

Danish Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

Our ideas about Jesus span incredibly far. They range from Jesus being the good man, an ethical teacher, a moral role model (but not necessarily the Son of God), to the idea of Jesus being the divine, heaven-exalted Son of God, the Messiah, the Christ, the sovereign ruler of diseases, natural forces, and even over the devil and death.

On Good Friday in church we listen to a compilation of the four evangelists' presentations and experiences of Jesus' crucifixion and death. That way we get all the details: what John overlooked or omitted as less important, Matthew perhaps incorporated in his gospel; what Mark didn't discover or forgot, Luke maybe remembered. But what presentations and experiences would we have heard if we could have asked some of the other witnesses like Peter the denier of Christ, Jesus' mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, or the traitor Judas? Their presentations would probably be very different, reflecting their personal relationship with Jesus.

The disciple Judas—I wonder why he betrayed Jesus? Was he disappointed? Had he hoped for a rebel leader who could restore Israel's greatness? Did he kiss Jesus in the hope that in doing so facing the high priest and scribes he could convince them that Jesus really was the Messiah? Didn't Judas realize that it all would end in crucifixion? Is that why he ends up

committing suicide? Because everything got out of his hands?

Mary, who had carried Jesus in her heart, and had been so worried about him since the words of the angel, the shepherds, Simeon and Anna. Now he hangs helpless and agonized on the cross and is dying. Is that what she feared would happen when she had her darkest thoughts?

The rock-like Peter who was oh so sure of himself! In vain, he tried to persuade Jesus not to go to Jerusalem, because the suffering Jesus foretold didn't at all correspond with the ideas of Jesus that Peter had formed for himself. Terribly ashamed of his own weakness, he now stands at a distance, watching. He had been the first among the disciples to confess: "You are the Christ," and Jesus had entrusted him the keys of heaven, but he had also been the first one to disown Jesus in order to save his own skin. Now it was all shattered expectations and crushed concepts.

Mary Magdalene—maybe she was the sinner who was to be stoned because she was caught in the act of adultery. She had been waiting for the first stone to hit her body, but Jesus had given her back her life. He had seen her as she was without condemnation but with a love she had never anticipated. Now he who had saved her from her death sentence by using words alone was dying on the cross. How would she have described the

discrepancy between his powerful words and his powerless dying?

And finally, Jesus himself. What had he imagined? His prayer the last night in Gethsemane: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." It was a sigh full of the deepest pain but also of a readiness to surrender his life into the hands of God. On the cross, utterly alone and abandoned by both God and man, Jesus shouted to the God whom he taught us to call "our Heavenly Father". By calling on God, while he was most godforsaken, Jesus insisted on God's presence!

The suffering human being, God on the cross, God of the godforsaken, and the compassionate God. Christianity is the only faith in the world, which not only knows of but also worships a God in the shape of a suffering human being hanging on a cross with the eerie feeling of hopelessness and desolation! That is why Christianity is not just about either the human Jesus or a divine Christ. There is a third notion, which is wedged between these two notions. Christianity is about the desperate Jesus fighting in Gethsemane to maintain faith in the midst of his desolation and pain. Christianity is about Jesus who by dying is becoming Christ by tearing the veil of the inner sanctum of the temple and giving humanity free access to God's innermost and holiest nature. This truth God confirmed by raising Jesus, his son, from the dead.

Christianity is about Jesus sharing human life with us even when it hurts the most. As Christians we therefore can't imagine a God who can't or won't stay with us if everything around us or in us crashes into pieces. Fear, pain, desolation and death might not be terms we connect to our ideas of what a God should be like, but imagine if God wasn't far more than our of human conception of God! I believe that in

describing God there is no end to the conceptions we may have to use. Each of them is giving us a tiny glimpse of God—none of them can be dispensed with, and none of them can stand alone. However, these fleeting glimpses are meant to strengthen us when facing life at its hardest and most painful conditions and to encourage us to surrender our lives into the hands of God. We can walk in the confidence that he has gone before us so that not even in death we are without God.

Happy Easter, C. B.



Easter and Other Special Services

Maundy Thursday

On **March 24th**, at the church a Jewish-inspired Passover meal in the Hall will start at **6:00 p.m.**, followed by our Maundy Thursday service at 8:00 p.m. upstairs. You don't have to participate in the meal to come to the service, but if you want to partake in the meal please let our secretary know by **no later than March 17th**. Call 403-277-5804 or email danishchurchcalgary@gmail.com

Good Friday

On **March 25th**, at **10:00 a.m.**, our Good Friday service will be a liturgical service without sermon and communion.

