



Danish Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

What are we going to ask for in our prayers? Why engage ourselves in practices like praying at all? Is it in order to change God? Is it to change ourselves? Or to change what is happening in the world?

In different cultures and religions prayers are regarded as magic words—a kind of “open sesame!”—for influencing the divine powers. Those kind of prayers are clearly rejected by Jesus of Nazareth. We are not going to be heard because of our many prayers because God already knows what we need and in his goodness He wants to give us good gifts. Martin Luther put it as follows: “The fewer words the better the prayer!” and he adds: “One must pray shortly, but often and powerfully!” Perhaps prayers are taking up too much space in a Christian service? When we eventually leave the church after a regular morning service nine prayers would have been said or sung. At that point we might not be very Lutheran.

Jesus too rejected many words, but he also taught us to pray often and powerfully like the man who pestered his neighbor for bread, and the widow, who kept on bothering the unjust judge (Luke 11:5-8; 18:1-8). It does not take long to say a prayer, but it takes a long time to listen for God's answer, because the way God grants us a prayer request often crosses our expectations. Therefore prayers teach us “to wait for the Lord more patiently than watchmen for the

morning,” as it says in the Old Testament in Psalm 130. Praying is about finding the will of God so that our own will is changed when we bow before God. Soren Kierkegaard says it this way: “The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.” Just like the stressed pastor who once asked: “Lord, make me into a patient man, but do it fast!”

An American woman has formed the following prayer: “We pray for children who put chocolate fingers everywhere, who like to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants, who sneak Popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes. And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who can't bound in the street in a new pair of sneakers, who never go to the circus, who live in an X-rated world. We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleep with the dog and bury the goldfish, who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money, who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key, who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup. And we pray for those who never get dessert, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who watch their parents watch them die, who can't find any bread to steal, who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser, whose monsters are real. We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, who throw

tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food, who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse the tub, who get visits from the tooth fairy, who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool, who squirm in church and scream in the phone, whose tears we sometimes laugh at, and whose smiles can make us cry. We pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything, who aren't spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, and who live and move, but have no being. We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance. For those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it."

To pray is not just about having one's own wishes and needs fulfilled. Christian prayer reaches far wider, even though it is also about going into one's room and there have a conversation with God. Our prayer could be formed like Blaise Pascal did it in 1600 with the following words: "I ask you neither for health nor for sickness, for life nor for death; but that you may dispose of my health and my sickness, my life and my death, for your glory. You alone know what is expedient for me, Amen." Every Christian is chained to praying. Not in the sense of shackles or a nuisance, which we preferably get over in a hurry, but in the sense of a sanctuary, an oasis, an opportunity to hold a conversation with God. Praying is the words of Jesus: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you (Matt 7:7)" put into practice!

May the summer refresh you and fill you with joy and energy!

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Special Services

Danish Confirmation

On **June 26th**, at the Danish service, Line Gustafson is going to be confirmed. Line is the child of my oldest cousin and she was baptized by me 14 years ago. Now she is living in Sweden and has received confirmation preparation in Lund. Charlotte Berg.

Joint Service in Dickson

On **July 3rd at 11:00 a.m.** the service will be moved to Dickson where you will have the opportunity both to hear the new pastor in Edmonton, Lasse Hultberg, preach and the Danish marching band "Vejen Garden" play at a concert after the lunch. If the weather allows everything will be held at The Danish Museum. Posters and sign-up sheets for carpooling will be put up downstairs.



Stampede Breakfast!

On **July 10th at 9:00 a.m.** our Merry Kitchen Boys will prepare a Stampede breakfast for the early risers. This year it will be extra festive as the "Vejen Garden" (a Danish marching band) will play a concert for us on the lawn beside the church after the service at 10:00 a.m. So come and join in a different morning at our church!

Family and Picnic Service

July 31st is the last Sunday of the month and due to our tradition we should have had a Family service, but it is also a long weekend, so instead the Family Service will be back with our Picnic Service and held on **August 7th at 10:00 a.m.** After the service, hotdogs (provided by the church), salad and desserts (provided by each one of us) will be served. And the lawn next to the church will be turned into a playground for children and the young-at-heart grown-ups!

Other Announcements

Confirmation 2017

Knowing that I'm quick off the mark already drawing your attention to confirmation in 2017, I want you to start talking together about whether or not you wish to have your child confirmed. After the service September 18th we will have enrollment for young people ages 13-15 who want to be confirmed in the spring of next year. Please put this date into your calendar if you have children in this age group. If you know of people 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 or children. The classes are planned to start the first week of October at a day and time when it is possible for all to meet. Contact Pastor Charlotte Berg at 403.719.3832 or email her at charlotteberg1@gmail.com.

Seeking a Director and Pianist

Wanted: a director and a pianist for the Scandinavian Centre's Youth Choir. This choir offers a low-cost opportunity for youth ages 7 – 14 to learn the foundations of singing in a fun and kid-focused approach. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. from September to May. The Centre supports the choir by providing practice space and offering honorariums to the leaders. Please address inquiries and applications to myyouthchoir@shaw.ca.

