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DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY/JUNE 2022

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MAI/JUNI 2022

One sunny day in May a few years back, I was planting some flowers in front of the parsonage. Just a few weeks before, the last snow still ruled in the backyard of the Church. But now it was a hot day, and I was sweating in the sun. One of our neighbours walked by on the sidewalk and said to me: "This is Alberta. It is either too hot or too cold!"

*The sun now shines
in all its
splendour*

Maybe this is an exaggeration, but it sure seems to me, coming from Denmark, that it is either summer or winter here in Edmonton. Spring lasts rarely more than a week or two and fall can be as short as spring. Anyway, the point I would like to stress here, is that even if my neighbour seemed to complain about the weather, it was far from her intension. No, she was fully enjoying that summer had arrived in Edmonton. She was out for a stroll in the beautiful sunshine. She only acknowledged the fact to me that the weather changes quickly here in Edmonton. Winter one day - summer the next.

My neighbour personified that day what I find remarkable here; that even if the weather in Edmonton is kind of crabby, and even if people like my neighbour seem to complain about it, and even if many don't go outside just because of a tiny drizzle or because it is too hot, many Edmontonians still praise the weather here. That is what I call *true gratitude*.

Gratitude is to be happy and enjoy in your heart what you receive in life. All the sunshine here is a gift, for sure. What is more beautiful than an Alberta blue sky, a snow-covered landscape, and the bright sun? What is more exciting than spring rolling over our city and turning all the whiteness and all the greyness into magnificent

greenness, and summer is here in an instant! Of course, our warm season is short. Sweet cherries will not grow here, and the celery roots in the backyard only grow to the size of a large tennis ball. But what can beat the tomatoes and the cucumbers from our backyard? You cannot buy anything comparable to those! The sun now shines in all its splendour here at our



The Holy Spirit from a Danish Village Church

place in the world, and the cucumbers and tomatoes will also this summer, soak up all the sun. We better enjoy it while it is here. Summer is too short, and so is life. We need gratitude to fully grasp the wonder of life, just as we need gratitude to really enjoy the weather here.

The rapid change of seasons here in Edmonton teaches us gratitude for what ever weather we receive. But I also believe that God helps us to find gratitude in life's many small and seemingly insignificant occurrences. In May/June we celebrate Pentecost, the feast of the Holy Spirit. Here we celebrate that God sends us his spirit just as Jesus promised. We don't see the spirit. It doesn't change the world around us. It hardly changes us. But then it does! Because the spirit plants a seed of gratitude in our hearts. The spirit initiates a small change of heart in us. We become more and more able to see and enjoy the benefits and the upside of life, rather than the opposite. This change of heart, this seed of gratitude in us doesn't eradicate the challenges and the hardships of life. We will still have to fight in life. But it does make everything in life so much more meaningful and joyful. It gives us courage and hope to fight and endure.

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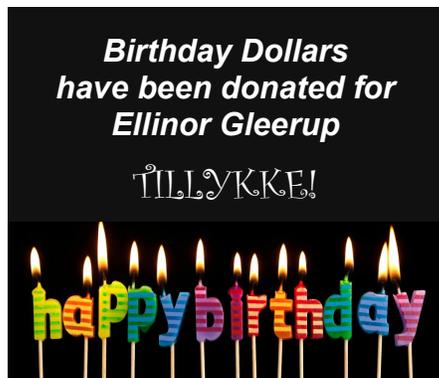
From the Church Records:

Baptism:

April 23, 2022

Tennessee Leigh Brewer

Daughter of Amanda Leigh Brewer, nee Hansen, and Chris Brian Brewer



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From the Treasurer:

February 2022

Income	\$	5,578.97
Expenses	\$	<u>12,608.10</u>
Deficit	\$	-7,029.13

March 2022

Income	\$	8,622.31
Expenses	\$	<u>12,840.08</u>
Deficit	\$	-4,217.77

2022 BUDGET

January 1, 2022
- December 31, 2022

This chart indicates how much income we have collected towards our goal of **\$158,500.00**

which was approved at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

This works out to \$13,208.00 per month.

As of March 31, 2022 we have collected

\$120,557.28

towards our goal.

\$120,557.28



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A Message from the Board

Spring is almost here. Our little church is humming with activities again. It is so good to be back enjoying live services, friendly chats with our friends over a cup of coffee and hearing the voices of the little ones at Sunday School in the basement. This Easter, even, "Hosanna in the Highest", the popular donkey, visited us during service on Palm Sunday.