General Prayer Day

Friday April 22nd at 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate General Prayer Day with a short evening service and afterwards there is coffee downstairs where the traditional kind of wheat buns are served toasted. This service is a special Danish tradition dating back to 1686.

Family Service and Potluck

May 29th is the fifth Sunday in May and we are going to have a child-friendly service. We hope to see a lot of children there!



Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting

The Church's Annual General Meeting will be held **May 1st, 2016**. After our morning service there will be a light lunch served in the hall downstairs and then we will start the meeting, at approximately **12:00 noon**. We hope to see all of you there. If you have questions or concerns, this is a good time to bring them up. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please let us know. You are needed! The reports, minutes from last year, and new agenda will be available two Sundays before the meeting. Look for them on a table in the downstairs hall. See you there.

On behalf of the Board,
Kristine Andersen

Dessert Night

On **April 6th at 7:30 p.m.**, the Viking Girls of our



church are happy to invite you to a "Night of Decadence". Here you may immerse yourself and your family and friends in all the cakes and desserts you can eat. The entrance fee this year is again only \$10.00. During the night there will be a

50/50 draw as well. The money collected this night will all go to "Hope Mission" here in Calgary. If you want to know more visit www.hopemission.com.

Spring Cleanup

This year our spring cleanup is set for **May 7th**. We will start **at 9:00 a.m.** and hopefully be done by 12:00 noon. After we are done working, we will all meet in the hall and finish with a light lunch. In case of inclement weather, **May 14th** is the alternate date. Many hands make light work!

Sing-a-long

Do you want to have the air in your lungs replaced with new fresh air? Come and sing along in the Church Hall **every 3rd Thursday in the month at 7:30 p.m.** This spring, Ketty Hoyem will again play her accordion, so we can all leave the hall warm, joyful, and with renewed lung capacity!

How Well Do You Know Your Own Town?

For many of us, the attractions of our own town are the last ones we see, if we ever get to see them! So we planned a trip to The Lougheed House on **June 2nd at 11:00 a.m.** We'll begin with lunch in their restaurant at 11:00 and afterwards a historic interpreter will guide us through the house and its story. Last day of enrollment will be **Sunday, May 22nd**. Transportation will likely be by carpool.



The Canadian Badlands Passion Play

How many of you would be interested in going to The Passion Play in Drumheller **Saturday July 23rd at 4:00 p.m.**? In order to get good seat, we will have to decide soon.

Last day of enrollment will be May 29th. If more than 15 are interested we can get 10% off the regular price. Seniors \$57.00, Adults: \$62.00, Youths \$44.00. Children under the age of six cannot be accommodated.

In the Community

Scandinavian Centre News

Folk dancing has started up again at the Scan Centre, 739 20th Avenue N.W. Sessions run from **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** on the **first and third Thursdays of each month** in the Valhalla Room. The cost is \$10.00 to join the Nordic Folkdance Society, and a \$5.00 per session drop-in fee or one-time \$50 fee for the rest of 2016. No partner necessary. The Scan Centre's Spring Concert takes place **Friday, May 6th, 7:00 p.m.** Tickets will be available at the Centre from April 15th on, for \$10.00 each. For more info on Scan Centre events, phone Alison at 403-283-1299 or Donna, the Centre manager, at 403-284-2610.

Take a Trip Around the World

The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada has arranged its annual Danish Heritage Seminar from **May 30th to June 4th, 2016**. This year it is held in Quebec. Headmasters will again be Jørgen and Kirsten Flensted-Jensen. For more information see pamphlets at the back of the church or call Rolf Christensen 1-613-747-9764.

Other Announcements

Can You Help?

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for helpers with their catering services at funerals. If you are free during the daytime and can volunteer a few hours when needed, please contact Louise Dresen, at 403-242-7894.

Advertising Opportunity

Our newsletter has space for advertising. Currently the newsletter goes out 350 households and is also posted on our website. If you or an acquaintance are interested in getting your name out there, please call the church office for more information. 403-277-5804.