Our Church Groups

The Crafters' Group, Ladies' Auxiliary, Literate Vikings, Merry Kitchen Boys, and our Viking Girls will all be on hiatus for the summer. Events will resume in September. Thank you to all who have participated thus far and we will see you all in the autumn!

Looking Back

Mission Moments

Our small Sunday School meets twice a month during the school year. During Sunday School time there is a small collection taken. The nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies (and sometimes bigger gifts) all add up. The children select a project on which to spend their collection money and then keep on collecting money until they have the needed amount. Over the years the collection has paid for sweaters for Sunday School children in 2 small churches in the Himalayan region of India, chickens for poor families, a bicycle for a rural health worker, bees and a hive for a small farmer, anti-malarial mosquito nets, money to send a girl to school, a barnyard of small animals for a family, and even a well for a poor village in Ethiopia. Some items were inexpensive while others were more expensive (eg. the well cost over \$1000). But, with time and determination (and sometimes a bit of help from a few grownups) the money has been



In the Community

Scandinavian Centre Daytrip to Sundre

Free bus trip **June 4th** to Sundre Pioneer Village Museum & Chester Mjolsness Wildlife Museum. Pay only for museum admission (\$10/\$8) and lunch. See details and reserve online at <https://sundre-pioneer-village-museum.eventbrite.ca> or contact: Don Larsen (403) 547-8920
Email: don.larsen@shaw.ca

collected. Through this collection the children of our Congregation learn to share with those less well off than them, and see that even small amounts can be used by God to help others.



Dessert Night Success!

On Wednesday evening, April 6, the Viking Girls held their 4th Annual Dessert Night fundraiser. The proceeds this year went to Hope Mission. Hope Mission does outreach to Calgary's working poor in several neighbourhoods. Many of their programs are with children. One of their representatives, Eric, came and spoke briefly and also had a slide presentation for us to view. At the end of the evening Eric was presented with \$1320, which was the result of the ticket sales, the 50-50 draw, and a couple of donations. A big thank you to all those who prepared delicious desserts, decorated the hall, to Ketty who played her accordion, and of course to everyone who came for an enjoyable evening!

Congregational Stats for 2015

Church Services held: 81
Churchgoers Participating in Services: 2425
Children Baptised: 3
Confirmed Youths: 1 girl
Weddings: 0
Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to 6 people in our congregation in 2015.

Spring Dinner and Auction Success!

I would like to thank the Danish Canadian Club and its staff, all the volunteers and the supporters for another great Auction Night. Our net income came to \$5200.00; not as much as last year, but still good support for our church. We are always open for suggestions in order to keep this fun tradition going.

See you next year,

Ulla Bartholdy



Confirmation 2016

On Sunday, May 22nd, Mattias Kristensen Basboll and Joshua Propp were confirmed. The church bought two beautiful layer cakes in honor of the two confirmands, which were served at coffee time afterwards.



Missions Abroad

I am sure some of you remember Janet Sing who was part of our congregation at Sharon Lutheran, and the Chinese congregation Hosanna, some years ago—some of her family is still part of the Hosanna congregation. This is an update on her work in the mission field and prayer requests for her and the ministry:

Janet is in Guatemala currently and has been, on-and-off for a time, mainly serving the Chinese community. There is a Chinese Alliance church, but no Chinese pastor. Pastor Rueben Arias is a Spanish speaking pastor and he does not know English nor Chinese. Janet helps in the Sunday services preaching in Chinese for the Chinese congregation as well as to the Spanish-speaking second generation. Janet is also involved in visitation and outreach to the local Chinese community. This is her focus because she does not speak Spanish. Previously, Janet was also in Paris for six years, involved in planting a Mandarin-speaking congregation, and doing outreach to students from China and Taiwan. Janet started a small bible study group and a discipleship ministry. Last year Janet was in Aruba assisting the local pastor to teach Sunday school with preaching and other duties. Janet's mission ministry is mainly in preaching, teaching, discipleship, evangelism to non-believers. This often involves counselling. People can't find meaning in life unless they find Christ, the Light of Life and our Saviour.

Janet asks for our prayers. It's not a very safe place where she is in Guatemala with so much crime in the city. The apartment she lives in has no telephone line, no TV, and no kitchen. Janet goes to the church kitchen to cook and there is a church phone in the pastor's office or in the kitchen of the church if she needs a phone. She is thankful they have wifi internet access, though often the

signal is weak and disconnects abruptly.

Please pray for her health and for the people she serves to continue to come to know the Lord Jesus as Savior and to grow in their faith. Also, please pray for the church she serves.

