

Danish Lutheran Church

210 – 10th Avenue N.E. Calgary, T2E 0W9 March 2024 - May 2024







Important Upcoming Events:

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting - March 3rd
Annual General Meeting - March 17th
Holy Week and Easter Services - March 28, 29, 31
Dinner and Auction - April 19th
Spring Clean-up - May 25th

Pastor's Corner:

When you are reading this the ground might still be covered by snow, or at least frozen. But we know that just below the surface there are harbingers of spring, ready to sprout at the first ray of sunshine. When we see the sprouts we know that spring is on its way. And soon we will emerge from our hibernation, with tools to tend our garden furniture and flower pots. It is time for sowing and weeding.

However, when we were younger, the big clean-up wasn't what occupied us. It was more about going out to play without being bundled up until we reached immobility! To be free to jump around, skip rope, or play hopscotch or "hoppe i paradis" (jump into paradise, the Danish name for hopscotch). Actually, it's a strange name, isn't it? Hopscotch or Jump into Paradise! Hopscotch means to hop in a pattern that is scratched or incised into the ground or on a wall. Jumping into paradise was a pattern, like the one in the picture, that we drew with chalk on the sidewalks.

But wait a minute, it is actually the shape of our Church! And it's not a coincidence that when you play hopscotch, you jump in a pattern corresponding to a church's floor plan. The goal is to reach field number 10 without stepping on the lines, and field number 10 is where the altar stands in the Church; that's where God is – that's Paradise!

To move from square to square, you probably remember

that you had to toss or push a hopscotch stone/lagger with one foot into the field; it couldn't lie on the lines either – a strange game, isn't it? The Danish art historian Hans Joergen Frederiksen has researched medieval art and expressions and has discovered that the hopscotch stone and the



game "Jumping into Paradise" can be traced back to medieval pilgrimages and the many labyrinths, large and small, found in the floors and on the walls of many pilgrimage churches.

Labyrinths are tools for personal, psychological, and spiritual transformation. They have been used as part of spiritual pilgrimage and religious practice for thousands of years worldwide. The oldest known labyrinth is found in Goa, India, and is estimated to be about 4,500 years

old. The best-known pagan labyrinth was built for King Minos of Crete, who used it to hold a monster called the Minotaur.

In other words, labyrinths were not originally Christian art or religious tools. So how did they become part of Christian churches? The best-known Christian example is the labyrinth in the Cathedral of Chartres in France, which dates from the early 13th century and can be walked every Friday in spring and summer.

In the Middle Ages, Greek myth characters were replaced with Christian symbolism, so now the labyrinths were seen as beautiful symbols of life's journey from cradle to grave, symbolizing the path to God (in the centre) and used as a symbolic pilgrimage. Perhaps it also reflects the evangelist John's words: "Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life."

In the Middle Ages, not everyone could take leave from work and embark on a several-months-long pilgrimage through Europe to places like Santiago de Compostela. However, by following the path of a labyrinth with a finger or



walking a labyrinth while praying, singing or meditating, one could experience the meaning and significance of one's life and gain insight into oneself, which otherwise would have taken weeks and months on the roads to achieve.

The meaning of the pilgrimage depends on whether it is perceived as a symbol of life's journey! One walks towards the grave in the centre of the labyrinth, and if one has walked with Christ, one can go back out to "a resurrection like His." It may feel overwhelming and difficult sometimes to walk a labyrinth, as if one never reaches the centre, because just as one is very close to the goal, one is led out to the periphery of the intricate figure again. However, this is how a labyrinth reflects life; we never know what tomorrow will be like; but we must keep walking because we are always on our way to God – even when it doesn't look like it.

It is known that during the Easter celebration in Chartres, the priests used to perform a kind of dance into the centre of the labyrinth and out again. Along the way, they threw a small ball to each other, probably as a symbol of bringing their souls along. In the 1500s the church au-

thorities prohibited this "game" because its symbolism originated in pre-Christian times. This was not considered a problem in the Middle Ages.

