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Pastor's corner

The newsletter you are about to read is covering the time from harvest over All Saints to the End of the church year.

A common feature of this period is Death! Death like the harvest, like parting and like the doom of the earth and of times.

The parting and the doom of the earth and of times are sometimes compared to labor pains or a birth giving woman in the Bible (Revelation 12.2 and John 16:21), that is, compared with something we know ends well and with life!

A new outlook on life and death

One of the main points of Jesus' mission in life is precisely to free us human beings from an unfounded fear of death and to open our eyes to the fact that death isn't life's contrast, but a servant of life!

Our time on earth is framed by two gates. At the gate of birth we leave the darkness and water of the uterus and enter into a world of light and air, as we are transformed from fetuses to children.

At the gate of death, we leave this earthly world, hopefully into another world behind the limit of time, as we are transformed from a human being to a spirit / soul! Both ports are therefore, seen from one side a death and from the other side a birth.

Death as a standstill in the middle of life

Everyone of us knows that our lives might stagnate and grind to a halt, though death has in no way occurred.



When stagnation occurs in our lives, it is often because we dare not change or completely close some of the different relationships we are in, even though they are no longer viable and fruitful - be it in our marriage, the family, the circle of friends or at work .

Grab life in death

Jesus' call to us is that we must dare cooperating with Death when it occurs in one form or another - dare taking the plunge into the unknown and unfamiliar instead of desperately holding on to what is safe and familiar.

Because Death per se is only preliminary to a birth/ resurrection.

Just before Jesus died, he tried to impress upon the disciples this new attitude towards death.

Jesus' death was not the end of His life with His disciples, it was rather a necessary transition and transformation into what would prove to be the dawn of a new and richer period of their common life.

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This might be worth keeping in mind now that we are facing the short days of Fall and we should we forget them, then we may pray: "God, give us back faith
faith through the deepest darkness,
life through night and death!"

The hymn translated by me is written by Svein Ellingsen in 1976, transl. in to Danish by Holger Lissner in 1992 .

C. B.



JOINT SERVICE

October 18th at 10am we are having a joint service with the Chinese congregation "Hosanna" followed by a joint potluck as well, where I hope to see and taste a lot of 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

As in most churches all over the world on All Saints Day we too in The Danish Lutheran Church read the names of members of the congregation who have passed away since September last year.

At the service **November 1st at 10 am** there will be a time of quiet reflection to let your thoughts center on the ones you have lost and still miss.

Even though you have not lost a member of your family, or a friend, 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 regarding the celebration of the life of their dear ones who have passed away.



FAMILY SERVICE

November 29th, is the 1st Sunday in Advent and the 5th Sunday of the month, so at 4 pm, we have the first family service this Fall. And the theme of the service will be **ADVENT**. The service will begin with the children of our congregation entering the church singing Santa Lucia. Afterwards there will be a potluck dinner.



PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2016

October 4th after the service I will sign in young people from the age of 13+ for the preparation for confirmation. If you can't be present in the church that day, please contact our secretary in advance as the class is expected to start the 2nd week of October.

The office hour are Tues-Thursday 10-12 noon and the phone number is 403-277-5804. The email address for the church is danishchurchcalgary@gmail.com.

Please bring or email me a copy of your baptismal certificate, if you have one.

Pastor Charlotte Berg

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SCANDANIVIAN CENTRE

Everyone is welcome

In the fall, children ages 8-14 from all over Calgary come to the Scan Centre to sing in a choir.

Learn to sing

Foundations of singing are taught including pitch, tone and voice control.

Kid focused

The fund and kid-focused approach is ideal for beginners and experienced singers.

To learn more and to register contact Marg at myyouthchoir@shaw.ca or phone her at 403.681.7985.



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ALPINE SAUSAGE HOURS:

Tuesday- Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
Closed Sunday, Monday

GUEST SPEAKERS

This year 2 guest speakers are invited in.

October 27th at 7.30 pm
our Danish honorary Consul Robert A. Seidel is visiting us.