The church is:

Iglesia China Alianza Cristiana y Misionera de Guatemala
2 Calle B 17-00, Jardines de Minerva, Zona 15 Guatemala

Janet is in Guatemala now till mid-June. She then goes to Europe to do some ministry in the Netherlands, and to visit the churches in France for about five weeks. She then may come back to Guatemala for a couple months, if God is willing. Janet asks if "people can pray for her. That is the best she can ask for. Financially she trusts in the Lord to take care of her.

If you would like further information regarding Janet and the mission work please contact Krista Taldorf at 403-681-0870

Thank you,

Krista Taldorf

Going my way...?

When you make plans to attend Sunday services or other events at the church, please keep in mind those members of our congregation who live near the route you will be taking. Some are no longer able to participate without a ride to and from the event. Please offer a ride to these faithful members, so that they can continue to participate in our church services and activities.

Thank you!



Welcome, New Board Members!

Karsten Dalberg

I have been a part of this congregation for over 30 years and have seen how a lot of different people have contributed to its success. My wife, Bente, and I arrived from Denmark in 1980. We were only supposed to stay for 2 years but ended up establishing our little family here. Our 3 kids are all born here in Calgary, which has become our new home. Through ups and downs we have gotten to appreciate the huge value of our extended family here. I feel it is my time to add my contribution to the Church's continued success which is a gathering place for our congregation.



Daniel Ottosen

Having been christened and confirmed in the Danish Lutheran Church in Calgary, my Danish heritage has always been a significant part of my identity. That said after attending the recent Church auction (tak for sidst) I realized all the hard work that goes into keeping the community running and decided it was time for me to start contributing. I'm very excited for the opportunity to help keep the Church and our community moving forward as well as learning from those who have gotten us this far.



Summer Bible Day Camp 2016

"Colossal Coaster World" - Facing Fear, Trusting God

July 18th - 22nd - 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily at the Danish Lutheran Church
210 - 10th Avenue, NE

For children ages 4-12 years.

Cost: \$25 for first child in a family, \$15 for each additional child in the family.

For single day or drop in: \$10 per day and \$5 for each additional child in the family.

Bible stories, science experiments, music, games, crafts. Possible outing to Heritage Park.
Bring your own lunch. Two snacks provided daily.

To register:

Church Office: 403-277-5804 or danishlutheranchurch@gmail.com

Pastor Charlotte: 403-719-3832 or charlotteberg1@gmail.com

Registration deadline is June 30.



June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Jer. 15:10,15-21; Rev. 3:14;-22; Luke 14:25-35	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Is. 65:1-2; Eph. 2:17-22; Luke 15:11-32	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Deut. 24:17-22; Romans 14:7-13; Matt. 5:43-48	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Jer. 1:4-9; 1 Pet. 2:4-10; Matt 5:16:13-26	27	28	29	30	1	2

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 11:00 a.m. Service in Dickson	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 a.m. Stampede Breakfast Ecc1. 3:1-11; Rom. 8:1-4; Matt. 10:24-31	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Mic. 2:5-7; 1 John 4:1-6; Matt. 7:22-29	18 Summer Bible Day Camp, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	19 Summer Bible Day Camp, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	20 Summer Bible Day Camp, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	21 Summer Bible Day Camp, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	22 Summer Bible Day Camp, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	23
24 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Is. 10:1-3; 2. Tim. 1:6 -11; Luke 12:32-48 OR Luke 18-1-8	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Ez. 33:23, 30-33; Hebr. 3:12-14; Matt. 11:16-24						

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Church Picnic Family Service Deut. 30:15-20; Rom. 10:4-13(14-17); Luke 7:36-50	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan 11:15 a.m. Jonah 2; James 3:1-12; Matt. 12:31-42	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Mic. 6:6-8; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Matt. 20:20-28	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Psalms 39:5-14; 2 Tim. 2:8-13; John 5:1-15	29	30	31	1	2	3



Newsletter Partially Transitioning to Digital

As we all know, printing and postage are expensive, so in order to keep costs in check we encourage those of you who like getting your news via the internet to contact the office and let us know if you would prefer to receive the newsletter digitally. The newsletter is posted on the church website www.danishlutheranchurch.ca. If you still prefer the old fashioned way, and like to hold a hardcopy in hand, no problem, we will mail it to you as per usual. Website or by mail, a donation to help offset the costs would be welcome. Please use the envelope enclosed. For donations of \$25.00 or more, a tax receipt will be issued at the end of 2016.

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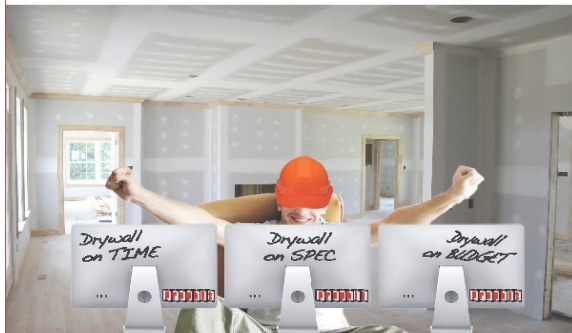
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