However, during the Reformation and the Catholic Counter-Reformation, the church authorities were busy reformulating what they stood for, so they purged everything that was not "purely" Christian. The priests' dance was therefore suppressed but not forgotten and survived in the form we call "hopscotch" or "jump into paradise," where the church building is replaced by a drawing of a church nave, transept, choir area, and apse ("Paradise"), and the priests' ball has become a hopscotch stone! Let's jump into Spring!

Pastor Charlotte Berg

President's Message

We had a wonderful Christmas season at our Church. This started with a busy and fun Julestue. Later there was the Cool Yule concert with Mads Tolling, that unfortunately was not very well attended. The Star of David program on December 17 was a very special evening. Pizza and singing around the Christmas tree afterwards was enjoyed by many. Our Christmas Eve services were well-attended, and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve saw quite a few folks turn our for these special services. The children of our congregation packed 53 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. And now Fastelavn/Shrove has been celebrated with fun and food.

Our kitchen renovations and elevator committees continue to meet and plan. An architect has been hired to oversee these projects and to get City permits for these much needed changes to the interior of our Church. A special Congregational meeting takes place on March 3rd to present a budget for these renovations. New lighting has been installed in the Church basement hall to hopefully reduce electricity usage. A dry-erase board has been added to one wall of the hall. And numerous small repairs and improvements continue to be done in and around our Church. One you may notice is the repaired panel of the rose window that has reappeared over our front door.

Our Board has been discussing changes to our constitution and also charitable donations to organizations in our community. These will be presented at our AGM on March 17th for discussion and votes.

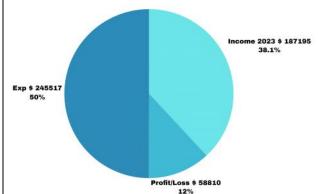
A big thank you to all of those who continue to help out with our many events and ongoing activities! None of these would happen without you.

Karen Falkenberg-Andersen, Board president

Financial Report

Income and Expenses January 1st - November 20th

Church Income = \$187,195 Expenses = \$245,517 Profit/Loss = -\$58,810 (loss due to salary & repairs)



Financial Support of our Church:

Please continue your support of our Church by:

- 1. Mailing a cheque to the Church.
- 2. Sending an e-transfer to e-transfer@danishlutheranchurch.ca
- 3. Using your credit card by mailing in the form in the newsletter or call Jens at 403-540-0201.

 Thank you for your continued support !!!

Donating Securities:

Did you know that you can avoid capital gains taxes by transferring securities directly to our Church? When you transfer securities rather than selling them, you don't pay taxes on any gains and you get a charitable receipt on the fair market value of the securities. Talk to our Board President or Treasurer if you're interested in doing this.



SPECIAL SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

After a pause of several vears, a Seder meal will be held at the church on March 28th at 6:00 p.m., followed by our Maundy Thursday service at 8:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.



You don't have to participate in the meal to come to the service, but if you want to, please sign up on sheets that will be put up about two weeks before or call or email our pastor no later than March 17th. Call 403-719-3832 or email charlotteberg1@gmail.com.

Good Friday, March 29th

At 10:00 am, our Good Friday service will be a liturgical service without sermon or communion.

Easter Sunday, March 31st

As Easter Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month, we will have a Family-friend service. Together, we will journey through the days of Easter Week and their meaning for us today. After this journey, we need to fortify ourselves, so hot-crossed buns and decorated eggs will be served after the service.

CHURCH EVENTS

Extraordinary Meeting of the Congregation:

On Sunday, March 3rd, after our Church service, there will be a special meeting of the Congregation to discuss the plans and budget for our kitchen renovations and the installation of an elevator. The Board is looking for approval to proceed with these projects and needs authorization to spend the funds needed. This is the time to come with your questions and suggestions.



Notice of Annual General Meeting:

On Sunday, March 17th, after the Church service, we will have our AGM. Besides the regular reports the Board will present 2 motions regarding modifications to our Church constitution, and our desire to give funds to 3 local charities who help the poor and homeless. Light lunch will be provided.

Outing

How do we feed the hungry ones? As an extension of our quest speaker from the Calgary Foodbank in January an outing and tour of the Foodbank is planned for March 16th, from 10:00 am -11:00 am.

