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ANSGAR 2025

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As soon as we have been acquainted with the “Winter Edmonton”, we are preparing to leave. We have spent nearly two months in a traditional Canadian winter and we had the wonderful experience that even the cold winter cannot hinder the Ansgar congregation to function. We have seen it as our most important task to keep the Sunday services alive - an open door to the church with a warm welcome to fellowship and sharing of what is important in our faith. We see it as a big challenge, that what is essential to being a Christian should not be forgotten and that it can't be a matter which we can handle privately.



Last time we were here, Henriette joined me at Easter time. We went more around in visits and after Easter I used the bike. The energy is not quite the same now, but I hope we have lived up to the confidence you showed us by inviting us. We have enjoyed meeting old and new friends and tried to do our best. I am still very fascinated by the history of the Danish congregations in Alberta. It tells us a lot about what it means to be a Christian church. And we can bring a lot back to our church in Denmark, who really can use the inspiration from Canada. The fellowship between our churches is a big gift to the two parts.

God bless you in the future – God bless the important work of the board and all who feel responsible for Ansgar! And God bless everybody who joins in and fills the house.

God bless the new pastor.

Henriette and C.C.Jessen

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Deadline for submissions for the

May/June 2025
Newsletter is
April 10, 2025

Email submissions to ansgarnews@gmail.com



Danish Heritage Seminar

will be held in Calgary at the Carriage House Hotel & Conference Centre
May 26-30, 2025

JOIN US and experience culture, history, lectures, learning and have some fun and fellowship.

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Summer parsonage renovation:
Help needed for renovations and upgrades to the parsonage this summer. If you can't help, can you recommend contractors?
- Spring cleanup Saturday, April 5th, 10 am: See page 10
- Paint the baseboards in the altar area
- The deacons would appreciate a hand getting ready for the services, ie: hoisting the flags, cleaning up the kitchen after coffee

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A Message from the Board

Thank you to our members who have volunteered to serve on the Church Board and to all of you who help wherever you can. We continue to look for a member to be a treasurer-in training who can assist Bent Skousbøl with the Treasurer's duties and eventually take it over. Bent will provide training and support as needed. Please contact Bent for more information.

Pastor update: We have been blessed with our temporary pastors Svend Faarvang and CC Jessen. Thank you, to both of you, for coming to tend to our congregation. Pastor Svend, Birgit and Teddy are coming back to us from March to mid June. We are hopeful that we will have a permanent Pastor here by fall.

The parsonage has been completely repainted plus a new ceiling installed in the basement and now we are looking into having the main floor renovated and modernized. We will also be getting a gate installed across the driveway to help with security. Finally, we will be getting quotes for the exterior stucco repairs of the Church.

Danish Chat (Morgenkaffe pa Dansk): We had a great turn-out in February. This is an opportunity to speak/hear Danish no matter what your skill level. Check the calendar or website for upcoming dates.

Camp Kuriakos: Mark your calendars for June 27 to 29. A great opportunity to decompress and spend time with your family and your Ansgar family in a fun environment. There are lots of rooms in the lodge, or there may be a spot for your trailer.

Enjoy these last few months of winter, spring will be here soon!

Sincerely yours
Dorrit Morrow
President, Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church

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Ansgar Group Activities

DANISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Once again, we hosted a fun-filled evening with another Frikadelle Supper and Contest in late February. It was a welcome break in this long cold spell we have been experiencing. In addition to the comfort food and friendly atmosphere, we crowned another Frikadelle Queen and awarded the coveted gold pan for another year. Thanks to all who attended, joined in the fun and helped us contribute operating funds for our little Church.

We'll be working with the Board for the Fastelavn Celebration on March 2nd. In addition to some brave costuming, we'll be serving Fastelavns Boller for all to enjoy after the awarding of costume prizes and the "beating of the barrel".

In early April the women will be holding a Marzipan decorating Workshop to prepare special Marzipan Easter Eggs for sale on the Spring On-line Bakesale April 14 – 17. Watch the Ansgar website for that sale!