In his everyday life he is an environmental lawyer who works with clients in both the private and public sectors.

Robert A. Seidel advises clients in the oil and gas industry regularly.

His experience includes advising clients on rights, liabilities and obligations concerning environmental issues arising in business transactions and the use of property.



November 24th at 7.30 pm Anthea Mikkelsen is invited to tell us about her life that started in India where she was born. Later she was lead to move to England and finally she settled in Calgary, where she has now lived for 44 years.



DANISH FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS (Beginners)

This Fall the classes start **Saturday September 26th at 10 am.**

The adults meet in the Mikkelsen room while the children meet in the Sunday School room.

There is no fee, but donations to the church are always welcome.

ADVANCED DANISH CLASS

(must have completed beginners class)

We start up our meetings **Tuesday October 6th at 7pm-9pm in the Mikkelsen room.**

The class will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month.

There is no fee but donations to the Church are always welcome.



FALL CLEAN-UP

We are aiming at **Saturday, October 24th, 9am—12 noon** for the Fall clean-up of our church, so it will be nice and sweet-smelling to enter and so cleaned eavestroughs will prevent water from running though the ceilings and into our basements.

*Should the weather be harsh early in October, so the 24th might be too late, then the date of the clean-up will be changed to **October 17th** same time.*

So please try to keep those 2 Saturday mornings open in your calendar because the more hands that reach out to help the less time it will take.

Afterwards Peter will have prepared a lunch for all who have spent their time and efforts on cleaning the church and its facilities.



CRAFTER'S GROUP

We meet the **4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm** to work on craft projects for ourselves or the annual Church bazaar'

We will meet on **September 23, October 28 and November 25**. Come join us for an evening of fun & fellowship! Call Charlotte at 403-702-3832 to check on where we are meeting on a given evening.

PASTOR'S STUDY GROUP

The gospel of John is so different from the other three gospels. The reason is because John's gospel is written on more levels.

John doesn't just want to tell us what happened historically when Jesus went around among us, he also wants to get into the deeper meaning of what happened and what Jesus had said and therefor there is a level filled with symbolism parallel to the historical level.

And finally newer researches also suggests that the gospel of John can be read as path of faith of the disciples, those back then and of us today.

In order to avoid rush hours and work hours, doctor's appointments and all the many details that take up our time the class will be held **on Saturdays from 1pm-3pm every second week beginning September 26th** and to get a discussion going a participation of minimum five steady participants are needed for the group to get up and running.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Our Sunday School resumes on September 20. We meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Dates for the fall are September 20, October 4 & 18, and November 1 and 15. If you have children, grandchildren, or know other children who may be interested in coming to our Sunday School please pass on this information to them. Our theme this year is stories Jesus told.

We will also continue collecting money for a mini-barnyard of animals (2 chickens, 2 rabbits, 2 pigs, and a sheep) to go to a poor family in Asia. The cost is \$152 and so far we have collected just over \$109. As well, in November we will pack shoebox gifts, to be distributed to poor children overseas, through Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse.

Karen

MERRY KITCHEN BOYS

Here we go again. The first meeting is **Tuesday, October 6th**. As is tradition, I cook on the first night and we all meet at 6 o'clock in the church basement. We will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Peter Berg



LITERATE VIKINGS

After the success of last season's study of John Ortberg's "Who is this Man". We have decided to continue with another book of his titled "Soul Keeping". John Ortberg along with Dallas Willard explore how we understand and care for the soul.

Our meetings start with a 20 minute video and are followed by discussion. You are not required to purchase any books, we share the books we have over the months of the study.

We meet in the Mikkelsen Room at 7:30 pm. on the third Wednesday each month.