The Danish Women's Group stepped up to a new challenge as soon as the church reopened, putting on a very successful sale of Danish homemade specialties for Easter. Many breads were baked, liverpaste prepared and chocolate dipped Marzipan eggs were lovingly crafted by a small workshop of women. Thank you to everyone for all the work that made this event a success and thank you as well for donating all the supplies required. Thank you for the support you gave purchasing all the goodies.

In May, we will share two services with St. John's Lutheran Church, the German Congregation down the street. On Sunday, May 8th, we will visit their church and they will join us at Ansgar on May 15th. This is a way for us to connect and get to know each other. We have a lot in common with our Lutheran neighbours down Church Street.

"Spring Clean up" will be May 14th, so let's share the job of "shining up our church" together. We start at 9:30 am and share a lunch at the conclusion of the work. Please bring a bucket, cloths, elbow grease and a rake if you can find one.

As we resume activities, watch the Newsletter for additional events. Hyggeklubben plans to resume in April at the usual time. A Frikadelle Supper and contest is planned in the church basement for June 10th and Camp Kuriakos is planned for the first weekend in July.

More news forthcoming....

On behalf of the board
Kirsten Olsen

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EASIEST WAY TO DONATE

You can donate to our church on a regular monthly basis by simply contacting the treasurer. Bent will set you up to have a charge put on your credit card.

Remember that we get no financial support from any government.

We rely completely upon our members.

We appreciate your support during these trying times.

Contact Bent Skousbol at 780-458-7695

Operation Friendship

Ansgar Church continues to support Operation Friendship at the McCauley Senior's Drop-In Centre.

We sponsor a nutritious meal once a month.

Although we are no longer able to serve the meal during the pandemic, your financial support is always welcome.

This means you can, in an easy way, support this outreach program and still get a tax receipt. A suggested donation could be \$10.00 per month.

Thank you for your caring and help!

Esther Sørensen
780-452-3678

Ansgar Group Activities

DANISH WOMEN'S GROUP

The next meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 11:00 am. will focus on planning a **Frikadelle Supper** and "blind tasting contest" on June 10th. Look for the ad elsewhere in this newsletter for details. Next meeting is May 24th.

Please join in the fun and help us out at this event, by submitting a platter of your favourite frikadeller.

Contact Jeanna at 780-474-4254, if you can contribute.

THE ANSGAR SINGERS

The Ansgar Singers are singing again. We will perform on Pentecost Sunday and rehearse twice before, May 15 and June 2.

For more info or to join the choir contact Pastor Lasse at ansgar@telus.net

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We are looking for volunteers! Men's Breakfast will begin again as soon as we have enough volunteers to help with shopping, preparing and cleaning up.

Please contact Pastor Lasse at 780 422 8777.

HYGGEKLUBBEN

We are back at Hygge Klubben and are very much looking forward to see you all again. In May we will be meeting on the Wednesday the 18th of May and our friend, Jens Woller, has agreed to come and share some of his life ventures on that day.

We meet at the church on the third Wednesday of every month at 12 noon. Everyone brings something light to share for lunch. We sing from Højskole Sangbogen, visit and hygge is the main menu. Of course the coffee pot is always on. Hope to see you there!

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COLOUR?

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SPRING CLEANING

The Annual Spring Clean-up of Ansgar Church

Please bring cleaning supplies, buckets, cloths and maybe a rake if you want to join the outside crew.

Join us on **Saturday, May 14th at 9:30 am**

We will have a pizza lunch together.



General Praying Day Walk Store Bededags Vandring

Thursday, May 12 at 7 pm

It is an old Danish tradition to get out for a nice walk on the eve of the General Praying Day (Store Bededag). This year at Ansgar, we will invite you to join us for a stroll in the River Valley. We will begin with a short introduction and prayer and end the walk with a short farewell hymn. After the walk we will meet in the church basement for traditional Danish wheat buns - *varme hveder* - and coffee & tea.

We will meet on Jasper Avenue between 81 and 82 Street. Remember to bring good footwear and perhaps a bottle of water. It will take about an hour. Please contact Pastor Lasse if you are planning to come. Children and dogs are welcome.



*Varme hveder -
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Before you know it, we will be celebrating the **100th Anniversary** of Ansgar Church. Over the next few issues of this newsletter, we'll give you a fun QUIZ to see how well you know our beautiful church.

