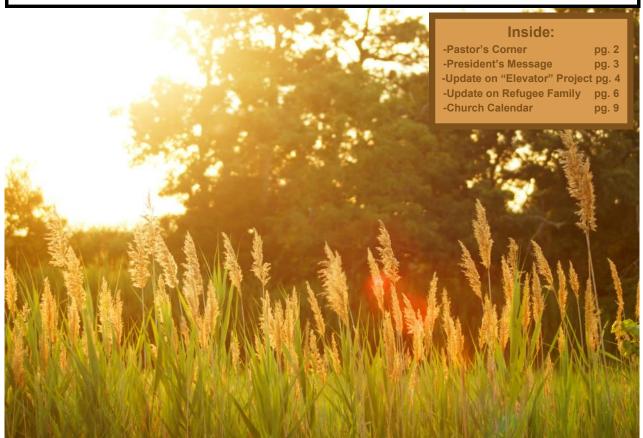


Danish Lutheran Church

210 – 10th Avenue N.E. Calgary, T2E 0W9 June 2024 - August 2024





Important Upcoming Events:

Sing-along Seasonal Ending - June 20th
Summer Bible Day Camp - July 15th - 19th
Outdoor Service and BBQ - August 4th
Day Trip to Banff Town - August 16th
Danish Market Items Arriving Soon!



Pastor's Corner:

When I go to Denmark this year I will need to have measurements taken for a new clergy robe. As clergy members we can get a new robe every 8 years. However, my current one is 17-18 years old and is



quite worn out — in places it is hanging in tatters. But why do I wear such a peculiar "robe", and a collar that makes it look like my head is resting on a white platter?

During the Reformation it became important to distinguish oneself from Catholic priests and to visibly show that one was Lutheran. According to Luther, pastors were no longer to be considered a special "class" to themselves, because everyone who had been baptized was equal to a pastor or bishop. This is what we call "the priesthood of all believers". Therefore, pastors were not supposed to stand out from ordinary citizens in their appearance. Thus, pastors no longer had to have a tonsure (the shaved top of the head), but they could let their hair grow freely (that was until wigs made their appearance in fashion).

The common citizen's attire at that time was a shirt and trousers with a black robe over it. Since many Danes studied with Luther, they brought this "fashion" home and continued to dress this way after the Reformation. This Lutheran principle of not distinguishing oneself from other citizens, and that pastors did not constitute a special class was gradually abandoned as times and fashions changed. For a while pastors in better-paid positions tried to follow the latest fashion, which at that time came from wealthy but Catholic Spain, with large ruffed collars and flashy attire. But when this became excessive, Danish pastors were reminded that they were not Catholics and therefore should not dress "theatrically". So, to avoid this expensive extravagance, the simple and cheap black robe was retained.



However, something new crept in nonetheless: the small and simple ruffed collar, which then became a permanent part of Danish clergy attire. In the 1500s and 1600s, it became common among citizens

to wear ruffed collars, as they caught the white powder from the powdered wigs that had become fashionable in European upper classes. Later, the collar was retained only by representatives of State power, such as judges and pastors. But today, only pastors wear it.

When an absolute monarchy was introduced in Denmark in the 17th century, the royal authorities wanted to control and regulate Denmark as a class-based society. It was then directly commanded that Danish pastors wear a black robe and a ruffed collar during church services. Since then, the clergy robe has been a special uniform for the "class" of pastors. And, as such, it has remained unchanged for almost 600 years.

So, here is a bit about what a clergy robe, the pastor's "uniform", consists of. Sewing **a clergy robe** is an old craft, and only one place in Denmark still makes them. It

takes a good week to sew a robe, and when the 60 cm of fabric for the back needs to be gathered together down to a 12 cm length, four people are needed to pull the threads. Because the robe must last 8 years there are strict quality requirements. The ankle-length robe is made of 100% English wool and is lined with silk, so it is breathable and comfortable to work in.



