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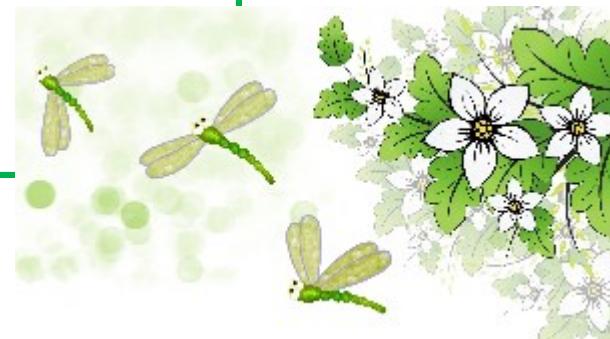
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The Pastor's corner,

This time I will give the word to the General secretary of DSUK Margith Pedersen who has written the article below on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of DSUK.

10 years with the DSUK

On 1st January 2004, a new chapter began in the history of Danish seamen's churches and Danish churches abroad. From that date, the merger became a reality after years of preparation inside the two organizations: Danish Churches Abroad and the Danish Seamen's Church in Foreign Ports became one, in the shape of *Danske Sømands- og Udlandskirker*, the DSUK. The merger was celebrated with a large party at the *Nyborg Strand* Hotel in mid-December of 2003. Celebrations to mark the 10th anniversary will take place at the same time as the usual two-day Board meeting on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th August 2014.

In the documentation that was created for the merger, it is stated that 'the purpose of the merger is to achieve the shared strengthening and extension of the work that had so far been carried out by the two organizations separately, and to improve this in the future.'

Major years of collaboration preceded this new development – but these two separate parent organizations were also very different, each with its own distinctive aims, structure and sense of identity.

The reasons for the merger were multiple: the possibility of strengthening the home base in Denmark that supports the churches; and securing equal conditions for churches and their employees. The differences between seamen's churches and Danish churches abroad were gradually becoming negligible, since, over the years, most seamen's churches had also become local churches for the local Danish immigrant community that surrounded them: they were Danish churches abroad. Some collaboration was already taking place, such as the shared lottery, and collaboration about the churches in Gothenburg, and in connection with the purchase of a church building in Sydney.

On the other hand, two very different organizations were to be merged. The churches organized in the Danish Churches Abroad are democratically organized, whereas the church councils in the Danish Seamen's Churches played a different role. Seamen's churches could be opened or closed down by decision of the Board in Denmark, as the organizational bylaws stipulated that the churches should have a presence "in those ports most frequently visited by Danish ships."

But the larger the colony and the Danish congregation, the harder it was to do that – and the greater local influence became. The churches under the Danish Churches Abroad had been started at the initiative of local Danes and with their active participation and effort. In their case, the Board of a home organization in Denmark could not make decisions about the opening or closure of churches, but it could support their work in various ways – including financially. Finally, there were – and there are – differences in the allocations of funding and the basis on which government awards could be allocated, because of the different, actual tasks which the churches were expected to carry out.

10 years as a single organization

The merger was well-prepared. But many decisions – including some essential ones – were left for the new organization, the DSUK, to deal with. Not least among these was the decision about where the organization's new secretariat was to be located, and in the early years, many issues were debated and implemented - but progress was slow.

The new Royal Resolution, which gives Danish pastors abroad the same status as their Danish colleagues in a number of ways, and which established principle of episcopal oversight, was not signed until 2010. However, an important goal has not yet been achieved: achieving increased government funding of the partly-funded posts in Europe – not to mention the need to fund new initiatives.

The first 10 years have brought significant organizational challenges with them, including a constant effort to make two very different organizational cultures exist in a single, new organization. This is not necessarily an easy task, making different types of church – resting on very different financial foundations – function under a single umbrella, which they not only can but must do.

And it has proved much harder than anticipated, to realize the hope that a common organization for the churches overseas might have greater impact and thus be much better able to put the churches abroad on both the Danish political and national church agendas.

Through all the years, the process of making all players share a platform – the churches abroad, other stakeholders and the home organization – has filled agendas and diaries. Much has been achieved – but much is also left to be completed. Most recently we have developed a common set of values that may provide the shared platform on which further work can be based.

So, there is plenty to do. Not least the establishment of a better financial basis for the existing posts in the churches, increased efforts to strengthen the work done by the churches for young people who travel overseas and, generally, new initiatives in support of Danes all over the world.

