

During July and August, many of us take a summer break. We go on vacation, travel home to Denmark, or set out for distant places under unfamiliar skies. Meanwhile, some are left behind, waiting quietly for family to return and for the familiar rhythm of everyday life to begin again.

For many people, the welcome pauses in everyday life come when the routine is interrupted - when someone drops by for a cup of coffee and a chat or invites them out for a short drive. During the summer, those kinds of pauses may become fewer and farther between.

In September the "train" starts moving again. The combines return to the fields for harvest, school buses are back on the roads, and people return to their work-places - hopefully rested, tanned, joyful, and renewed after a well-earned break.

*Something
happens
in the pauses...*

Anyone who works with music knows that the rests are what allow the notes to

become music. Anyone who has ever given a speech knows the power of a well-placed pause. And anyone who has dared to enter into a meaningful conversation knows how important it is to leave room for silence.

What is it that happens in those pauses? That is precisely what we do not know - and that is what makes them so valuable. When we leave space for the unexpected, we may receive a new insight. Our thoughts may take a different direction. We may be inspired by something we encounter along the way.

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Waterton National Park

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November/December 2026 Newsletter is **October 10, 2026**

Email submissions to ansgarnews@gmail.com

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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.

NB: At this time our library is full and we are no longer able to accept any more books. Please help yourself to what ever interests you on the shelf.



From the Church Records:

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Tucker Blake Horricks

MEMORIAL SERVICES AND FUNERALS

Anders Klausen Jensen

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A Message from the Board

Hello Everyone!

Hope you had a great summer and are now enjoying the beautiful colours of autumn.

Camp Kuriakos was a real treat this year. Twenty-seven of us had the whole camp to ourselves and enjoyed the water, sauna, games, good food and getting to know each other better. Thank you to all those who helped to make it a success.

There has been some water below the elevator so we are checking if the grading needs to be improved and may need to hire a foundation specialist. Thank you to Gunnar Jensen for removing the water and alerting us to the situation.

We will be purchasing some new equipment to improve sound quality in the Church and for live streaming.

Hope to see you soon,
Dorrit Morrow
Board President



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Ansgar Group Activities

DANISH WOMEN'S GROUP

As we head into the Fall, we are looking forward to getting back to regular meetings and preparing for our season of projects to support the Church. Regular meetings will resume in the Church basement, the last Tuesday of the month, beginning **September 22**, from 10:00 – 12:30 or so.

Upcoming activities to look forward to this Fall are:

Danish Christmas Baking Workshop:

Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
(This is a pre-registered event and is now full)

Fall Harvest Dinner (Turkey and Duck):

Friday, October 16, 6:30 pm.
(Call Jeanna for tickets at 780-554-5803)

Christmas Bazaar:

Saturday, November 28, 12:00 – 2:30 pm. Please note, we will be returning to the Calder Hall this year. Christmas Baking will also be on sale in advance on-line again.

Watch the Newsletter and the Website for further information. See you soon at these events!

Jeanna Baty

Our regular meetings are always held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. If you're interested in joining us to enjoy some social time, while working on our fundraising, come along to a meeting and remember to bring your lunch. For further information, contact Jeanna Baty at 780-474-4254

THE ANSGAR SINGERS

Our first rehearsal will be August 30th after the service. The choir will participate in the "Sing for Unity" service on September 20th.

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a choir member, please contact Eija Aalto at eijaalto@gmail.com

HYGGEKLUBBEN

Where did this summer go? Time again to get back to Hyggeklubben. Our first get together is on September 16th and in October it will be on the 21st where we will have a special guest - see page 8. We will be touring Sacred Heart Church at 1 pm after on lunch on September 16th. You are welcome to make a donation towards their work with the homeless in the area.

We are still hoping someone will come forward to take over from me in November. Still a couple of months to go.
Randi Mark

We meet at the church on the third Wednesday of each month at noon. Everyone brings something light to share for lunch. We sing from Højskole Sangbogen, a lot of sharing happens and the main thing on the menu is Hygge.

