

Danish Lutheran Church

September 2016 - November 2016

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From the Pastor's Desk

A man dies and goes to Heaven. Outside Heaven's door he meets St. Peter.

"Well," says St. Peter, as he retrieves his huge account book. "It works like this - you must achieve 100 points to enter. You tell me all your good deeds, and I will assign you a number of points for each deed, depending on how good a deed, we are talking about. When you have 100 points, you'll get in."

"I have paid \$100 annually to the Lutheran World Relief," says the man.

"2 points."

"I've been married to the same woman for 50 years and I have never had an affair on the side - not even in my heart."

"Splendid. 3 points!"

"I have looked after my old mother for several years while she was very sick."

"1 Point."

"I've always been a volunteer leader when my children played hockey, and I've never gotten drunk or sworn in front of the children."

"Half a point."

"I've made sandwiches every month to our local soup kitchen and worked in a shelter for the homeless people."

"Great! 2 points more."

The man becomes more and more desperate. He lists all sorts of good deeds, but the accounts sneaks only up to about 10-11 points.

Finally, completely despairing the man cries: "With this scale of points only God's grace will open the doors of Heaven for me!"

"Welcome, come on in!" says St. Peter.

The door to the kingdom of heaven immediately open up wide while trumpets play and the man could walk straight in.

We all know similar jokes in different variations, but common to them all is that through St. Peter God is pictured the heavenly bookkeeper who keeps track of all the good but mostly bad things we have done or said.

The same way of thinking often arises when things go badly in our lives and misfortunes, accidents, illness, and death are flooding our family and acquaintances.



"What have I done wrong, since God is punishing me like this?" Or many blame themselves and say, "It's my own fault; I'd made a deal with God and I haven't kept my part of the deal." In the stories of the Old Testament, we often encounter God as the one who punishes his people if they don't act the way God wants.

But Jesus broke away from this fatalism. It is most clearly manifested in the Gospel of Luke 4:13, where it says: "Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?" Things happen—unfortunately—but Jesus emphasizes that we ourselves are not the cause of the accidents and God is not in the process of punishing. Instead, Jesus provides us with a new image of God. A picture in which God as a father sees to that the heavenly slate, on which the violations of everyone of us are recorded, is wiped clean forever.

Because we don't make any deals with God. It may well be that we *think* we do, but making deals is only something for us humans to do amongst ourselves. God, however, is of an entirely different nature and much larger than we can possibly imagine. That is why God is not bound to our petty sense of justice, e.g. "If I do this, you do that!"

No, the Christian belief, which Jesus spread, is new and different. Therefore it is described in the New Testament. It is the belief in God being like a hand and not like an umbrella! God doesn't shield us with His hand, so we are protected from all kinds of accidents raining down on us. On the contrary, He has created us in a way so we can withstand both the wind and rain of life. But God holds his hand under us, so when we stumble and get hurt and it happens from time to time in the course of our lives, then He grabs us and helps us back to our feet again.

And when the day comes when we are to die, then we don't disappear into a nothingness. No, that day God shall take us back into His hands. And that means that the Christian faith is a belief in that there is "something" on the other side. A belief in that when life's hour-glass runs out, His Word to us is spoken: in Paradise will God on high grant summer sun unbroken, Or, as we sing in one of our finest Danish harvest hymns, "the forest leaves are fading fast". In a given situation this belief doesn't take away neither our sorrow nor pain, but we learn to live with it because sorrow and pain are like wounds that form scars. They will never disappear, but they are signs that we have loved and cherished life with everything it comprises. And we know about what we love and cherish has a built-in time limit. One day what we loved comes to an end, even though we would have loved to say, do, and achieve so much more.

Therefore, life is all about living, loving, and being present here and now and with all our might in certainty that his heavenly grace God shall not hold against us what we didn't get to do, as if He is a scrupulous bookkeeper! On the contrary, He shall graciously welcome everything we actually got done! Knowing that we did our best though many times it may not look of much.

May you enjoy a warm and fruitful fall.

C. B.



Special Services

Harvest Service and Potluck

On **October 2nd** we'll have a family-friendly harvest service followed by a potluck during which the vegetables and fruit given to the church for decoration and for the children to carry in during the prelude are auctioned off for the benefit of the Sunday School.

Joint Chinese, Danish, English Potluck

On **October 30th at 10:00 a.m.** we are again this year having a joint service with the Chinese congregation "Hosanna" followed by a joint potluck as well, we hope to see a lot of people and we look forward to taste a lot of different Chinese, Canadian, and Danish dishes. During the service some of the prayers, texts and hymns will be in either Chinese, Danish or English. There will be a printed translation in English for the congregation to follow.