Let's hope that the decade ahead will take us further along this road. C.B.



Family Service

June 1st at 10 am we are having a Family Service followed as usual by a potluck.

Normally this kind of service should take place on the fifth Sunday in a month, but because we are going to Dickson on That Sunday, the Family service has been moved to the first Sunday of June. **Theme: Pentecost**



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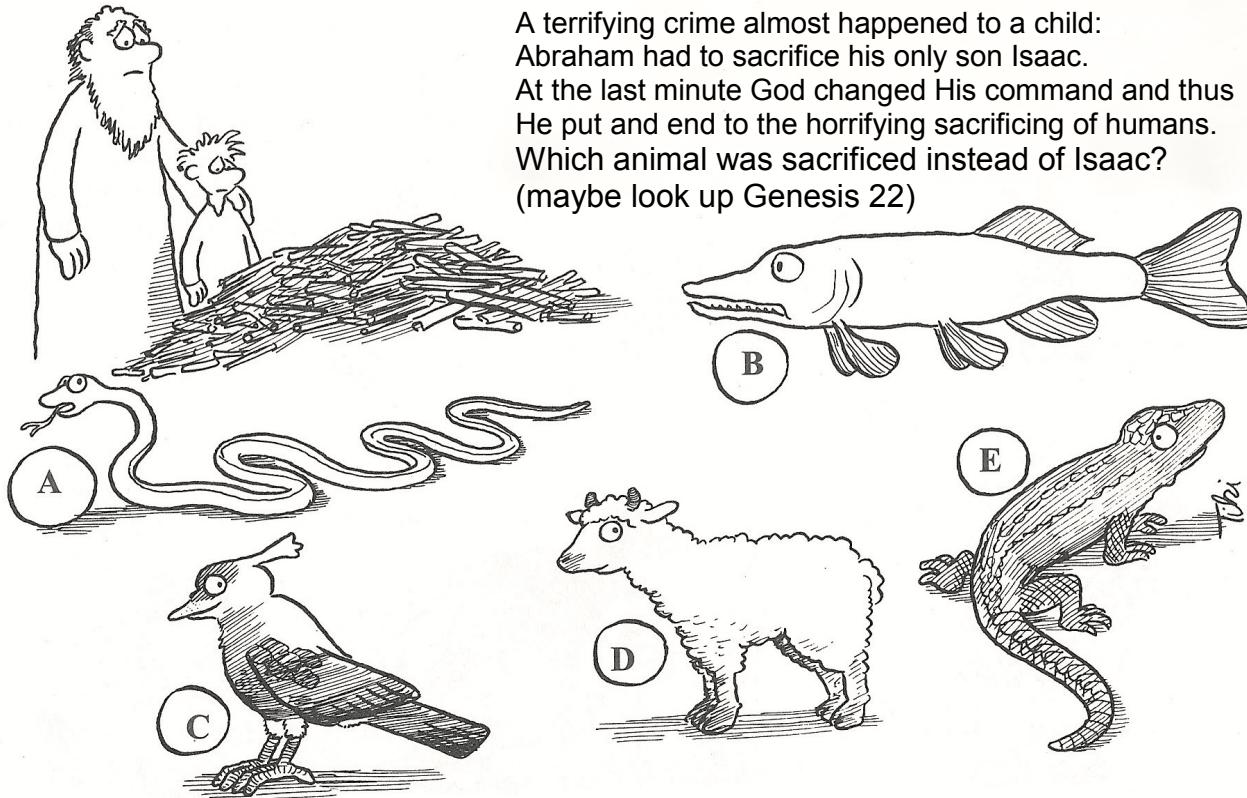


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Children's Corner

Over and done with human sacrifice

A terrifying crime almost happened to a child: Abraham had to sacrifice his only son Isaac. At the last minute God changed His command and thus He put an end to the horrifying sacrificing of humans. Which animal was sacrificed instead of Isaac? (maybe look up Genesis 22)



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Dickson

June 29th the service in our church will be cancelled due to a joint service in Dickson at 11:00 am followed by an old fashion picnic. Look for sign-up sheets and indicate whether you want to travel up there by bus.

If we cannot fill a bus then we will have to car-pool. Therefore, also please indicate whether (a) you will drive your car, (b) how many people you can take with you.



