



DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 2017 - November 2017

Pastor's Corner

At this writing it is vacation time. Right now it is summer and until now, it has been a very hot summer!! Time for guests or for being a guest! Time for getting out and explore new places! Time for getting our bodily batteries "recharged", so we have the strength to face Winter with its snow, ice and very low temperatures!

And winter will come and so will everyday life; "The Grind" some might say. But every week we are offered a ray of light and comfort. Some might not think much of it, but for a lot of people, myself included, this is the point the rest of the week revolves around. I will describe it by using a poem written by a colleague of mine in Denmark and translated by me, to the best of my poor abilities.



I love the worship service --
most of all, I love the worship service;
the slow awakening to the known hope,
that is not all that well known after all,
but alive.
And, at the same time, the well known and yet
unfamiliar faces of others.

The opening up of the hymn book,
The morning hymns,
The familiar smell of the church,
The readings of the day,
The readings about the day -- and Life.

I love the worship service --
even with, and despite all its irritations:
children who are noisy,
confirmands who are texting,
bad singing or no singing at all,
someone who is late,
kids who are bored and need to go pee.

I love the worship service --
the ritual of baptism;
we are more than biology.
we are not robots of flesh.

A good pew,
and yet the urge to rise.
getting up over and over again:
the Creed and the Bible readings --
good for life,
good for the back.

maybe a good sermon:
balm for the soul,
nourishment for the spirit,
healing of the heart,
or just digressive thoughts on a long voyage in the
House of God.

I love the worship service --
not in contrast to concerts, reading of the Gospel,
and outstanding and captivating talks.
You've got to have that too!

Sermon --
So much unsaid that hangs almost like a vague
gauze in the air afterwards.
behind it, the red numbers in the account of your
heart may faintly be seen;
A spiritual hangover that only proper communion
can cure.

Church festivals –
lots of room for spiritual effervescence. That's fine,
let it bubble!

But what a blessing to sit in Sunday's pew
and hear about the known, and yet not so well
known, hope.

It always ends with the blessing.

I love the worship service --
I'm crazy about it!
Joy and ecstasy! How I love the worship service.

Written by Lars Kirkeby, pastor in Balle,
Silkeborg. - adapted from Dan Turell's
"I Love the Everyday life!"

I hope al lot of you agree with what is said in
the poem and that we'll frequently see each other in
the Church as the winter closes in and the happy
warm summer with its fun and pleasures seems far
away.

Let the leaves and flowers wither, God's word
and His church stay alive!!

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Harvest service and Potluck September 24.

We'll have a family-friendly **harvest service** fol-
lowed by a potluck lunch during which the vegeta-
bles and fruits 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. We hope to see many if not of all the chil-
dren belonging to our Church at the time. Donated
vegetables, fruits, or flowers from your gardens for
decoration and later for the auction will be received
with deep appreciation.

Reformation Service and Medieval Dinner!

Sunday October 15. at 5 pm our Reformation ser-
vice will be held, honouring the 500th anniversary of
Luther hanging up his 95 theses on the door of the
Castle Church in Witttenberg. The service is fol-
lowed by a medieval dinner, and as it is **not** a pot-
luck there will be a fee of \$15 to pay to participate in
a 3 course dinner.

Family service

October 29th at 10:00 am we will have our first
family service of the Fall followed by a potluck
lunch! We hope to see all the children of the Church
then. Feel free to bring your friends!

All Saints service

Sunday November 5th is All Saints Day. At the ser-
vice at 10 am we will commemorate those who have
passed away and left us behind in the past year.
(Since late September 2016). The sermon will take,
as its starting point, the hope we are given, namely
that our deceased ones now rest in the loving hands
of God. We will share our sorrow and our joy of
what our dear ones gave us while they were still
part of our lives. From the pulpit the names of the
deceased ones will be mentioned. Even if you have
not lost a member of your family, or a friend, or do
not yet have someone to miss at all, you are of
course more than welcome to attend the service as
well. A special invitation will be sent to the families
who have been connected with our Church regard-
ing this celebration of the life of their dear ones who
have passed away.

C.B.



Guest speakers:

Our first guest speaker this Fall is **Susan Smed**, a daughter of the late Kaj & Lydia Smed. Susan will be speaking **September 26 at 7:30 pm in the church hall**. Based on Lydia's book, she will tell about her mother's life in Canada. Susan will be bringing some of her mom's books along.