In May, before we break for the summer, the Women's Group is planning a group outing to a yet to be named destination. This will involve some travel and a meal, of course. Fun for all! Then it's time for gardens, BBQ's, summer travel, camping and other outdoor activities and rest. Meetings will resume in September.

*We encourage any woman who is interested in this group to bring a lunch and join us in the Church basement on the fourth Tuesday morning of the month at 10:00 am. All meetings are listed in the Church Calendar and are conducted in English.
Contact Jeanna Baty at 780-554-5803 for more info.*

THE ANSGAR SINGERS

The Ansgar Singers will be meeting for the second Singing Session on Sunday, March 23rd from 12:30 until 3:00 at the church.

The April schedule is as follows:

Sunday, April 13 from 12:30-1:30
rehearsal at the church.

Sunday April 20th from 9:00-10:00
rehearsal at the church and the Easter service

Sunday, April 27th from 2:00-4:30
Singing Session at the Alto Family's home

*For questions or more information, please contact
Amelia Kaminski at ameliakaminski@gmail.com*

HYGGEKLUBBEN

Woo-Hoo! Spring is coming and it will be easier to get around.

Hyggeklubben in March is on the 19th and in April it will be on the 16th.

*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. The main thing on the menu is Hygge.
Hope to see you there! Randi Mark*

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.

Contact our treasurer Bent Skousbøl at 780-458-7695 or email ansgartreasurer@gmail.com

FASTELAVN



March 2nd, 10:30 am in the Ansgar basement

Family service and traditional, Danish Shrovetide celebrations.

Fastelavn is the old, Danish way to prepare for Lent.

It's tradition to dress up in costumes, though not required, it is encouraged.

Join us for fun, fastelavns boller, "beating the cat out of the barrel" and crowning of the King!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 FASTELAVN CELEBRATION <i>(see pg 5)</i>	3	4	5	6	7	1
						8
9 <i>Første søndag i fasten</i> <i>Mattæus 4, 1-11</i>	10	11	12 <i>1:30 pm</i> <i>Craft'n'Chat</i> <i>Afternoon</i>	13 <i>11:00 am</i> <i>Operation</i> <i>Friendship</i> <i>(see pg 11)</i>	14	15
16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Matthew 15, 21-28</i> <i>With our friends from St. John's</i> <i>9 am</i> <i>Morgenkaffe på Dansk</i>  <i>12:30 pm</i> Board Meeting	17	18	19 <i>12 noon</i> <i>Hyggeklubben</i>	20	21	22
23 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Luke 11, 14-28</i> <i>12:30-3:00</i> <i>Choir Practice</i>	24	25 <i>10:00 am</i> <i>Danish</i> <i>Women's</i> <i>Group</i> <i>(see pg 4)</i>	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>John 6, 1-15</i>	31				SPECIAL THIS MONTH: <i>March 2</i> Fastelavn Celebration <i>March 12</i> Craft'n'Chat <i>March 16</i> Morgenkaffe på Dansk	

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL THIS MONTH: April 2 Craft'n'Chat April 5 Spring Cleaning April 18 Good Friday service in Danish		1	2 <i>1:30 pm</i> Craft'n'Chat Afternoon	3	4	5 <i>10:00 am</i> SPRING CLEANING 
6 <i>10:30 am</i> DANSK Mariæ bebudelses dag Lukas 1, 26-38	7	8 <i>10:00 am</i> Egg Decorating Workshop <i>7:00 pm</i> Board Meeting	9	10 <i>11 am</i> Operation Friendship (see pg 11)	11	12
ONLINE BAKE SALE (see pg 12)						
13 <i>10:30 am</i> ENGLISH PALM SUNDAY Matthew 21, 1-9 <i>9 am</i> Morgenkaffe på Dansk  <i>12:30-1:30</i> Choir Practice	14	15 <i>3-6 pm</i> ONLINE BAKE SALE PICK-UP	16 <i>12 noon</i> Hyggeklubben	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY/ SKÆR- TORS DAG No service	18 GOOD FRIDAY LANG FREDAG <i>10:30 am</i> DANSK Jesu Kristi lidelseshistorie	19
20 <i>10:30 am</i> ENGLISH EASTER SUNDAY Mark 16, 1-8 With our friends from St. John's  <i>9:00-10:00</i> Choir Practice	21 EASTER MONDAY No service	22 <i>10:00 am</i> Danish Women's Group Meeting	23	24	25	26
27 <i>10:30 am</i> ENGLISH First Sunday after Easter John 20, 19-31 <i>2:00-4:30</i> Choir Singing Session	28	29	30			

DANISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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Scandinavian Folk Dance

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Why not have fun, learn about Scandinavian culture and get some exercise?

Join the Edmonton Scandinavian folk dancers and get it all!

For more information contact Tim Lambert at hobbest@telusplanet.net



The Ansgar DVD collection

Ansgar is in possession of a collection of DVDs of 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 can find in the Church basement together with the collection.

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

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With the big clean-up over the past year, some space has opened up on our bookshelves in the basement. We are going to use this space for a new Lending Library.

Bring in a book to share and borrow a book you haven't yet read - Danish or English. We will also be adding our DVD library to this offering.

The subject matter can be anything you think someone else will enjoy! All items can be borrowed and returned, or simply kept and passed on for others to enjoy.



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The congregation from St. John's Lutheran Church will continue to join us for service the third Sunday of every month.

White folding chairs for sale at \$10 each



chat'n'craft

A new opportunity for connection!

If you love to knit, crochet, embroider,

do needlework, scrapbook or any other handcraft, and need some help getting going, bring your work along to this informal, monthly gathering.

We'll meet **March 12** and **April 2** at 1:30 pm in the parsonage.



MORGENKAFFE på Dansk

9 - 10 am
March 16
& April 13

MORNING COFFEE IN DANISH

Are you interested in helping build and maintain Danish language and culture in Edmonton?

Are you fluent, learning or new to Danish?

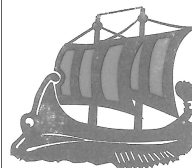
Join us this spring as we engage in cultural and art-based practices to discover personal connection to the Danish language. This is not a formal language class, but an opportunity for sharing and growing in a cultural community.

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Ansgar Family Camp at Sylvan Lake

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Danish Association Seeks New President

Rolf Christensen, President of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada will be stepping down at the AGM in May and the search is on for a replacement. Nominations are sought for a new president. The process will be undertaken by a nominating committee.

Please share this information with your membership and connections in the Danish community. A strong Federation benefits all of us.

Interested candidates and their seconder must be active members of a member club of the Federation. Please include a short summary of experience and interest. See the basic job description below.

Nominations should be sent to Sune Overgaard at suneovergaard@hotmail.com by the first week of March in order for the committee to review them prior to the AGM.

Duties and Responsibilities of the President of the Danish Federation

1. The President is responsible for the general **supervision** of the affairs of and the support for the purpose of the Danish Federation.
2. The President is responsible for **implementing** and carrying out projects and policies. The president must keep abreast of the agenda and activities of the Danish Federation and be proactive in contacting and reaching out to others both within and without the association.
3. The President calls meetings and **presides** at all meetings, except the AGM.
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Operation Friendship has undergone a reorganization and no longer operates a Drop-in Program; it now concentrates its efforts on its 5 Seniors' Lodges.

Ansgar Church has been invited to continue our support in a different setting. We will still be providing a lunch of stew and dessert, but we will now be assigned to McCauley Lodge, located very near Ansgar Church. We will serve around 40 lodge residents and be able to visit and interact with them on a more personal level.

We are looking for volunteers willing to spend about 2 hours on the 2nd Thursday of each month to help with this worthwhile cause.

Please call Valerie Sorensen at 780-973-6526 for more information or to join our group.

The Holy Week

Good Friday

April 18

10:30 am

Danish Service

Easter Sunday

April 20

10:30 am

English Service



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