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If you want to carpool, we'll meet in front of the Church at 9:30 am. Otherwise, we will gather at 5000 - 11 St., SE a little before 10:00 am.

Guest Speakers

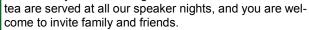
Can you imagine a world where everyone has a safe and affordable home? Tuesday, March 26th, at 7:30 pm our quest speaker will be Kim **Elson**, donor relations specialist from Habitat for Humanity. With the support of donors, sponsors, community partners and volunteers, they build homes



alongside future Habitat homeowners. Come find out how this organization helps address the housing shortage

in Calgary, especially for low-income families.

Bee happy! April 30th at 7:30 pm Pia Blum will introduce us to the life of bees. from the royal treatment of the gueen bee to female worker bees and male drones! She will show us many hands-on items related to beekeeping, so we are in for a fun and very interactive night! Coffee and



Spring Clean Up May 25th, 2024

This year our spring cleanup is planned for Saturday, May 25th. We will start at 9:00 am and hopefully be done by 12:00 noon. After we are done working we will all meet in the Church Hall for a light lunch. Please come and lend a hand - many hands make light work!



CHURCH GROUPS



Study Group

Nicolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig was a very productive man! He is the focus of our study group, which meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon in the downstairs hall of our church - except March 28 due to Maundy Thursday. We know Grundtvig best from all his many hvmns. He wrote between 1500-

1600 hymns, of which 253 of the 791 hymns in the Danish hymnbook are either fully composed or adapted by him. However, Grundtvig was much more than a hymn writer. He was a historian, politician, pastor, poet and a great inspirer whose thoughts about cultural identity, religious belief, social life, and nationality have had a decisive impact on Danish intellectual life, political culture, public education, church life, and faith. Everyone is welcome!

Charlotte Berg

Sing-Alongs

Ketty Hoyem, our accordion player for many years, now has a full-time job. Heartfelt congratulations on that! This means we can't meet during the daytime anymore. However, we are moving towards Spring and Summer so the evenings will be light for longer; therefore, the singalongs in March-May will be on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm! As usual, tea and coffee will be served. We hope to see many of you, even though the time of day has been changed.

Movie Lunches

The first Thursday of the month at 11:00 am, in the church downstairs hall, we have our movie time. Bring your lunch box, and then lean back and enjoy some inspirational movies. Tea, coffee, and popcorn will be served.

Viking Girls

On December 1st, we made Christmas table centerpieces. Some were sold at Julestue and after Church services. and some went home with our members. In January we met for afternoon of "hygge" and in February a group of 14 of us went to a matinee lunch show at Jubilations Theatre. Great fun!

On March 8th we are going on an art gallery tour & then out for coffee. In April we will prepare gift baskets for the

dinner and auction. In May we hope to spend time learning to paint from an artist. Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings at 1:30 pm, usually on the first Friday of the month. Upcoming meetings are March 8th, April 5th, and May 3rd. Contact Karen for information and reminders at president@danishlutheranchurch.ca.

Margit and Karen

Ladies Auxiliary

The ladies are busy making crafts for the Christmas Bazaar in November. If you would like to participate in our meetings we would be happy to have you join us to socialize, even if you are not the "crafty".type. Our meetings will be on Monday March 18th, Monday April 15th, and Tuesday May 14th. We would like to wish you all a Happy Easter with your family and friends.

Louise Dresen

dresenlouise@yahoo.com or 403-242-7894

Crafter's Group

We are a group who meet and do handicrafts together, either our own projects or something for the Church Christmas Bazaar. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm, that is March 20th, April 17th and May 15th. Contact Karen or Charlotte for location or questions, email president@danishlutheranchurch.ca and pastor@danishlutheranchurch.ca, respectively.

Sunday School Notes

Our Sunday school participated in our Star of David program in December by doing a Sta Lucia procession as well as having a part in the program that evening.

The last Saturday in January, ten children and about 12 adults packed 50 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. After that we had supper together and watched a movie. It was a really fun event!