All Saints' Service

Like most churches all over the world on All Saints Day, our church is also reading the names of members of the congregation who have passed away since September last year. At the service on **November 6th at 10:00 a.m.** there will be a time of quiet reflection to let your thoughts center on the ones you have lost and still miss. Even if you have not lost a friend or member of your family, you are more than welcome to attend the service as well.

Other Announcements

Enrollment of Confirmands 2017

On **September 25th** after the service I will be signing up youths from the age of 13+ in preparation for confirmation. If you can't attend church that day, please contact our secretary in advance as the class will start the 2nd week of October. Contact info is in the back of the newsletter. Please bring or email a copy of your baptismal certificate, if you have one. Pastor Charlotte Berg

Stamp Box

Some of you may have seen the green cardboard box sitting in various locations in the Church basement. At the moment it is sitting on top of the piano. This box has been used for many years as a place to put used postage stamps. The used stamps are donated to either the Canadian Bible Society or taken by a volunteer to Denmark and given to the DSUK. The stamps are then sold to help support these good causes. Recently Marilyn Dybhaven has agreed to be the person to check the box, empty it, and then put the used stamps to the Church office until there is a good number of them collected. Even though most of us are getting less "snail mail" these days, it is still worthwhile to bring your used stamps to the Church. Just cut or tear the paper around the stamp, leaving about a 1 cm border. There is no need to take the stamps off of the paper. Thanks!

Christmas at Peter Lougheed's House

As some of you will know, we spent a very interesting lunch and afternoon in Peter Lougheed's house in beginning of June. Here we also learned that the Christmas display and decoration of the house is something worth seeing! Therefore an afternoon tea in Peter Lougheeds house in December will be planned. More information will follow in the bulletins and on the website as we get closer.



iPad Help

As more of you have invested in an iPad and have asked me for tips and ideas, I have planned 2 mornings in **October, on the 11th and 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** where we can meet. We can exchange questions and hopefully also give answers to some of your challenges. Send me your questions ahead of time so I have an idea of where to start. My email is charlotteberg1@gmail.com.
See you! Charlotte

Fall Clean-Up

On **Saturday, October 15th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** we need as many hands as possible to clean the church inside and out. Please try to keep the fifteenth open in your calendar. The more hands that help out the less time it will take. Afterward, Peter will have prepared a lunch for all who have spent their time and efforts on cleaning the church and its facilities.

In the Community

Choirs at the Scandinavian Centre

Adult and Youth Choirs start up again in September. The adult choir meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30—call Alison at 403-283-1299 for more information. The Youth Choir is for ages 8-14 and meets Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. E-mail inquiries to myyouthchoir@shaw.ca.

Scandinavian Folkdance Workshop

September 16th and 17th

Instructors: Mikkel Thompson and Ginny Lee

When: Friday 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Scandinavian Centre,

739 - 20 Avenue NW Calgary

Cost: \$100/adult, \$70/youth 12-17.

Includes 3 meals.

No partner needed. Registration form and more info at nordicfolkdance.ca

Deadline to register is September 10th.

Guest Speakers

Empathy and Humour and Herman Bang



We start this year's season of guest speakers with **Marina Allemanno**, who was unable to come in February. But on **September 27th, at 7:30 p.m.**, she will speak on the topic of "Empathy and Humour in Herman Bang's Writings", covering his

novels *Tine* and *Ved vejen*. Marina taught Danish and Scandinavian literature at the University of Alberta and has written books about contemporary Danish women writers. She also translates Danish literature and is translating a biographical novel about the Danish canonical writer Herman Bang.

Luanne Whitmarsh and the Kerby Centre

On **October 25th at 7:30**

p.m., the CEO of Calgary's Kerby Centre, Luanne Whitmarsh, will tell us about the programs and services offered by the Centre. Kerby Centre is an organization which assists older adults with information, education, recreation, support services, and much more.



Life and Fitness with Ketty Hoyem



On **November 22nd at 7:30 p.m.**, Ketty

Hoyem will come and share her life with us. She will tell us of the journey from the village 'No' to Calgary, and share some views on a healthy lifestyle to keep fit and healthy.



Our Church Groups

Crafter's Group

This group meets the **fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.** We work on handicrafts for the bazaar or some other project that we would like to complete. While we work we enjoy chatting and drinking a cup of coffee or tea (or two). We will meet on **September 28th, October 26th, and November 23rd.**

Anyone is welcome to attend and get some work done on a project you have been meaning to get to but haven't had the time to tackle. If you have any questions or want to know where we will be meeting on any of these evenings please call Pastor Charlotte at 403-719-3832.

