celebrated Pentecost in the church. Pentecost is the last and, unfortunately, the least known of the three major religious festivals in Christianity that begins with Christmas, peaking at Easter and ends with Pentecost.

Pentecost isn't like the other 2 festivals gifted with any special folk traditions - except the one that you have to get up early to see the sun of Pentecost dancing!!!

A tradition that really relates to the sun of Easter, dancing for joy at the resurrection of Jesus, but as it still is so cold at Easter in our latitudes, then we soon forgot why the sun danced and quickly we tied the tradition to Pentecost, which were 50 days later (50 = pentecost in Ancient Greek, hence the name Pentecost for the festival) and therefore, had more bearable temperatures in the early morning hours!

The lack of popular traditions is probably the reason why Pentecost is badly founded in our consciousness.

In the evangelical churches we don't have either rose petals or paper doves descending upon the congregation from the church's ceiling as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit that sat upon the disciples' heads and enabled them to speak several languages; as it is done in some Catholic churches. Neither do we have a tradition of having a piece of music played on brass instruments during the service, to recall the sound of the storm, which accompanied the descent of the Holy Spirit.

In Denmark however, a bishop some years back tried to tie a popular tradition to Pentecost and thus make it easier for us to remember Pentecost as a Christian festival and what it means.

He suggested that as we eat pork / turkey and rice pudding for Christmas and lamb and eggs for Easter, so we could eat **fish for Pentecost!**

Some might smile at the proposal, but it's actually not taken completely out of the thin air.

The fish is one of the very first Christian symbols - it existed before the cross became the classic Christian symbol.

The stylized fish, which we often see today attached to the bumpers of many cars, were actually used by early Christians as a secret sign that they were Christians.

We must not forget that until the year 311, it was punishable by death to profess the Christian faith.

But with a foot the 1<sup>st</sup> arch in a stylized fish could casually be drawn in the sand and if the person

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you spoke with understood the sign and drew the 2<sup>nd</sup> arch, then you were more confident that you were talking to a like-minded.

Another reason why the sign of a fish became so popular was because in addition it contained a hidden confession of Christ in short form.

In ancient Greek word "fish" is called "ἰχθύς" = "ichtys" and the lettering is also the initial letters of the words Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior (in Greek: Ι=Ιesous, χ=Χristos, θ= Θheou, 'υ= Ηyios, ζ= Ζotær).

Seeing this connection can also be called completely accidentally then that's it!  
But you could also call it the work of the Holy Spirit to spot the connection between word, meaning and use!

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God that we humans exactly 50 days after Jesus' resurrection at Easter were granted a share in therefore we celebrate Pentecost, because the Spirit of God now works in us!

You see, the Christian faith is not just about us having to understand God, but it is actually far more about us having to open ourselves to God and see what He together with his spirit wants for us, what He will do for us and with us – for instance give us the ability to see connections where others just see coincidences.

God neither can nor should be understood in a brainy-cold analytical sense; the heart-warming way works much better, because the Spirit of God - the Holy Spirit - speaks to our hearts more than our brains.

May you all enjoy a good warm summer under the wings of God's Holy Spirit! C.B.



### Picnic service 2013

Usually we have a picnic service during the summertime in the nearby Rotary Park.

This year we have been invited by the Danish Museum in Dickson to a Picnic service in Dickson on **June 30<sup>th</sup>** at **11am** starting in the Bethany church followed by a lunch at the Museum in the spirit of the traditional picnics held by the Dickson community years ago on July 1st.

The tickets for the Picnic lunch can be purchased at the museum on the day of the event. Adults \$12 and Under 10 yrs. \$6. Because of the food preparation the need to know no later than **June 15<sup>th</sup>** how many intend to attend the lunch.