Sunday School Notes

On Sunday, June 1st the children will take part in a family service at 10:00 am. We hope to put on a puppet play for the adults at some time during the Church service, and also, hopefully, sing a couple of songs for them.

This family service is taking place because there are 5 Sundays in June but the 5th Sunday the service will be at 11:00 am at Bethany Lutheran Church in Dickson followed by lunch and an outing to the Danish Museum. (See information about this elsewhere in the newsletter).

There will be regular Sunday School on Sunday, June 15th and this will be the last time we meet before the summer holidays.

Our collection this year has been very well supported by the children and other interested adults. Well done! Our goal has been to collect \$1900 to pay for a village well in a developing country through Canadian Lutheran World Relief. By the early May we have collected almost \$1000, so we are more than halfway to our goal. Yeah!

Have a wonderful summer kids! See you in September.



Picnic service!

Again this year 17th of August we'll have a picnic service.

This year, though, it will be held at the new green area just beside the church - that is we hope the grass has start growing and the area has turned green! For the children we will create our own water playground.



Sing along seasonal ending.

Margit and Richard Damgaard have again this year invited us to end the season of our Sing-a-longs in their garden on June 19th at 6 pm.

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 sing and enjoy the company of one another and the light summer evening.

If you need to get driving directions give Margit and Richard a call 403 286-252. Please call or email Charlotte to sign-up.



Literate Vikings

The final meeting for Literate Vikings will be Wednesday, June 18th, at 7:30 in the Mikkelsen Room. We are viewing the last 2 episodes of "The Bible" Mini-series that cover the Passion, Paul's mission and John's revelation. We will discuss plans for next years' group at the meeting. Contact is Laurelie at 403.402.6462.

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be taking a break during the summer months.

We will resume in September. Enjoy your summer! - Louise



Vacation Bible School

Last year because of construction going on at the Church VBS was cancelled. But plans are underway to hold VBS this summer during the week of July 7-11.

(This is the week of Stampede.)

So come to VBS and also invite other kids who might be interested in coming.

We will have a fun week of Bible stories, crafts, music, food, games, and science experiments!

To register or to get more information give the Church office a call at [403-277-4085](tel:403-277-4085) or email

Pastor Charlotte (charlotteberg1@gmail.com) or Pastor Liselotte (lbasboll@shaw.ca).

Costs will be kept to a minimum and the program will run all day.



Prayer Line

The prayer line is available for those who request prayer support for themselves or loved ones during an illness or crisis. If you have any prayer concerns, please call Krista Taldorf at

403-681.0870 or email her at ktaldorf@yahoo.com.

New Members of the Board

Karen Falkenberg-Andersen (nee Eriksson),

I was born in Darjeeling, India to Lutheran missionary parents. When I was 9 years old we came back to Canada where my dad served as a pastor in rural Alberta so I went to country and small town schools. After high school I attended a Lutheran Bible school in Camrose, and then ended up at the U of C where I studied microbiology. Here I met Christian my husband. Thirty-one years ago we were married by Lars Basboll at the Danish Lutheran Church. We moved to Saskatoon where I studied to become a veterinarian and our two daughters were born. In 1997 we moved back to Calgary and again became a part of the Danish Lutheran Church. Though my ethnic background is entirely Swedish, the Danish Church is my community of faith and I value the variety of people I have come to know here. I feel humbled and honored to serve our Church and hope that the Lord will use me to help build up our congregation, both in depth of faith and in numbers, to His glory.



Ileana Nielsen

I was born and raised in Montreal, being the youngest of 3 sisters. Eventually I moved out to Ottawa after studying nursing at McGill, and there I married Jorgen Staal Nielsen. We have been blessed with 2 wonderful sons, Christopher and Markus. We now enjoy living in Calgary and being part of the church community. Serving on the board I am sure will be very rewarding and I look forward to supporting the church in this way.