Guest Speakers

The Mountain Bluebirds of Canada

March 29th at 7:30 p.m., Ron Crane will tell us about the Mountain Bluebirds through pictures and videos. He will share what they do and how we can help them with nesting, enemies, food, as well as their interesting character. Mountain Bluebirds are a very colourful and important group of birds common across our great country. They perform a great service to us in devouring many types of harmful insects, and they are so beautiful and gentle that everyone is excited to see them on occasion.



LAMP and the First Nations of Canada

On April 26th at 7:30 p.m., Ron Ludke will come



speak about his work as the Executive Director and Missionary Pilot with the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) since 2003. Ron has traveled to and dialogued with First Nations people all across Canada. He has actively been involved in the mission field, covering an area of a nearly a million square miles. Christian First Nation's elders want their faith to be passed down to the younger generation but few churches provide any Christian teaching. LAMP works with Christians in the remote communities of northern Canada providing Gospel-centered Christian education and pastoral support.



Confirmation 2016 - May 22nd

Mattias Kristensen Basboll and Joshua Propp

Tillykke! Congratulations!
May the Peace of God be with you!



Our Church Groups

Crafter's Group

We meet the **4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.** in the Mikkelsen room to work on craft projects for ourselves or the annual Church Bazaar. We will be meeting on **March 23rd, April 27th, and May 25th**. Come join us for an evening of fun & fellowship! Call Charlotte at 403-702-3832 for more information.

Ladies' Auxiliary

The ladies are busy preparing for the Bazaar in November. If you are home during the day and would like to join our group for fun and fellowship we would love to have you. The Ladies mainly do their crafts at home and bring them to the meeting. Come check us out. We meet the **third Monday of the month** unless it is a holiday. Our Ladies would like to wish you all a Happy Easter with family and friends. Louise Dresen: 403-242-7894.

louisedresen@yahoo.ca

Literate Vikings

We are watching a DVD series based on John Ortberg's book *Soul Keeping*. We meet on the **third Wednesday of each month** in the Mikkelsen room at **7:30 p.m.** Upcoming dates are **March 16th, April 20th, and May 18th**. After watching the DVD we have a lively study. Snacks and refreshments are provided! Contact Laurelie Martinson at 403-402-6462 or email laureliemartinson@gmail.com for more information or if you would like to be put on the email list.

Merry Kitchen Boys

The Merry Kitchen Boys meet every **first and third Tuesdays** of the month **6:00 p.m.** Come join for a night of food and comradery!

Prayer Line

The prayer line is active and available for support. Contact Krista at 403-681-0870 or email her at ktaldorf@yahoo.com.

Viking Girls

This fun women's group meets at **7:30 p.m.** on the **first Wednesday of the month**, usually in the Mikkelsen Room. On **March 2nd** we be learning East Indian cooking with Althea Mikkelsen. On **April 6th** we will be hosting our annual dessert night with proceeds going to Hope Mission. On **April 27th** we make gift baskets for the silent auction. On **May 4th** we are going on a tour of the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Call Charlotte at 403-702-3832 if you would like more information.



Looking Back

Mission Moments

Lutheran Hospital Ministries is a group of mostly volunteers that bring Jesus' healing, whether spiritual or emotional, to patients in hospital or in long term care centres. As our city has grown and our population ages there are more people to visit at more sites. Volunteers are needed and full training is provided. In the past, two members of our Church have been volunteers with LHM: Gurli Christophersen and Liselotte Basboll. And every spring there is a 5 km fundraising walk/run in Confederation Park to support LHM. In the past 5 years, our congregation has made up the largest group of participants in this walk. This year's walk is on **Saturday, April 30th starting 9:30 a.m.** at Faith Lutheran Church. You can join us on the walk, sponsor someone who will be doing the walk, or even become a volunteer visitor. Requests to have someone visited or to make a donation

directly are also welcome. For more information contact: lhmSac@gmail.com. Phone: 403 264-4045.



Treasurer's Report for 2015

I would like to let you know the income statement for 2015 shows:

Total Revenue: \$155 171.00

Total Expenses: \$157 428.00

The difference is **-\$2257.00**.

- Ulla Bartholdy

DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

April 29th, 2016

Danish Canadian Club - 727 11th Avenue S.W.

In the Valhalla Hall

Doors open at **5:00 p.m.** Dinner at **7:00 p.m.**

Call early to order tickets at **\$40.00 each**. Jens Lehmann can be reached at 403-540-0201.