Our second "guest" speaker is our pastor herself. She will give a speech about the Reformation due to the 500th Anniversary of Luther's 95 theses.

Note the date will be October 24 at 7:30 pm, on the last Tuesday in October is Halloween.



Our third guest speaker is **Robert Douglas Francis**, former professor at the dept. of History and Classics at the University of Calgary. Due to the 150th anniversary of Canada, he'll give a speech about *The Rise of the Canadian Nation* on **November 28 at 7:30 pm**.

After every presentation, we will have coffee and or tea and goodies. Hope to see you all!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

This year's Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Valhalla Hall at the Danish-Canadian Club as usual BUT on **Saturday, November 18**.

Message from the President of the Church Board:

Donation from the Danish Canadian Club

I would like to thank the Danish Canadian Club for their donation of \$7,500 that was presented to Charlotte, Liselotte and myself by Bente at the service on Sunday, July 15. This support shows and underlines the strong ties between our Danish organizations in Calgary. This gift will assist us in continuing to be a part of the Danish Community and in keeping various Danish traditions alive for years to come.



Re: Pastor Charlotte's Contract

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that we have received a commitment from Charlotte and Peter to extend their stay with us for another 5 years (until 2023). We have received approval of the extension from DSUK in Denmark. We are all very appreciative of the work both Charlotte and Peter are doing here not just in our Congregation, but throughout the Danish community in Calgary. I think I can safely say that both the Congregation and the Board are looking forward to an additional 5 years with both Charlotte and Peter.

Karsten Dalberg



CHURCH GROUPS

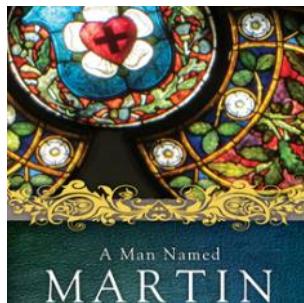
THE VIKING GIRLS meet the first Wednesday of each month, starting in September, in the Mikkelsen House (next to the Church, 210-10 St. NE) at 7:30 pm unless otherwise notified. Upcoming meetings will be on **September 6** for to plan and organize for the year. Then we will meet again on **October 4th** and **November 1st**. For more information contact Pastor Charlotte Berg at [403-719-3832](tel:403-719-3832). We are a group of approximately 20 ladies. Our program varies each year with activity input from the members. We have outings, movie night, demonstrations and speakers. During the year we also assist/support the Church's Annual Bazaar, The Annual Spring Auction and make Christmas decorations for sale, with proceeds going to the Church. We have for the past 5 years held our annual fundraiser "Dessert Night", where the money raised is donated to a chosen charity as part of giving back to our community. We WELCOME one and all...the more the merrier.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies group is having their first meeting of the fall on September 18th at 1:30 pm in the Mikkelsen Room. All newcomers are welcome to come for fun and fellowship. For more information contact Louise Dresen: 403-242-7894 or louisedresen@yahoo.ca

Study Group

As promised this Fall we will continue our Reformation study using the Part 3 in the series from Lutheran Hour Ministries called "A Man Named Luther: The Movement". Here we will see how the Reformation transformed European societies and put a profound mark on "The New World". We start **September 14th at 7:30 pm in Mikkelsen Room. See the calendar for other dates.**



All are welcome.
C.B.

Danish Classes:

Danish classes for children and adult beginners will start **September 16th at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** in the Mikkelsen Room (next door the Church). The classes runs every Saturday morning and if there is any exception each class will be notified about this. **We encourage you to show up from the very start as you otherwise you soon fall too far behind to catch up with the class and the next class for beginners isn't scheduled until the Fall of 2019.** A fee of \$30 will apply for copies of lesson material. For further information contact Anne Christopher at a.holst2@gmail.com

Crafter's Group:

This group meets the **4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm**. We work on handicrafts for the bazaar or other projects that we'd like to complete. While we work, we enjoy chatting and drinking a cup of coffee or tea (or two). We will meet on **September 27th, October 25th, and November 22nd**. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, like where we'll be meeting, then please call Pastor Charlotte at 403-719-3832.

Literate Vikings:

This lively group meets on the **third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm** in the Mikkelsen Room. Upcoming meeting are on **September 20, October 18, and November 15th**. We will be starting a book and DVD called, "**More to Your Story**", by Max Lucado. An interesting discussion always follows whatever we have watched. Everyone is welcome to attend! For more information, contact Karen Falkenberg-Andersen at 403-863-3115.