AUGUST 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3 Eng. 10:00 am Service Eccl 3,1-11; Romans 8,1-4; Matt 10,24-31	4	5	6	7	8
					9	9
	10 Eng. 10:00 am Danish 11:15 am Micah 3,5-7; 1 John 4,1-6; Matt 7,22-29	11	12	13	14	15
					16	16
	17 Eng. 10:00 am Service and Picnic Is 10,1-3; 2 Tim 1,6-11; Luke 12,32-48 or Luke 18,1-8	18	19	20	21	22
					23	23
	24 Eng. 10:00 am Danish 11:15 am Ez 33,23-30-33; Heb. 3,12-14 Matt 11,16-24	25	26	27	28	29
					30	30
	31 Eng. 10:00 am Family Service Deut 30,15-20 Romans 10,4-13[14-17] Luke 7,36-50					

JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Eng. 10:00am Is 65:1-2 Eph 2:17-22 Luke 15:11-32	7 VBS	8 VBS	9 VBS	10 VBS	11 VBS	12
13 Eng 1000 am Danish 1115 am Deut. 24:17-22; Romans 14:7-13 Matt 5:43-48	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Eng. 10:00 am Jer 1:4-9; 1 Pet 2:4-10; Matt 16:13-26	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Eng. 10:00 am Danish 11:15 am Ex 20:1-17; Romans 3:23-28; Matt 19:16-26	28	29	30	31		

Thomas Ottosen.

I came to Calgary in 1982 from Esbjerg to work as a brick layer. Now I run a roofing company and grow trees in my spare time.

I'm married to Kirsten and have three grown children, all christened and confirmed in the Danish Lutheran church.

Being on the church board lets me give back to the community and keeping our church going strong.

I am looking forward to serve another 2 years with a great group of people.



Results from the Spring Auction and Dinner

Total sales and donations	\$14,126.00
Total expenses	\$ 5,292.30
Net	<u>\$ 8,833.70</u>



Let's take a time to smile.

A FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days.

The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge.

After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying,

"Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case?

The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others.

The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day.

Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool.

Therefore, April 1st is his day.

Court is adjourned..."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

Annual Meeting

We had a very good annual meeting at the church on May 4th.

We failed to mention Peter Berg who started The Merry Kitchen boys, which is a big success. He was busy in the kitchen.

We need to thank him for always being in the background helping, whether it is with food or doing the dishes or moving and setting up big tables for the dinner auction, which he did this year.

Thank you, Peter, you are much appreciated by us all. Your Friends.



Confirmation 2015

Knowing that I'm quick off the mark already drawing your attention to the confirmation in 2015, I want you to start talking together about whether or not you wish to have your child confirmed. After the service **September 21st** we will have an enrollment for young people ages 13+ who want to be confirmed in the Spring of 2015.

Please put this date into your calendar if you have children in this age group; or if you know of some one with 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 ahead 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 charlotteberg1@gmail.com.



Preparing for Pentecost:

This year Pentecost falls on Sunday, June 8th. What is Pentecost? It is the birthday of the Church on Earth. Jesus had promised his disciples to send the Holy Spirit to them. This happened at the time of Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter Sunday. With the coming of the Holy Spirit the Church came into being. This is a very important day for us to remember and prepare for. Below is something written by Kaj Jensen, from *At Tælle Vore Dage (To Count Our Days)*, an excerpt from the devotional he wrote for June 3:

"God has revealed it (what He has prepared for us) to us by his Spirit"

I Corinthians 2:10

Only the Holy Spirit can teach us to know what God gives us. As long as we focus on our own works there is no hope. "To dust you shall return." This much we know and no more. BUT, "the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God" and from Him we get a glimpse of what God has prepared for us. For, "God has revealed it to us by his Spirit". And what has He revealed through the Spirit? --- That the unseen world is the great (true) reality.

Elsewhere, Kaj Jensen also recommends, as preparation for Pentecost, that one should read the three "Holy Spirit" chapters (14, 15 & 16) from the Gospel of John. He advises us to read them slowly, bit by bit, and to read them more than once. And, while reading, to pay special attention to the expressions that Jesus uses to describe the work of the Holy Spirit. -Per Falkenberg

JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Eng. 10:00 am Family Service Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:31 -39 or Acts 1:12-14; John 17:20-26	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Eng. 10 am Danish 11:15 am Jer 31:31-34; Acts 2:1-11; John 14:15-21	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Eng. 10:00 am Sunday School Is 49:1-6; Eph 1:3-14; Matt 28:16-20	16	17	18 7:30 pm Literate Vikings	19 6:00 pm Sing-a-long Finale at Damgaards	20	21 Hosanna Garage Sale 9 am - 5 pm
22 Eng 10 am Danish 11:15 am Eccl. 5:9-19; 1 Tim 6:6-12; Luke 12:13-21	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 11:00 am service Bethany Lutheran church Dickson picnic lunch						