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Two white wristbands are tacked onto the black sleeves because they need to be taken off and washed regularly and then tacked back on—and no, they cannot be fastened with snaps or Velcro, as it would look bulky. The wristbands are made of white linen, embroidered with hemstitches

The special "passementerie" **buttons**, which are purely decorative, are on the front of the robe and on the sleeves. They consist of a base with threads woven over it

In front ,and around the neck, is a so-called "wing", which supports the ruffed collar at the neck. Originally, the inner frame for the wing was made of whalebone, today it is ???

The white ruff is made of 3 long, narrow strips of fabric sewn together, in a staggered pattern, forming channels that can be starched. The ruff is held together at the neck by a silver pin. The fabric is 100% white cotton,



which can withstand being boiled with rice flour, which stiffens the ruff. The ruff cannot, under any circumstances, withstand rain or snow. This will cause it to collapse completely and resemble a

crumpled handkerchief.

In the past, every woman who attended homemaker classes learned to starch a clergy ruff in case they went on to marry a pastor. Today, very few women in Denmark still know the old



craft of starching a ruff. And, ruff irons can no longer be purchased but must be handmade, if one is not lucky enough to "inherit" an old ruff iron. Starching a ruff takes about 3 hours, spread over 3 days. First, the ruff must be soaked to remove the oil from the pastor's skin and hair. Then it must be boiled, rinsed, and rubbed with a thick paste of rice flour. Then the ruff is hung to dry for a day. Afterwards, the ruff is wrapped in damp cotton cloths and left for a whole day before it is ready to be "ironed".

Why hold on to such a uniform? Wouldn't it be more in line with the times, and with Luther, to just show up in nice ordinary clothes? But what is "nice and ordinary" clothing? The disadvantage would probably quickly become apparent, as people would pay too much attention to the pastor's clothing (Has she gotten something new, again? Why doesn't he ever get anything new?).

So the clergy robe, as the common "uniform" for pastors, has the advantage that the congregation does not get distracted by the pastor's fashion sense but can focus on what the pastor is saying.

That is a bit of background about the Danish clergy outfit. But ,as summer is coming, I am hoping that soon we'll all reach a time when summer dresses and shorts will become our everyday wear!

Happy summer! Pastor Charlotte Berg

President's Message

Winter has turned into spring and March to May saw many of our usual activities at the Church rolling out smoothly. We had our AGM in March where changes to our Church name and constitution were approved. We are now awaiting approval from DSUK before these changes become official. At the AGM there was also approval of giving donations, totaling \$170,000, to be split between 3 local charities that help the poor and homeless. After our AGM Gus Rasmussen also agreed to serve on our Church Council.

Our kitchen renovations and "elevator" committees continued to meet and plan. And the architect is now working

on preliminary drawings for both projects. As well, the outside of our Church needs some plaster repair and paint, and the exterior window frames should be checked and clad. We hope to have these taken care of over the summer months.

We had a fun cooking competition for a fundraising lunch on April 7. You can see pictures of the 3 winners on the back page of the newsletter. Also see the Missions Moments write-up in this newsletter for the refugee sponsorship committee update on the sudden turn of events near the end of April. We had a lovely dinner and auction in April as well. A big thank you to all who helped to make this evening a success!

Flowers have been popping up around the Church and the annual spring clean up on May 25 saw many jobs, large and small taken care of, both inside and out.

A Church congregation is made up of many people, and each of you are valued and important. Thank you for all you do to make us stronger!

Karen Falkenberg-Andersen, Council president



IN MEMORIAM

Carl Petersen Bladt September 9th 1942- April 6th 2024

All honour to his memory Ære være hins minde.



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

On **June 30th at 10:00 am** there will be a family-friendly service. The theme is based on the gospel of the rich young man and also the camel that had to get through the eye of a needle!

The service is followed by a potluck lunch.