Unfortunately, not enough people signed up for the bus transportation. Therefore, we will be using private vehicles as indicated on the sign-up sheets. **We will all meet at the church no later than 9:00 am to ensure that everyone has transportation.**



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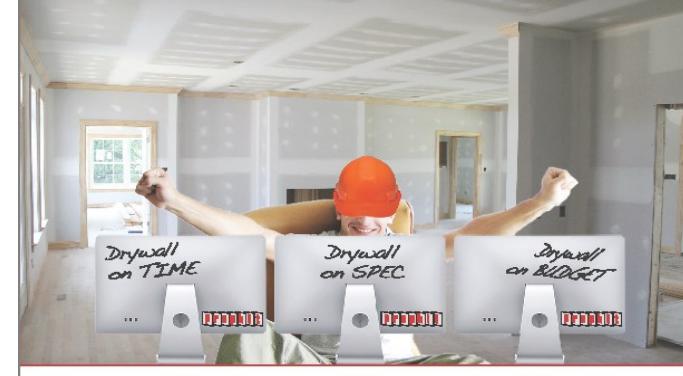
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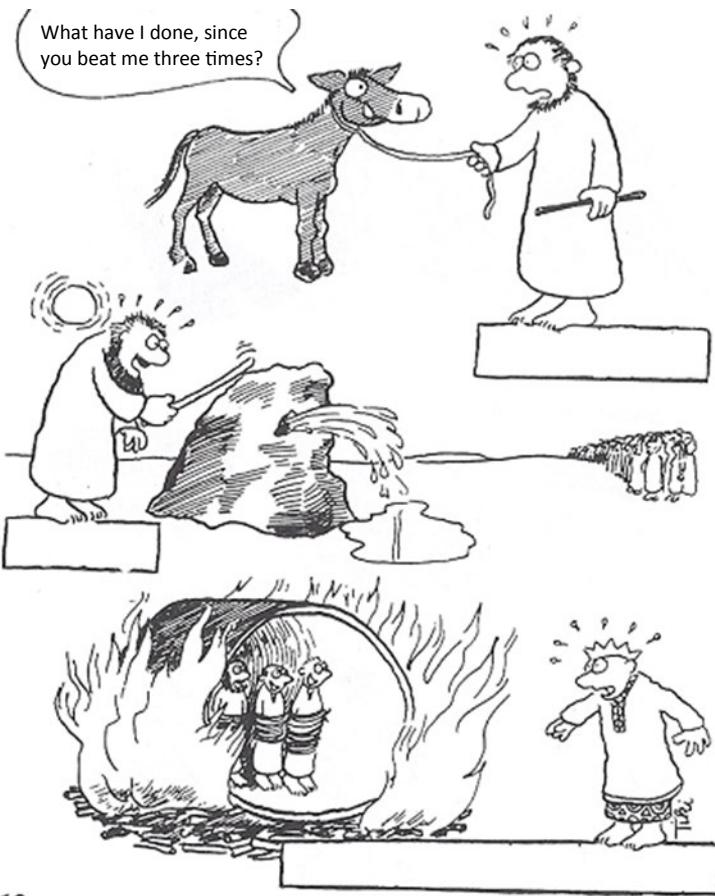
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## Wondering at wonders!

Three men are wondering.

One is wondering at a talking donkey ( Numbers 22).

Another one is wondering at water springing from a rock ( Numbers 20).

A third one is wondering at people who while chanting were surviving their execution in a blazing furnace ( Daniel 3)

What are the names of these men.

You can write their name in the box beneath their feet.

Put your name on too and bring your answer to the church and give it to the pastor.

Then at the end of August a lot will be drawn for a prize among the answers.

**The Literate Vikings** will have their last meeting on Tuesday May 21st. at 7:30 pm. We are finishing off the book "The Jesus I never Knew" by Phillip Yancey. For more information call Ileana at 241-5835.



## Sunday School Notes:

Our Sunday School will meet on **Sunday, June 9th**. This will be the last time we meet before the summer holidays. We will be putting on a puppet play for the adults at some time during the Church service, and also, hopefully, singing a couple of songs for them.