Upcoming dates for Sunday school lessons are March 3rd & 17th, April 7th & 21st, and May 5th &19th. As well our summer day camp is being planned. Karen

Missions Prayer Group:

This group has members from at least 3 Lutheran congregations. Each month there is a country of focus. We pray for Christian work there and for other needs in that place. Meetings are March 22nd, April 26th, and February 24th at 1:30 pm. If you are interested contact Karen at president@danishlutheranchurch.ca for meeting details, info. and materials.

Missions Moments:

On December 20th the Christian Afghan Refugee family that we have been trying to sponsor to come to Canada received the unhappy news that their applications had been denied. After some consideration the refugee sponsorship committee decided to appeal this decision. A lawyer who specializes in refugee law has been hired and has filed appeals with the Government. The process of appeal may take some time, but we have been told that the chances of success are fairly good.

In the meantime we will have some more fundraising meals to keep on collecting money for our refugee fund. The first of these is a cook-off challenge. Look for details below or check our Church website, emails and posters.

Karen

Cook-off Challenge!!!



Do you make the world's best frikadeller? Do you have a secret potato salad recipe? Or is your coleslaw the best in town? If so, this competition is for you!

To enter contact Dale Fish by **March 15th** at dalefish6@gmail.com or call 1-306-861-2750.

Limit of 4 entries in each of the three categories:

1. Frikadeller 2. Potato Salad 3. Coleslaw

Sunday, April 7th, at 11:30 am there will be the tasting and judging. Prizes and bragging rights awarded to the best in each category.

Come and have a tasty lunch of the entries in the 3 categories and cast your votes for the ones you think are the very best! **Cost is \$20 per per-**

son. All proceeds go to the Refugee Resettlement Fund. Additional donations to the fund are tax-deductible and are most welcome!



OTHER

The Prayer Chain

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@vahoo.com.

Women's World Day of Prayer, March 1st, 2024

"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"

Ephesians 4:1-3

The program for this year's prayer day was written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7. It calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. They reflected collectively on this theme from the context of their suffering as Palestinian Christian women. They hope to inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in love during troubled times.



Online Market Update:

There will be a spring order of items from Denmark. However, rather than take individual orders for items, we will be purchasing cases of popular items and then selling these on designated market days. Once our order has been received these market days will be announced. Keep an eye on our website for more information.

Joan





An Evening Celebrating Danish Royalty at the

DLC SPRING DINNER & AUCTION

Friday, April 19th, 2024

At the Danish Canadian Club 727 - 11 Avenue SW Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm.



Call early to order tickets at \$ 50.00 each. Come for an evening of fun, fellowship, and entertainment. Many great & beautiful items for sale: dining in unusual places, a stay in a cabin, gift certificates, paintings and more. Come and see!



Donations to the Auction are welcome. Please include a note describing the donation, and the name of the person donating. We only accept new items, or items in like-new condition. A gift you got and can't use is great for the auction. (Anything pledged after April 5th will <u>not</u> be in this Auction.)

To buy tickets or donate to the auction contact Rita Carstensen at r.carstensen@shaw.ca 403-278-4058, Kirsten Larsen at nlarsenk@gmail.com 587-582-3015, or Jens Lehmann at jenslehma13@gmail.com 403-540-0201. Payment by credit card or cheque sent to the Danish Church.



Thank you for supporting this major fundraiser. It is very much appreciated.





Summer Bible Day Camp at the Danish Lutheran Church

210 –10th Ave., NE

"Putting On the Armour of God"

Stories, songs, crafts, science, games, snacks (bring your own lunch).

8:30 – 5:00 pm daily, July 15-19, 2024.

For children ages 4 –12 years.

Cost: \$25 for the whole week for first child in a family

and \$15 for any other child from the same family. For single days or drop-in, \$10 per day for each child, and \$5 for another child in the same family.

Contact Pastor Charlotte at 403-719-3832 or by email at charlotteberg1@gmail.com, by **July 8.**

Danish Canadian Conference:

This annual event takes place **May 23rd - 26th** in Toronto, hosted by the Danish Church in Toronto. For a full list of activities, costs, accommodation, and outings contact Rolf Buschardt Christensen at robuch@ca.inter.net. Some brochures should be available at our Church as well.