On Sunday, **August 4th at 10:00 am** we will have an outdoor service in backyard of the parsonage. This will be followed by barbequed hotdogs, salads, and desserts. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

CHURCH EVENTS

The Sing-Along Seasonal Ending

How lucky we are! Again this year, on **June 20th at 5:00 pm** Margit and Rikard have opened up their beautiful garden for an evening of singing. Thank you, Margit and Rikard! As usual, bring a salad or a dessert to share, plus what you want to drink, and meat for yourself to barbecue on Rikard's bonfire.

Afterwards, Ketty and her accordion will accompany our singing. In case of rain or cold weather, the evening will be moved to our Church basement hall. We hope to see a lot of you at this evening of togetherness!



Feel free to invite family and friends. Please give Margit and Rikard a heads-up about how many of you plan to come so that they can set up enough chairs.

The Council

Group Day-Trip to Banff



An outing to Banff is being planned for **Friday, August 16th**. If we are enough people we will rent a bus to take us there. Window-shopping on main street, a ramble through Cascade Gardens, an art walk along the river, and lunch in town are all being considered. And, maybe on the way home we will stop for ice cream in Cochrane.

Cost per person is \$50. Please let Pastor Charlotte know by **August 1st** if you would like to go along on this adventure! The Council

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospital Visits

Pastor Charlotte has been told that since the Covid pandemic in 2020, people are no longer asked what denomination they belong to when they are being hospitalized. Nor are they asked if they want spiritual care from either a trained volunteer, one of the pastors at the hospital, or their own pastor. That means that if you are hospitalized, or know of some that is hospitalized, you have to give Pastor Charlotte a call, if you want her to visit.

Please Don't Park Here!

During the summer of 2023, at our request, the City installed a wheelchair ramp in the curb east of the Church, in front of the old house (#214). This is so that people using our handicapped parking zone can get their wheelchair, scooter, or walker up from the street onto the sidewalk. This ramp is clearly marked with a bright yellow plastic pad. We have been told that the ramp has been correctly placed in relation to our handicapped parking zone.







Parking in front of the wheelchair ramp is similar to parking in front of a fire hydrant; it is against City bylaws and subject to a fine. Please take a look so you can see where the ramp is and then avoid parking so that you are blocking all or part of the ramp. Thank you!

"Elevator" Project:

One of the major projects at the Church, for which planning has been underway for more than a year, is getting a better lift installed in our Church to improved access for those with disabilities. A committee was formed and the members have been diligently researching options. These came down to 3 options: a vertical lift, a LULA conveyance, or a regular elevator. And, as time went by it became clear that our basic requirements came down to five factors:

- A platform with room for a motorized wheelchair, with legs extended, plus room for another person.
- 2. Weight limit of 1000 lbs
- 3. Automatically opening doors to the platform
- 4. Grab bar inside for anyone who needs to hang on.
- 5. Enclosed compartment and shaft.

Five different suppliers were contacted, more than 20 lifts and elevators around the City were visited and tried out, and costs and feasibility options considered. After many months the options have been narrowed down to either a Garavanta or Savaria vertical lift. An architect is now working on drawings to see which of these two models would be the most feasible for our building.

In terms of why the committee has settled on a vertical lift, several factors came into play. First, is cost. A vertical lift unit (without the shaft and installation) costs about \$45,000. A LULA unit costs about \$115,000, and an elevator more that \$200,000. Construction of a shaft and installation of a unit for a vertical lift will likely run to \$100,000 and can be fit inside our existing building in the front entry way. A LULA shaft is much larger for the same platform size, it moves more slowly, and this would require alterations to our balcony. An elevator shaft would almost certainly require building onto the outside of our Church structure, bringing the total cost of a full elevator into the range of about \$500,000.

If any of you want to check out the two vertical lifts that we are considering, you can visit the Cerebral Palsy Association office to see a Garavanta in action. Brentview Baptist Church has a Savaria lift which you can go see, but you should call ahead. Both of these lifts look very much like an elevator inside and out. The only real difference is that the buttons inside, for going up or going down, need to be held down the whole time the lift is in motion.