We have coffee and sweets and everyone is welcome.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

We hope you all had a great summer! The ladies will be very busy the next two months getting items completed and finalized etc. for the Bazaar on Nov. 7th. If you would like to join our fun group of ladies in fellowship, please do not hesitate to attend our meetings. First meeting of the fall will be Sept. 14th. Louise Dresen 403-242-7894 or louise-dresen@yahoo.ca

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will not take place this year due to low turn attendance. In place of this study you are encouraged to attend the study on Saturday with Pastor Charlotte. (See Gospel of John article)

NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Eng 10:00 am Sunday School All Saints' Service Is 60,18-22; Rev 7,1-12[13-17]; Matt 5,1-12	2 12:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary	3 6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys 7-9:00 pm Advanced Danish Class	4	5 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	6	7 Bazaar
8 Eng 10:00 am 11:15 am Danish Amos 8:4-7; Rom 13:1-7; Matt 22: 15-	9	10	11	12 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	13	14 10 am Beginner's Danish Class 1-3 pm Bible study, gospel of John
15 Eng 10:00 am Sunday School EZ 37:1-14 or Dan 7:9-10+13-14; Col 1:9b-14; Matt 9:18-26	16	17 6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys 7-9:00 pm Advanced Danish Class	18 7:30 pm Literate Vikings	19 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	20	21 10 am Beginner's Danish Class Kids' Sleepover for kids of the church and their friends
22 Eng 10:00 am 11:15 am Danish Is. 65,17-19; 2. Thess. 2,13-17; Matt. 25,31-46	23	24 7:30 am Guest Speaker Anthea Mikkelsen	25 7:30 pm Crafter's Group	26 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	27	28 10 am Beginner's Danish Class 1-3 pm Bible study, gospel of John
29 Eng 4:00 pm Family Service Is. 42,1-9; Rom. 13,11-14; Luke 4,16-30						

OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 10:00 am Eng Sunday School <i>Is. 40, 18-25; 1. Cor. 1,4-8; Matt. 22,34-46</i>	5 6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys 7-9:00 pm Advanced Danish Class	6 6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys 7-9:00 pm Advanced Danish Class	7	8 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	9	10 10 am Beginner's Danish Class
11 10:00 am Eng 11:15 am Danish Thanksgiving <i>Is. 44,22-28; Eph. 4,22-28; Mark. 2,1-12</i>	12	13	14	15 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	16	17 10 am Beginner's Danish Class
18 10:00 am Eng Sunday School <i>Jer 18:1-6; Eph 5:15- 21; Matt 22:1-14</i>	19	20 6:00 pm Merry Kitchen Boys 7-9:00 pm Advanced Danish Class	21 7:30 pm Literate Vikings	22 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	23	24 9 am - 12 noon <i>Fall Clean-up</i>
25 10:00 am Eng 11:15 am Danish 2 King. 5,1-5.9-15 or Ez. 18,1-4a; Eph. 6,10 -17; John 4,46-53	26	27 7:30 pm Guest Speaker Robert Seidel	28 7:30 pm Crafter's group	29 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	30	31 10 am Beginner's Danish Class

DO YOU NEED A NEW DANISH PASSPORT

The Danish Embassy will be in Calgary on October 15th, 2015 to accept Passport Applications.

If anyone is interested in booking an appointment, please send an email to ottambconsular@um.dk with "Biometric passport trip" in the subject and include your name, phone number and email address requesting an appointment for the Calgary trip.

You will then be contacted by the Embassy with a specific time and date for the appointment.



THE DANISH SPIRIT CHOIR will start up **Thursday, October 1st at 7:30 p.m.** and we will meet every Thursday.

Come ready to sing your heart out, have a great time and be a part of a fun group of people. We sing a mix of songs based on the audience of our performances, the event and requests from choir members.



DEACONS LUNCH AND WORKSHOP

On Oct. 4th there will be a Workshop/Information meeting for all deacons. We will be trained in the use of Sound system, chair lift, oil lamps and the many other chores on Sunday mornings.

This will happen after the Sunday Service. Peter and the Merry Kitchen Boys has promised to serve us Lunch that day.

If you are not on our deacons list, but would like to serve in that capacity sometimes, just show up and join the team.