Thursday September 21st and every 3rd Thursday in the month, Ketty with her accordion will again give us the opportunity to exercise our lungs by singing! Singing is quite addictive, so take care! But for those of you, who dare take the risk, hours of fun, old and new songs, and the opportunity to socialize will be waiting for you!

**Fall Clean-up; Saturday, October 14
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm.**

We need as many hands as possible to clean the church inside and out. Please try to keep the date 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 our Church and its facilities.



Enrollment date for confirmants, for confirmation in 2018, is October 1st.

After the services, youths from age 13+ can be enrolled in preparation closes for the confirmation in the Spring 2018. Please remember to bring a copy of your baptismal certificate. If you are not able to attend the service that Sunday please call or email me after September 12.

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



Operation Christmas Child 2017:

We plan to participate in Operation Christmas Child again this fall. All proceeds from the vegetable auction in September will be used to buy items for the shoeboxes. In addition you can give funds, or items that you would like to contribute, to Karen up until November 11. On **Saturday November 11th, starting at 4:30 pm** the children from our congregation will meet in the Sunday School room to pack **shoeboxes**. This will be followed by a **supper** in the Church basement followed by a movie. This has been a great deal of fun in the past and we hope to be able to do the same again this year.

As well, **National Collection Week for shoebox gifts is November 13 - 19**. We have asked to have our Church serve as a collection site again this year. For this to work **we need volunteers** to be in the Church office in the morning and/or afternoon from about 9:00 am to 5:00 each day that week. If you would be willing to help out by being one of those volunteers please let Karen know or call her at 403-863-3115.



Mission Moments:

Voice of the Martyrs is a Christian organization that works to help people who are being persecuted or imprisoned for their Christian faith. The organization was started by Richard Wurmbrand who was born in 1909 into a Jewish family in Bucharest, Romania. In 1938 Richard became a Christian and then became a Lutheran pastor. In 1948 Pastor Wurmbrand got into trouble with the communist government of Romania for saying publicly that Christianity and communism were incompatible. He was jailed for 8 1/2 years then released in 1956. He resumed working with the underground church and ended up in jail again for another 5 1/2 years. He was regularly tortured and spent 3 years in solitary confinement. His wife Sabina was also jailed in 1950 for 3 years in a labour camp. Pastor Wurmbrand was eventually released due to a letter-writing campaign by Norwegian Christians and their payment of a \$10,000 ransom. After being released Pastor Wurmbrand came to America where he founded the Voice of the Martyrs. He died in 2001 at the age of 91.

Voice of the Martyrs works to improve conditions for persecuted Christians around the world. Their website www.vomcanada.com has a list of Christians that you can write to and pray for that are known to be jailed for their faith. Instructions are provided. You can also write to government authorities to try and improve the situation for all Christians in certain countries. Funds raised by VOM are used to help the families of Christians who are left destitute due to a family member being in jail, or to help those orphaned or widowed due to family members having been killed for their faith. An estimated 100,000 Christians around the world die each year for their faith. As Pastor Wurmbrand said, when his feet were being beaten his mouth cried out. In the same way, when our brothers and sisters in the faith suffer in other parts of the world we can speak up to help them.

Sunday School Notes:

Our Sunday School usually meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Any Sunday that there is no Sunday School class those children who come to Church can go with an adult over to watch a DVD during the sermon. There will be no Sunday School classes in September. Sunday School classes will be held on **October 1, October 15, November 5, and November 19.**

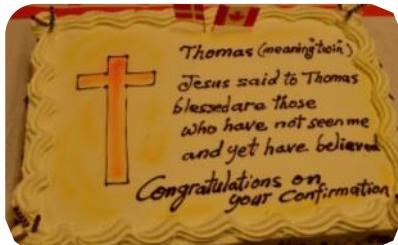
Cecilie, Karen, Liselotte, Markus, Ron, Sonja



Since our last Newsletter:

July 2nd the two confirmands of this year, Thomas and Viggo, were confirmed.

It was a very festive day. They both did an excellent job during the service and afterwards we enjoyed the delicious layer cake bought for this celebration.



August 13th The elite team of Gymnasts from Ollerup visited the church and, though still under the influence of jetlag and not used to performing on a lawn, they did a fantastic job! We thank them all for a very good experience!

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!



Choirs at the Scandinavian Center:

739 20 Ave. N.W., Calgary

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 at 6 p.m.