If you have any questions, or wish to give some input, please contact members of our Committee.

Dale, Ileana, Karen

CHURCH GROUPS

Viking Girls

On March 8th we went to a small art gallery tin Bridgeland and then out for coffee. In April we had hoped to go bowling, but a snowstorm put a kibosh on that. But several ladies put together gift baskets for the dinner and auction, which was very much appreciated. Also on April

27th there were 13 ladies who participated in the Lutheran Hospital Ministries fundraising walk. Bravo! This was almost 1/3 of the 27 participants.

On May 3 we met for lunch and then spent about 2 hours, under the guidance of an artist, trying our hand at painting a cherry branch in bloom. Each painting turned out quite differently!



Now we are off for the summer months but will likely have our first meeting on Friday, September 6th at 1:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to come. Contact Karen for information and reminders at

president@danishlutheranchurch.ca .

Margit and Karen

An End to the Pneumonia Prevention Knitted Vests:

This spring we got the sad news that, due to shipping costs, Canadian Lutheran World Relief is no longer taking materials for their "We Care Kits". This includes the beautiful vests a number of ladies in our Church have been knitting. Thank you for all your years of knitting and the donation of time and yarn!



As we already have a number of these knitted vests on hand, I am looking at a couple of options for shipping these vests to pneumonia units at hospitals overseas. If you happen to have some vests that you have already knitted, please get them to me as soon as possible. And if you would still like to knit for charity, please consider knitting toques, scarves, neck warmers, or mittens for the

Viking Girls to give to a local school in a low income part of our City. Thank you! Karen.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies will not be meeting again till the fall. Our first meeting will be on September 16, 2024. We wish you all a happy & healthy summer with your family and friends!

Louise Dresen

dresenlouise@yahoo.com or 403-242-7894

Sunday School Notes

Our little Sunday School continues to meet twice a month, until the end of June. Classes are ably led by Malena and Anna H. As well, our summer Bible day camp is being planned for July 15 -19. See the advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter. 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 June28th, July 26th, and August 23rd 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 Afghan Refugee family, that we had been trying to sponsor to come to Canada, received the unhappy news that their applications had been denied. After some consideration it was decided to appeal this decision and the process to do this was started in February. Then suddenly on April 25th we got the surprising news that the family had arrived at an airport in New York!

It turns out that the refugee camp that they were in is being emptied to make room for Palestinian refugees. The US government had agreed to take the 200-300 refugees left in the camp (of the 14,000 there originally) to the US. However, having had their hopes dashed before, the family was not sure if it would actually happen. So they did not let anyone know about this until they had actually landed at the airport in New York City.

The family is now in lowa and have found a house to live in. A local church, with only a few day's notice, filled the house with furniture, food and household goods for them. The family is so relieved to be safe, and very grateful to God for getting them out of the refugee camp and providing so generously for their needs.

So, now our committee is mulling over what to do next. Our "gut reaction" is to sponsor another refugee family and we already have a list of 6 families in need. However, we would like to get your suggestions and input. Please contact us.

Ellen, Anna & Dale, Krista, Karen, Sonja, and Myles.

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@yahoo.com.

New Church Council Member:

Our new Church Council member is Gustav Rasmussen. He had been asked to serve on Council before the AGM, but as he could not attend that day, and we did not have an answer back from him, he joined our Council in April.

Gustav Rasmussen was born in Esbjerg, Denmark and arrived in Quebec, Canada on October 13,1966. He lived in Toronto for about 18 months before moving to Calgary at the end of March in1968. He then became a member of the Danish Lutheran Church and The Danish Canadian Club.





Gus then! —- and now (with wife Rita).







Our shipment has arrived at the Port of Montreal and will soon arrive in Calgary.





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.**



Update from Kristina Taldorf on Chaplaincy studies

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support through another semester of my chaplaincy studies. This was an intensive semester dealing with the issues of Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID)-euthanasia, and also corruption and abuse in faith settings. I was very thankful for the opportunity to delve deeper into these issues which the media usually just skims over.