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will carry on the tradition with many great and beautiful items for sale. It could be dinners in unusual places, a stay in a cabin, gift certificates, paintings, and more. Come and discover!

If you have anything to donate to this auction, it can be taken to the church office, but call Ixia to arrange this first. (403-277-5804) Regular office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It will be a tremendous help if there is a note attached with a description of the donation and the name of the person donating. Or e-mail a description of your donation to: jenslehma13@gmail.com.

We can only accept new items, or items in excellent condition. Great donation ideas are birthday gifts, Christmas presents, or any other gift you have received but can't really use. Please note that anything pledged after April 21st will not be in this auction.

Thank you to all who support this major fundraiser. It is very much appreciated.

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes, 7:00 p.m.	2 Viking Girls, 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
6 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Ex. 16:11-18 OR Psalm 145:8-16; 2 Pet. 1:3-11; John 6:24-35(36-37)	7	8 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11	12 Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
13 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Gen. 18:1-15 OR Is. 7:10-14; 1 Cor. 1:21- 31; Luke 1:46-55	14	15 Merry Kitchen Boys, 7:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes, 7:00 p.m.	16 Literate Vikings, 7:30 p.m.	17 Sing-a-long Night, 7:30 p.m.	18	19 Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
20 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday	21 Ladies' Auxiliary. 1:30 p.m. Zech. 9:9-10; Phil 2:5-11; Mark 14:3-9 OR John 12:1-16	22	23 Crafter's Group, 7:30 p.m.	24 Maundy Thursday Service, Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Service: 8:00 p.m. Psalm 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15	25	26 Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m. Good Friday Service, 10:00 a.m.
27 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Easter Sunday	28	29 Guest Speaker, 7:30 p.m. Ron Crane	30	31	1	2

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
3 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Is. 43: 10-12; Acts 2:22-28 OR 1 Pet. 1:17-25; John 21:15-19	4	5 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes, 7:00 p.m.	6 Viking Girls' Dessert Night, 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9 Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
10 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Psalm 23; Acts 2:36-41 OR Heb. 13:20-21; John 10:22-30	11	12 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
17 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Ex. 3:1-7, 10-14; Acts 4:7-12 OR Heb. 4:14-16; John 14:1-11	18 Ladies' Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m.	19 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes, 7:00 p.m.	20 Literate Vikings, 7:30 p.m.	21 Deadline for donating auction items Sing-a-long, 7:30 p.m.	22 Day of Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m. (Eng.)	23 Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
24 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Psalm 124; Acts 9:1-18; 2 Cor. 5:14-21; John 8:28-36	25	26 Guest Speaker Ron Ludke, 7:30 p.m.	27 Crafter's Group, 7:30 p.m.	28	29 Silent Auction and Dinner, 5:00 p.m.	30 Beginner's & Kid's Danish Class, 10:00 a.m. Lutheran Hospital Ministries Walk, 9:30 a.m.

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Annual General Meeting, 12:00 p.m. <i>Is. 44:1-8; Rom. 8:24-28</i> OR Acts 6:1-4; John 17:1-11	2 3 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes, 7:00 p.m. OR Acts 6:1-4; John 17:1-11	4 Viking Girls, 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Spring Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.	
8 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. <i>Joel 3:1-5; Rom. 8:31-39</i> OR Acts 1:12-14; John 17:20-26	9 10 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14 Backup Spring Cleanup Day, 9:00 a.m. Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.	
15 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Pentecost Jer. 31:31-34; Acts 2:1-11; John 14:15-21	16 Ladies' Auxiliary, 11:30 a.m.	17 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m., Advanced Danish Classes 7:00 p.m.	18 Literate Vikings, 7:30 p.m.	19 Sing-a- long, 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
22 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Confirmation, Trinity Sunday Is. 49:1-6; Eph. 1:3-14; Matt. 28:16-20	23 24		25 Crafter's Group, 7:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Beginner's and Children's Danish Classes, 10:00 a.m.
29 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Family Service Eccl. 5:9-19; 1 Tim. 6:6-12; Luke 12:13-21	30	31	1	2	3	4

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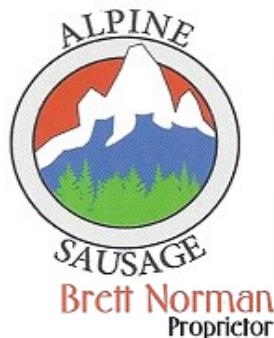


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