PRAYER LINE

The prayer line is available for those who request prayer support . All requests are confidential. Please call Krista Taldorf

at 403.681.0870 or email her at ktaldorf@yahoo.com.



MISSION MOMENTS

Our congregation is already quietly involved in mission work. One of these ways is through our Sunday School. For many years now the children have had a collection when they meet for Sunday School classes. Over the years the children have funded many projects in poor countries. They have bought chickens, paid for a bicycle for a medical worker, provided a beehive, any many other projects, both big and small.

Last year the children finished collecting money to pay for a village well through Canadian Lutheran World Relief. It was their most expensive project at \$1900, and it took about 18 months to collect and raise this money.

Last spring they got a letter back from CLWR and the well is being put into a village in the Afar region of Ethiopia in the NE corner of Africa. A well transforms peoples lives as their health improves with clean water to drink, the women and children do not have to walk for hours each day searching for water to bring home; women can care for their families better and children can go to school.

Animals and crops have water too so that people have better foods to eat. And, by spending more time in the village instead of wandering around the countryside looking for water and grass for the animals, the people have access to healthcare and other help provided by the government and aid agencies.

Thank you to all of you that help with the Sunday School collections, whether it is with a few coins or a bigger donation. Everything goes to the project the children choose and their collection really does help make the world a better place. Karen

DEFIBRILLATOR

As some of you may have noticed we have had a defibrillator installed in the front entrance of the Church.

If you should be in the position of having to use it, do not be afraid to do so.

Just get the defibrillator out of the cabinet, and the machine itself will guide you along. Do not be afraid that you will electrocute a person as the machine will only allow that if absolutely needed and safe to try.

All of the Board members have taken instructions in how to operate the defibrillator.

If any of you are interested in learning more about the procedure and use of this we can make reading material available for you.

Let's hope we will not have to use this, but on the other hand, better safe than sorry.

Kristine Andersen

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

On July 5th we enjoyed a lovely breakfast after the Service. We kept it indoors as the weather looked a little iffy.

The Merry Kitchen Boys put on a real spread of nice food that was enjoyed by everybody present.

A big thank you to the "BOYS", we are already looking forward till next year.

Kristine Andersen



Danish Lutheran Church's Annual Bazaar

To be held in The Valhalla Hall at the Danish Canadian Club, 727 11th Avenue SW

Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 11.00 AM to 2.30 PM

Open Faced Sandwich Lunch will be available at 11.00 AM

Coffee and Tea is free. Other beverages may be bought.

Come and join the fun & 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 available at \$5.00/each on this year's valuable Prizes

First: \$ 2000.00 Cash Prize

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

Third: Edelweiss store Gift Card Value \$150.00.

Fourth: 2 Dinner Tickets for next years "Dinner and Auction".

The Draw will be at 2.30 PM at the Bazaar

If you have something to donate to the Bazaar or the silent auction contact

Jens Lehmann 403 540 0201 jenslehma13@gmail.com

Any information in this advertisement may change before the Bazaar.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
6 10:00 am Eng. Sunday School Psalm 103:1-13[22]; Gal. 5:[16]22-25 or Rom. 7:15-19; Luke 17:11-19	7	8	9	10 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	11	12
13 10:00 am Eng. 11:15 am Danish Ladies' Auxiliary Gen. 8:20-22; 9:12- 16; Gal. 5:25-6,8; Matt. 6:24-34	14 1:30 pm Ladies' Auxiliary	15	16 7:30 pm Literate Vikings	17 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	18	19
20 10:00 am Eng. 11:15 am Danish Job 19:23-27a or Job 3:11-22; Eph. 3:13- 21; Luke 7:11-17	21	22	23 7:30 pm Crafters' Group	24 7:30 pm Spirit Choir	25	26 10:00 am Beginners Danish Class children & adults 1-3 pm Bible study, gospel of
27 10:00 am Eng. Sunday School Harvest/ Luncheon Psalm 19:2-7; Eph 4:1-6; Luke 14:1-11	28 1:30 pm Ladies' Auxiliary	29	30			