Our collection this year has been very well supported by the children. Well done! We collected enough to buy a beehive (\$100), supplies for beekeeping (\$60), to pay for medicine for 10 children (\$30) and to educate a girl for a year (\$60), all through World Vision. Now we are collecting funds to feed hungry children in Africa through an emergency fund with Samaritan's Purse. Twenty dollars can feed a child for one month. So far we have collected enough to feed 6 children. To help with funds for the collection I have a daily devotional book for sale (suggested price of \$20). The book is called "**The Bible as Your GPS**" (God-positioning system). It is written by a South African pastor who now lives in Calgary. Contact me if you would like a copy for yourself or someone you know.

I have been asked by a couple of parents about **Vacation Bible School** this summer. However, due to the construction going on at the Church it has been decided that this would not be a good summer to hold VBS. Hopefully, we can have VBS again during the summer of 2014.

Have a wonderful summer kids! See you in September.

Karen



## Sing-a-long

Margit and Richard Damgaard have again this year invited us to end the season of our Sing-a-longs in their garden on **June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. They will heat up their barbecue, so bring your own chair, maybe a light-weight table if you have one, the meat you want to eat, a salad or dessert.

We will enjoy the light evening while singing and eating and later a bonfire will be lit.

Call Margit 403 286-2528 to get driving directions. Call or email Charlotte to sign-up.



## Congregational Stats March – May 2013

Burials: Anita Helga Jensen, Sven Ole Jonsson, Gyda Nielsen, Henry Jensen Vester, Else Nielsen

## Merry Kitchen Boys

Due to the construction work being done at the church, we will have to cancel all meetings, including the end of season party with guests, until further notice.

Great summer to all. - Peter B.



## Summer holiday

The next three months, June, July and August, the Danish classes and the "wreath of Christ" evenings will be closed down for hopefully a good warm summer! See you again in September!



**The Ladies Auxiliary** will resume our meetings again in September 9 and 23.

Have a good summer everyone and we look forward to seeing you in the fall. Gurli



## Vacation Bible School

Due to the renovation of the church we are sad to announce that the **VBS of 2013 has been cancelled**. Hopefully we see you all next year in a better and modernized building.



## New opening and closing prayers.

Sometimes we can hear the same thing said so many times that we don't listen to what is really said.

The wording of the opening and closing prayers of the church have been used for centuries, so in order to make us listen more carefully to what is actually said, pamphlets have been made for the deacons with different paired options for them to choose from.

I hoped you will enjoy listening to those new prayers. C.B.



## Prayer Line

The prayer line is available for those who request prayer support for themselves or loved ones during an illness or crisis. Each request will remain confidential.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry or if you have any prayer concerns, please call Krista Taldorf at 403-681.0870 or email her at [ktaldorf@yahoo.com](mailto:ktaldorf@yahoo.com).

## CALENDAR

### JUNE

Sun. 2	9:00 am English Service 10:30 am Danish Service	Is 58,5-12; 1 John 4,16b-21; Luke 16,19-31
Mon. 4	1:00 pm Ladies' Bible	
Sun. 9	10:30 am English Service	Is 25,6-9; 1 John 3,13-18; Luke 14,16-24
Tues. 11	7:00 pm Board Meeting	
Sun. 16	9:00 am English Service 10:30 am Danish Service	Is 57,15-19; 1 Pet 5,6-11; Luke 15,1-10
Sun. 23	10:30 am English Service	
Sun. 30	11:00 am Service at Dickson	2 Sam 11,26-12,7a; Rom 8,18-23; Luke 6,36-42 Is 6,1-8; 1 Pet 3,8-9[10-15a]; Luke 5,1-11