Danish Classes

The Danish class for adults, Beginners 2 (for those who have completed the Beginners 1 class this past spring), starts on **October 1st at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** in the Mikkelsen Room next door the church. The class runs every Saturday morning except Oct. 15th and November 5th. The last class in the Fall will be December 3rd. Danish classes for children will run simultaneously, on the same dates. New Danish classes for adult beginners will start in the fall of 2017.

The Advanced Danish Classes for experienced learners will continue every **1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 4th until December 6th.**

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies are back in full force preparing for the Bazaar November 5th, 2016. Our first meeting will be held on **September 12th at 1:30 p.m.** All newcomers welcome for fun and fellowship. For information, contact Louise Dresen 403-242-7894 or by email at louisedresen@yahoo.ca

Literate Vikings

This lively group meets on the **third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.** in the Mikkelsen Room. Meetings for the fall are on **September 21st, October 19th and November 16th.** We will be viewing a DVD series called, "When God's People Pray", by Jim Cymbala. An interesting discussion will likely follow. Everyone is welcome to attend! For more information contact Karen Falkenberg-Andersen at 403-863-3115.

Merry Kitchen Boys

The members of MKB will meet again in late September, expect an email from Karsten. Last time I counted it came to 18 members, so I call it a success. This season I will try to find some more interesting instructors to show us other cultures ways of cooking, or just plain old fashioned Danish cooking. Vel moedt!

Sing-a-long Nights

This fall there will be no Danish Spirit Choir, instead we will meet for a sing-a-long in the basement **every 3rd Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. beginning September 15th.** These evenings are for the entire congregation and songs in both Danish and English will be sung. Come and enjoy the joy of singing!

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!



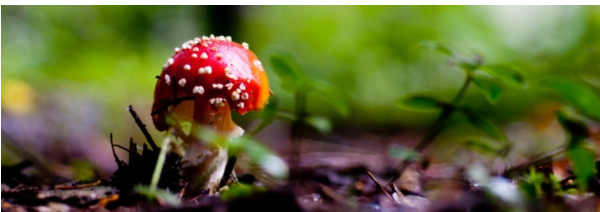
Sunday School

Starting in September there will be some changes to our Sunday School. Plans are for a team of people to teach the classes. There will be regular Sunday School lessons **on the 1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month, **beginning on September 18th at 10:00 a.m.** On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month there will be DVDs to watch. Only when there is a 5th Sunday in a month will the children be asked to stay in the church for the special family services that are held at those times.

In November we will be participating in the annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox project. To help raise money to buy some of the items to go in the shoeboxes there will be a vegetable auction after the potluck luncheon **on October 2nd**. Donations of vegetables and fruits for the auction are welcome! We hope to pack the shoeboxes **on Saturday afternoon, November 19th**, and then have supper and watch a movie together afterwards.

Viking Girls

The Viking Girls meet the **first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.**, usually in the Mikkelsen Room. Upcoming meetings will be on **September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th**. At the September meeting we will be planning activities up until Christmas time. We will also be assembling school kits for Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) to send to refugee camps or other needy areas in the world. Along with these kits we will also send away any completed pneumonia vests. For more information contact Pastor Charlotte Berg at [403-719-3832](tel:403-719-3832).



Looking Back

Summer Day Camp a Success!

Our summer kids' Bible Day Camp was held at the Church the week of July 18th-22nd. We had 13 children who participated for all or part of the week. The lessons and activities for the week were based on the life of the Apostle Paul, which was compared to a colossal roller-coaster ride. A big thank you to all of those volunteers who helped out: Ellen Basboll, Margaret Propp, and Liselotte Basboll who taught lessons, Charlotte Berg and Margaret Propp who did science experiments, Louise Dresen and Dianne Henderson who prepared all of the snacks, Tilly Olson who baked cookies for us, Mattias Basboll and Joshua Propp who helped out with games and supervision, Lis Petersen who was a patient grandmother to all, Alison Wiigs who went out of her way to drive some children to and from their homes, and Sonja Falkenberg-Andersen who helped out with crafts. And lastly, a thank you to Lars, Mattias, and Cecilie Basboll, who came along to Heritage Park on Friday afternoon and helped us keep an eye on the kids. It was a wonderful week and it couldn't have been done without you!

Karen Falkenberg-Andersen

DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR

November 5th, 2016

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

In the Valhalla Hall

From 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An open-faced sandwich lunch will be available at 11:00 a.m. Coffee and tea is free, other beverages are available for purchase. Come and join the fun and visit with friends you only meet at the Bazaar. There will be a craft booth, Christmas booth, bake sale, children's tombola, American lottery and other activities, plus a small silent auction. Lottery tickets are available at \$5.00 each for this year's valuable prizes.