ANSGAR Quiz ANNIVERSARY

1. Our altar decoration was woven by the wife of a former pastor. What was her name?
2. In what year was this beautiful weaving installed in the church?
3. What is the name of this amazing piece of art?

Answers on page 11

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MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 11:30 am DANSK <i>with English sermon</i> 2nd Sunday after Easter John 14, 1-11	2	3 7:00 pm Ansgar Board Meeting	4	5 9:30 am Study Group See pg 10	6	7
8 11:00 am ENGLISH 3rd Sunday after Easter John 10, 22-30 Service together with St. John's Lutheran Church at St. John's MOTHERS' DAY	9	10	11	12 7:00 pm Evening Walk on the Eve of the General Prayer Day of Denmark See pg 5	13	14 9:30 am Spring Cleaning See pg 4
15 11:00 am ENGLISH 4th Sunday after Easter John 8, 28-36 Service at Ansgar Church together with St. John's Lutheran Church Choir rehearsal	16	17	18 Noon Hyggeklubben	19 9:30 am Study Group See pg 10	20	21
22 10:30 am ENGLISH 5th Sunday after Easter John 17, 1-11 SUNDAY SCHOOL	23 VICTORIA DAY	24 11:00 am Danish Women's Club	25	26	27	28
29 10:30 am ENGLISH 6th Sunday after Easter John 17, 20-26	30	31			SPECIAL THIS MONTH: May 8 Service at St. John's at 11 am May 12 Evening Walk for Storbenedag May 15 Service at Ansgar with St. John's congregation at 11 am	

JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>SPECIAL THIS MONTH:</p> <p>June 5 Pentecost Sunday Potluck lunch</p> <p>June 10 Frikadelle Supper</p> <p>June 5 & 19 Sunday School</p>			1	2 9:30 am Study Group See pg 10	3	4
<p>5 10:30 am ENGLISH</p> <p>PENTECOST Luke 14, 15-21</p> <p>Potluck lunch Visit from Camp Kuriakos SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	6	7 7:00 pm Ansgar Board Meeting	8	9	10 6:00 pm FRIKADELLE SUPPER See page 9	11
<p>12 10:30 am DANSK with English sermon</p> <p>Trinity Sunday John 28, 16-20</p>	13	14	15	16 9:30 am Study Group See pg 10	17	18
<p>19 10:30 am ENGLISH</p> <p>1st Sunday after Trinity Luke 12, 13-21</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL FATHERS' DAY</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>26 10:30 am DANSK with English sermon</p> <p>2nd Sunday after Trinity Luke 14, 25-35</p>	27	28	29	30	 <p>Camp Kuriakos July 1-3</p> <p>Join us for Sunday service at the camp on July 3</p>	

Danish Women's Group back in action!

When we last met in early 2020, we were preparing for the annual Spring Supper and Fun Bingo, which had to be cancelled. In late March though, 13 of our 16 current members, and three invited guests, gathered again mostly to talk and catch up, but also to try and figure out what we could do quickly, to help our church financially. We were all so happy to finally be able to get together in the Church basement, for the first time in more than two years!

We discussed several ideas for the next half year, and settled on a Danish homemade specialties **Easter Sale**, consisting of fresh ryebread, "leverpostej" and chocolate covered Marzipan eggs in six flavours!

With the help of some friends in the congregation, the women mounted a very successful sale, in less than two weeks, selling most of the products and raising over \$2800.00 for the Church!

Many "thanks" to Frederikke and Kirsten Thorup for running a successful egg making workshop; to Alice Nickel and Krista Jewett for quickly setting up an online ordering system, and to the sixteen egg makers, leverpostej producers and rye bread bakers! Thanks for your generous donation of all the many ingredients, as well as your skill and hard work. Well done!

DANISH COMMUNITY NEWS

★★★

The Ansgar DVD collection

Ansgar is in possession of a collection of DVDs with Danish movies and TV-series.

The collection covers all kinds of genres and there are old as well as newer movies and TV-series.

If you are interested in Danish movies and culture don't hesitate to have a look in the catalogue, which you find in the Church Basement together with the collection.

Please register the DVDs you borrow and bring them back in undamaged shape for others to enjoy.



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Coming up...



FRIKADELLE SUPPER

Friday, June 10th at 6 pm
in the church basement

Delicious Frikadelle dinner with all the trimmings!

There will once again be a panel of 3 judges to determine the winner of the coveted **“Golden Pan Award”** for the very best frikadeller. The competition is always stiff!