My classmates and I dug deeper into the issues of MAID and found many reports from Canada and internationally that we shared. For instance, people are choosing to die not because their suffering is so great, but because they cannot afford to live. There was a lack of support for their particular health needs, or they could not afford treatments even if they did want to live, or supports were not there to help them once they came out of a health care facility. These are some of the foundational reasons that some choose MAID. We discussed if this shows that MAID is needed, or is society making a statement about who deserves help to live and who does not? I was thankful for classmates who went deeper with me into these serious issues that are not usually discussed. We have much to pray about.

The next semester coming up will be crisis counselling. Then after another semester there will be a practicum. God willing I hope to do this by working with seniors and others. Thank you from my family for your support. Through the summer I'll be working and we also continue to run our free programming in the FHL (Football-Hockey Link Society) for children and youth new to Canada.

If anyone knows a family with kids 7-16 old that are new Canada, or even if they have been here awhile but would like to take part in football or hockey, please have them email info@fhlsociety.ca. We could also use more volunteers to help at our camps in July. We plan on helping more kids this year, perhaps 50-60 of them..









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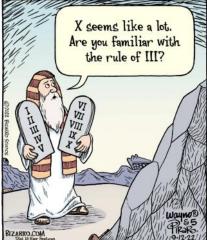
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| Sun 9 th 10:00 am English Service | Sunday Texts | | | |
| 11:15 am Danish Service | <u>June</u> | | | |
| Sun 16 th 10:00 am English Service (Sunday School) | 2nd Eccle 5: 9-19; 1 Tim 6: 6-12; Luke 12: 13-21 | | | |
| Thu 20 th 7:30 pm Sing-along (Skt. Hans) | 9 th Jer 15: 10,15-21; Rev 3: 14-22; Luke 14: 25-35 | | | |
| | 16 th Is 65: 1-2; Eph 2: 17-22; Luke 15: 11-32 | | | |
| Sun 23 rd 10:00 am English Service | 23 rd Deut 24: 17-22; Romans 14: 7-13; Matt 5: 43-48 | | | |
| 11:15 am Danish Service | 30 th Jer 1: 4-9; 1 st Pet 2: 4-10; Matt 16: 13-26 | | | |
| Fri 28th 1:30 pm Prayer for World Missions | July | | | |
| | 7 th Ex 20: 1-17; Romans 3: 23-28; Matt 19: 16-26 | | | |
| Sun 30 th 10:00 am English Service (Family Service) | 14 th Eccl 3: 1-11; Romans 8: 1-4; Matt 10: 24-31 | | | |
| Potluck Lunch After Service | Micah 3: 5-7; 1 John 4: 1-6; Matt 7: 22-29 | | | |
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| Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th Summer Bible Day Camp | 18 th Jonah 2; James 3: 1-12; Matt 12: 31-42 | | | |
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Upcoming

Sun 11th 10:00 am English Service

Sun 18th 10:00 am English Service

Sun 25th 10:00 am English Service

11:15 am Danish Service Fri 16th 9:30 am Day Trip to Town of Banff

Fri 23rd 1:30 pm Prayer for World Missions

Calendar of Events

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pastor's day off)

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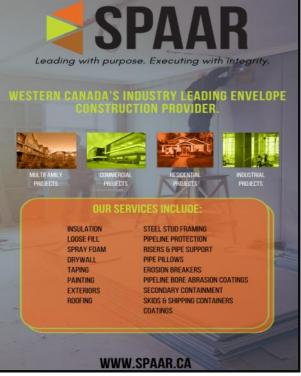
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Palm Sunday



Seder Meal, Maundy Thursday



Easter Sunday Sermon



Eggs for Easter Lunch



Cook-Off Lunch, April 7



Cook-Off Winners!



Dinner & Auction, April 19



Silent Auction Items



Baskets for Draw



Live Auction Item



LHM Fundraising Walk



Viking Girls Painting Class