First: \$ 2000.00 Cash Prize

Second: Two tickets for "Stage West" Value \$208.00

Third: Edelweiss store gift card valued at \$150.00.

Fourth: Two dinner tickets for next year's "Dinner and Auction".

The draw will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Bazaar.

If you have something to donate to the Bazaar or the silent auction contact Rita Carstensen at r.carstensen@telus.net or call her at 403-278-4058. Any information in this advertisement may change before the Bazaar.

Newsletter Partially Transitioning to Digital

In order to keep printing and postage costs in check we encourage those of you who own a computer to begin receiving our newsletter by email. Contact the office to make the switch. The newsletter is also posted on the church website. If you still prefer to receive a hardcopy, we will mail it to you as per usual. Regardless of method, a donation to help offset the costs would be welcome. Please use the envelope enclosed. Donations of \$25.00 are eligible for a tax receipt at the end of 2016.

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September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Psalms 73:23-28; Acts 8:26-29; Luke 10:38-42	5	6	7 Viking Girls, 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Psalms 139:1-12; 1 Cor. 15:21-28; John 11:19-45	12 Ladies' Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Sing-a-long, 7:30 p.m.	16	17
18 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Psalms 14:2-6; Jude 20-25 Mark 2:14-22	19	20	21 Literate Vikings, 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24
25 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Confirmants Enrollment Day Psalms 121; 1 John 4:12-16a; John 15:1-11	26 Ladies' Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m.	27 Guest Speaker, Marina Allemano, 7:30 p.m.	28 Crafter's Group, 7:30 p.m.	29	30	1

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Beginners' & Children's Danish Class, 10:00 a.m.
2 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Harvest Service Potluck Vegetable Auction Sunday School Readings at discretion of the pastor.	3	4 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes, 7:00 p.m.	5 Viking Girls, 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8 Beginners' & Children's Danish Class, 10:00 a.m.
9 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Thanksgiving Est. 5:1-7; Romans 11:25-32; Matt. 21:28-44	10	11 iPad Instructional Class, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Fall Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
16 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Ez. 18:1-4a; Rev. 3:7-13; Luke 13:1-9	17 Ladies' Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m.	18 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes,	19 Literate Vikings, 7:30 p.m.	20 Sing-a-long, 7:30 p.m.	21	22 Beginners' & Children's Danish Class, 10:00 a.m.
23 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Is. 49:13-18; Eph. 4:30-32; Matt 18:1-14	24	25 iPad Instructional Class, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	26 Crafter's Group, 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29 Beginners' & Children's Danish Class, 10:00 a.m.
30 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Joint Chinese, Danish, English Potluck Jer. 7:1-11; Phil. 3:17-21; Mark 12:38-44	31 Ladies' Auxiliary 12:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker, Luanne Whitemarsh, 7:30 p.m.				

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes, 7:00 p.m.	2 Viking Girls, 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5 Annual Church Bazaar, 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
6 Eng. 10:00 a.m. All Saints' Service Sunday School Ez. 49:8-11; Rev. 21:1-7; Matt. 5:1-12 OR Matt. 5:13-16	7 Winter Newsletter Submission Deadline	8	9	10	11	12 Beginners' & Children's Danish Class, 10:00 a.m.
13 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; John 5:17-29	14	15 Merry Kitchen Boys, 6:00 p.m. Advanced Danish Classes, 7:00 p.m.	16 Literate Vikings, 7:30 p.m.	17 Sing-a-long, 7:30 p.m.	18	19 Beginners' & Children's Danish Class, 10:00 a.m.
20 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Micah 4:1-3; 1 Cor. 3:10-17; Matt 11:25-30	21	22 Guest Speaker, Ketty Hoyem, 7:30 p.m.	23 Crafters' Group, 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26 Beginners' & Children's Danish Class, 10:00 a.m.
27 Eng. 10:00 a.m. Dan. 11:15 a.m. First Sunday in Advent Psalms 25 OR Psalms 100; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 21:1-9	28	29	30	1	2	3



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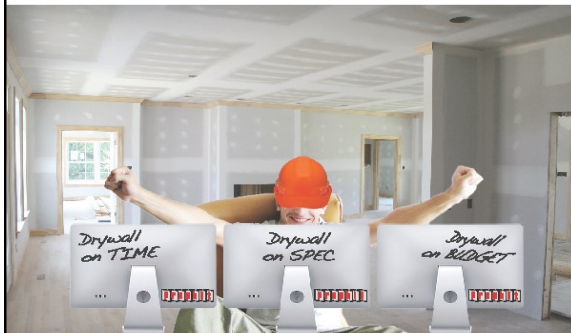
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