Tickets: \$25.00 each
(*\$15.00 for those participating in the contest - you must bring 20 frikadeller, 3 for the judges and the rest will be served*)



Limited tickets available - sold only in advance.

Call Lis Walker to reserve your tickets:
780.433.9932 or **780.691.8130**

Wine will be available for purchase.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to look after some of the regular maintenance tasks required to keep our church clean and inviting:

1. Take a turn at the weekly cleaning of the church. It takes 2 people about 1-1.5 hours
2. Build/supply a lockable shed for storing waste bins and blue bags.
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Meet
the
man...

The study group is active again. We meet every second Thursday at 9:30 pm. First time in May will be May 5.

This year we will read short selections from the Gospels with a meditative approach. Pastor Lasse will guide you to find peace and awareness on your way through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will then talk about how we experience our encounter with the Gospel. All thoughts and feelings are acceptable. We share and listen in respect to each person's unique experiences.

The theme of the year is "Meet the man". We will read selections of the Gospels where Jesus is meeting people. How do we meet him? All are invited to share their view and their perspective on the many meetings in the Gospel. No prior knowledge is required.

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Family Sundays

May 22, June 5 and June 19

We are so happy that we again have children's activities during the English Sunday Services. Pastor Lasse is developing with Frederikke a curriculum for Ansgar that follows our Church year closely, engages the kids in fun activities and in the church life, as well as bring them knowledge of our faith.

Please contact Pastor Lasse to register for the program, but feel free to just show up and be a part of the fellowship and fun.



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The spirit is just like the sun. A grey day is hard to bear. But the sun brings us hope. Not much has changed...but then everything is changed! The sun brings healing to our hearts and so does the spirit of God. The Holy Sprit does this even on rainy days. It is certainly often too hot or too cold in life just as our weather is here in Edmonton. But we can find gratitude even in this. Just look for the sunshine in life and let the Holy Spirit dwell in your heart and gratitude will grow even during life's adversities and misfortunes and will become even stronger in all the joy and all the happiness of life.

Happy Spring to all of you, Happy Pentecost,
Pastor Lasse

PS: The title of this message comes from the first line of N.F.S.Grundtvig's Pentecost hymn, in Danish "I al sin glans nu stråler solen" - the absolute most popular hymn for Pentecost in Denmark.

KURIAKOS

at Sylvan Lake
**The Ansgar Family Camp
for everybody**

Save these dates
for this year's Church Camp:
July 1 - 3, 2022



1. Our altar decoration was woven by the wife of a former pastor. What was her name?
Eise Staal Nielsen
2. In what year was this beautiful weaving installed in the church?
2009
3. What is the name of this amazing piece of art?
Easter Morning

ANSGAR ANNIVERSARY
ANSWERS
Quiz

Joint services *with our friends
at Saint John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church*



May 8 at 11 am
at Saint John's Lutheran Church



May 15 at 11 am
Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church

This year, we will celebrate again with our neighbours at Saint John's.

We are less than a block apart. It is so nice to have good neighbours and to know them well.

We will worship together twice, once at Saint John and once at Ansgar. After the services we will enjoy coffee and cake. We will get the conversation going and try to inspire each other in how to continue and thrive as Lutheran Churches in our time and at our place. It will be festive, inspiring, and "hyggeligt".

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

June 5, 10:30 am
Festive Service with the
Ansgar Singers,
Sunday School, Camp guests
and Potluck Lunch

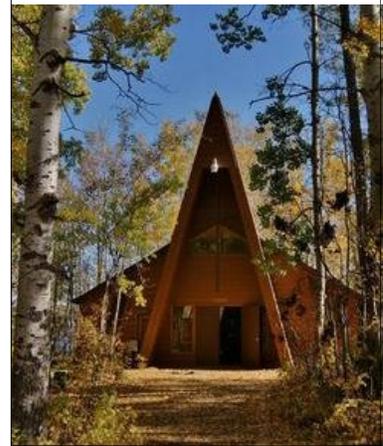
**Kuriakos
visits Ansgar!**

On Pentecost Sunday we will celebrate a festive service together with guests from Kuriakos. They will deliver the children's message and organise Sunday School and stay with us for the Potluck Lunch.

They will also give us info on the summer programs of Camp Kuriakos.

Did you know ... that Camp Kuriakos was founded in 1930 as "Danish Lutheran Bible Camp at Sylvan Lake".

Ansgar is a member of Camp Kuriakos and organises a congregational camp at Sylvan Lake every summer.



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