### JULY

Sun. 7	9:00 am English Service 10:30 am Danish Service	Deut 30,11-14; Rom 6,3-11; Matt 5,20-26 Psalm 126, Rom 6,19-23; Luke 19,1-10
Sun. 14	10:30 am Danish Service	
Sun. 21	9:00 am English Service 10:30 am Danish Service	Jer 23,16-24; Rom 8,14-17; Matt 7,15-21 Prov 3,27-35; 1 John 1,5-2,2; Luke 16,1-9
Sun. 28	10:30 am English Service	

### AUGUST

Sun. 4	9:00 am English Service 10:30 am Danish Service	Deut 6,4-9; 1 Cor 12,1-7[8-11]; Luke 19,41-48 Job 5,8-16; 1 Cor 15,1-10a; Luke 18,9-14
Sun. 11	10:30 am English Service	
Sun. 18	9:00 am English Service 10:30 am Danish Service	Psalm 115,1-9; 2. Cor. 3,4-9; Mark. 7,31-37 Lev. 19,1-2.9-18; Gal. 2,16-21; Luke 10,23-37
Sun 25	10:30 am English Service	

## Confirmation 2014

Knowing that I'm quick off the mark already drawing your attention to the confirmation in 2014, I want you to start talking together about whether or not you wish to have your child confirmed.



After the service **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** we will have an enrollment for young people ages 13-15 who want to be confirmed in the Spring of 2014.

Please put this date into your calendar if you have children in this age group; or if you know of some who have children who may be interested , then please draw their attention to this date. If you can't make it to church that Sunday then please call the pastor a head of time to enroll your child/children.

The class is planned to start the following week at a day and time, where it is possible for all to meet.

Contact Pastor Charlotte at 403.719.3832 or email her at [charlotteber1@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteber1@gmail.com).



### New Members of the Board

#### Liselotte Basboll

I was born in Flensburg, Germany, studied in Copenhagen, Denmark and have lived the last 30 years in Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta, which we now call home. Lars and I came to Calgary when Lars was called as the pastor to the Danish Lutheran Church. After a couple of years in Denmark (1990-91) we were back in Alberta, first in Edmonton and then back to Calgary as pastors. Lars retired in 2005 and I retired 5 years later.

We have four children (two in Calgary and two in Copenhagen) and eight grandchildren ( six in Calgary and two in Copenhagen).

After having been away from active "church work" for 3 years I am enjoying to be a member of the church board on "the other side" and I am looking forward to the next two years hoping to use my experience in a different kind of work for our church .



#### Kristine Andersen

I was born in Denmark and came to Canada as a 27 yr. old.

Over the years I served on the Board of the old Danish Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. for approximately 27 years. I am looking forward to serving on the board in a our new church location in a practical way.

My favorite past time is gardening and golfing.



#### John Brix

John was still on holiday during the time of producing this publication.

We look forward to his biographical sketch and picture in the fall newsletter.

## Notice from The Royal Danish Embassy

The Royal Danish Embassy will be travelling to our Calgary Consulate Office in June 2013 to obtain biometrics for passports and residence permit applications.

Appointments will be available on **June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

We ask anyone who is interested in applying on those dates to please phone the Embassy directly at **613-562-1811 from Monday to Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** to book an appointment.



Snapshots from different well-attended events in and for the church during the winter and early spring.



The Viking Girls held their first fundraiser April 3, 2013 with a "Dessert Night" which was a great success. There was a beautiful array of wonderful, delicious, homemade desserts that were enjoyed by all, while they visited and simply enjoyed an evening without a formal program.

We were entertained by Ketty Hoyem and the Worship Group - -food always goes down better with delightful music.



## Spring Auction

The spring dinner and auction was a success, with a 177 people attending.

Thank you to all the volunteers for a great time in the preparation for this event.

All were there at 10 am and by 3pm we were ready to go.

Peter and his staff made sure there was a wonderful meal, so all had a wonderful evening.

A total of \$ 15, 000.00 was raised, with about \$ 9000.00 clear for the Church.

Thanks again to volunteers and to all who participated.



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