E-mail inquiries to myyouthchoir@shaw.ca.

Scandinavian Folkdance Workshop, Sept. 15-17

Learn old-time couple dances and group dances from instructors Mikkel Thompson and Ginny Lee

When: Friday at 4:30 p.m. through Sunday lunch

Place: RED DEER, Festival Hall at 4214-58 Street

Cost: \$100, includes 4 meals and Saturday night dance with a live band. No partner needed.

Registration form and more info at
<http://www.nordicfolkdance.ca/events/>
Deadline to register is Sept. 8

DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR

November 18th, 2017

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.

AN EVENING WITH LINDA OLSEN on October 12th, 7:30 pm at the Danish-Canadian Club. Linda Olsen is currently anchoring Global News at 5:00 pm and Global News Hour at 6:00 pm

Doors (bar) open at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Speaker at 7:30 p.m.

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Seafood Platter served to the table
2 kinds of Herring
Smoked Salmon with Asparagus
Egg & Shrimp
Filet of Sole

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 am English Psalms 115: 1 - 9; 2 nd Cor. 3: 4 - 9; Mark 7: 31 - 37	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 am English 11:15 am Danish Lev. 19: 1-2, 9-18; Gal. 2: 16 -21; Luke 10: 23-37	11	12	13	14	15	16
		7:00 pm Board Meeting		7:30 pm Study Group		10:00 am Danish Classes
17 10:00 am English 11:15 am Danish Psalms 103: 1-13 (22); Gal. 5:(16) 22-25 or Rom. 7: 15-19; Luke 17: 11-19	18	19	20	21	22	23
	1:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary	6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys	7:30 pm Literate Vikings	7:30 pm Sing-a-long		10:00 am Danish Classes
24 10:00 am English Harvest Service w. Potluck Gen. 8: 20-22; 9:12-16; Gal. 5: 25-6, 8; Matt. 6: 24-34 Family Service Vegetable Auction	25	26	27	28	29	30
		7:30 pm Guest	7:30 pm Craft Group	7:30 pm Study Group		10:00 am Danish Classes

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am English Job 19: 23-27 or Job 3: 11-22; Eph. 3: 13-21; Luke. 7: 11-17 Sunday School Confirmation Registration	2	3	4 Merry Kitchen Boys	5 7:30 pm Study Group	6	7 10:00 am Danish Classes
8 10:00 am English 11:15 am Danish Thanksgiving Service Psalm 19: 2-7; Ephesians 4: 1-6 and Luke 14: 1-11	9	10 7:00 pm Board Meeting	11	12 7:30 pm Study Group	13	14 (No Danish Class) Fall Clean Up
15 5:00 pm Reformation Service followed by medieval dinner at 7:00 pm Is. 40: 18-25; 1 st Cor: 1, 4-8; Matt. 22: 34-46 Sunday School	16	17 1:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary	18 6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys	19 7:30 pm Literate Vikings	20	21 10:00 am Danish Classes
22 10:00 am English 11:15 am Danish Is. 44: 22-28; Eph. 4: 22-28; Mark. 2: 1-12 Sunday School	23	24	25 7:30 pm Guest Speaker	26 Crafters Group	27	28 (No Danish Class for Adults)
29 10:00 am English Family Service w. Potluck Jer 18: 1-6; Eph. 5: 15-21; Matt 22: 1-14	30	31				

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 pm Viking	2	3	4 (No Danish Class)
5 10:00 am English All Saints Is 60: 18-22; Rev 7: 1-12 (13-17); Matt 5: 1-12 Sunday School	6	7 6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys	8	9	10	11 (No Danish Class) 4:30 pm Packing OCC Shoeboxes
12 10:00 am English 11:15 am Danish Gen 50: 15-21; Phil 1: 6-11; Matt 18: 21-35	13	14 12:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary (Bazaar prep)	15 7:00 pm Board Meeting	16 7:30 pm Literate Vikings	17	18 (No Danish Class) 11:00 am - 2:30 pm Christmas Bazaar
19 10:00 am English Amos 8: 4-7; Rom 13: 1-7; Matt 22: 15-22 Sunday School	20	21 6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys	22	23 7:30 pm Craft Group	24	25 10:00 am Danish Classes
26 10:00 am English 11:15 am Danish Is. 65: 17-19; 2 nd Thess. 2: 13-17; Matt. 25: 31-46	27	28 7:30 pm Guest Speaker	29	30		

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