Danish Federation Seminar:

This fun-filled seminar will be held, beginning **May 27**th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Niagara Falls. Contact Rolf Buschardt Christensen at robuch@ca.inter.net for more information.



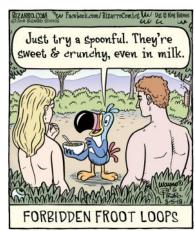
Torsdag den 4. April 2024, kl. 10-11.30

Inviterer Danes Worldwide i samarbejde med den danske ambassade i Ottawa, De danske Sømands- og udlandskirker i Canada, Dansk Canadisk Handelskammer og Federation of Danish Associations in Canada til et gratis online infomøde eksklusivt for danskere bosat i Canada. Mødet er åbent for alle danskere og ægtefæller, familiemedlemmer eller andre med tilknytning til Danmark. Mødet giver en unik mulighed for at få en opdatering på regler og problemstillinger, som berører mange danskere bosat i udlandet. Mødet vil foregå på dansk. For tilmelding og yderligere information om arrangementets program, se venligst her:

https://www.danes.dk/events/globale-danskere-i-canada/ Vedr. tilmelding kontakt venligst netværkskoordinator Anette Ketler på ank@danes.dk. Medlemskab af Danes Worldwide er ikke påkrævet.









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Calendar	of	Event

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11:30 am Extraordinary Congregational Meeting

Thu 7th 11:00 am Movie Lunch

Fri 8th 1:30 pm Viking Girls

March

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Tue 14th 10:00 am Study Group

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Mon 18th 1:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary

Wed 20th 7:30 pm Crafter's Group

Thu 21st 7:30 pm Sing-along

Fri 22nd 1:30 pm Prayer for World Missions

Sun 24th 10:00 am English Service 11:15 am Danish Service Tue 26th 7:30 pm Guest Speaker

Thu 28th 8:00 pm Maundy Thursday

Fri 29th 10:00 am Good Friday

Sun 31st 10:00 am Easter Sunday (Family Service)

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Upcoming

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Sunday Texts

March

3rd Ex 32: 7-10: 30-32; Rev 2:1-7; John 8:42-51

10th Ex 16:11-18 or Psalm 145:8-16; 2nd Peter 1:3-11; John 6:24-35 [36-37]

17th Gen 18:1-15 or ls 7:10-14; 1st Cor 1:21-31; Luke 1:46-55

24th Zak 9:9-10; Phil 2:5-11; Mark 14:3-9 or John 12:1-16

28th Psalm 116; 1st Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

29th The Passion of Christ

31st Psalm 118:13-18; or Psalm 118:19-29; 1st Peter 1:3-9; Matt 28:1-8

April

7th Is 43:10-12; Acts 2:22-28; or 1st Peter 1:17-25; John 21:15-19

14th Psalm 23; Acts 2:36-41; or Heb 13:20-21; John 10: 22-30

21st Ex 3:1-7,10-14; Acts 4:7-12 or Heb 4:14-16; John 14:1-11

28th Psalm 124; Acts 9:1-18; 2nd Cor 5:14-21; John 8:28-36

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5th Is 44:1-8; Rom 8:24-28 or Acts 6:1-4; John 17:1-11

12th Joel 2:28-32; Rom 8:31-39 or Acts 1:12-14; John 17:20-26

19th Jer 31:31-34; Acts 2:1-11; John 14:15-21

26th Is 49:1-6; Eph 1:3-14; Matt 28:16-20

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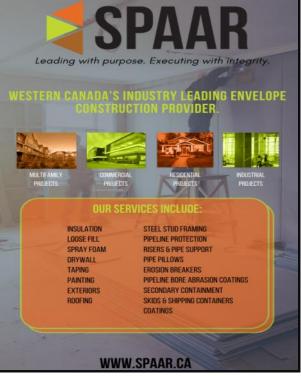
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Viking Girls Making Centerpieces



Centerpieces to Sell



Kids at Julestue



Folding Paper Stars at Julestue



Cool Yule Concert Cake



Mads Tolling Cool Yule Concert



Interim Pastor Claus and Mareta



Star of David Concert



Star of David Lit Up



Packing Shoeboxes



Our Cat Queen



Three Best Costumes