CHAT'N'CRAFT



We are back on track with knitting needles and crochet hooks or whatever you are working on, and of course a lot to share after the summer holidays. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the parsonage. Bring snacks, cake or fruit. See you on September 2nd and October 7th.

Pastor Jane

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you for your support in bringing this group back. We will meet again on September 12th and in October we will get together on the 24th at 10:00 am.

We meet once a month to discuss the state of the world, share some bread and act constructively for the church. Call Werner at 780-655-3227 for more information.

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Each of us finds renewal in different ways. Over the years, I have discovered that I need new horizons from time to time. I need places where my eyes can rest on beauty. That is why my breaks often take the form of travel, leading me to beautiful places and unfamiliar landscapes. Thankfully, Canada offers no shortage of these. This year my family and I journeyed across vast, blooming prairies, through towering mountains, beside rushing rivers and waterfalls, to mirror-like lakes and rugged coastlines. How richly blessed we are!

And what a blessing it is to know that God is present everywhere. He is with us in the busyness of everyday life just as surely as He is in the pauses and in the silence. He is present in nature, in music, in our conversations, in the quietness of our hearts, and even in our loneliness.

As the years pass, the circumstances of our lives change. Perhaps we move from being someone who longs for a break from busyness to someone who longs for a break from silence. Our inner landscapes also change over time, shaped by all that we have experienced, seen, and heard.

But God does not change. He remains with us always. He speaks into the life each of us has lived and into all that we carry within us. He meets us with words of forgiveness, love, and encouragement, and He shines His peace upon us every day of our lives.

Pastor Jane Marie Sognstrup



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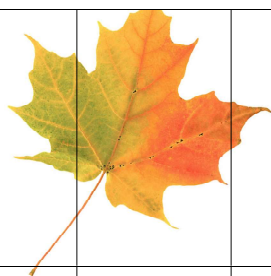
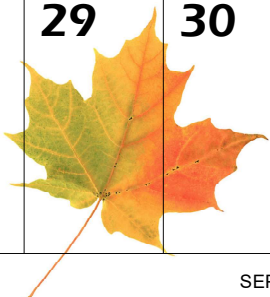
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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL THIS MONTH: September 20 Sing for Unity Service WELCOME BACK BBQ Lunch to follow the service September 26 Danish Christmas Baking Workshop		1	2  1:30 pm Chat'n'Craft (see pg 4)	3	4	5
6 10:30 am DANISH 14. søndag efter trinitatis Johannes 5, 1-15 Den syge ved Bethesda dam	7 LABOUR DAY	8 7:00 pm Board Meeting	9	10 11 am Operation Friendship (see pg 11)	11	12 10:00 am Men's Breakfast Club (see pg 4)
13 10:30 am ENGLISH 15th Sunday after Trinity Luke 10, 38-42 Martha and Maria with Reverend Laird Borst	14	15	16 12 noon Hyggeklubben 1 pm Tour of Sacred heart Church	17	18	19
20 10:30 am ENGLISH 16th Sunday after Trinity John 11, 19-45 Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead Sing for Unity A service for peace and unity Welcome Back BBQ lunch With our friends from St. John's	21	22 10:00 am Danish Women's Group	23	24	25	26 10 am - 3 pm Danish Christmas Baking Workshop
27 10:30 am ENGLISH 17th Sunday after Trinity Mark 2, 14-22 New Wine into New Wineskins Harvest Fundraiser Luncheon at St. John's Church after the service (see pg 5)	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL THIS MONTH: October 4 Høstgudstjeneste October 11 Thanksgiving Service October 16 Fall Harvest Dinner				1	2	3
4 10:30 am DANISH 18. søndag efter trinitatis Johannes 15, 1-11 Det sande vintræ  HØSTGUDSTJENESTE	5	6	7  1:30 pm Chat'n'Craft (see pg 4)	8 11 am Operation Friendship (see pg 11)	9	10
11 10:30 am ENGLISH 19th Sunday after Trinity John 1, 35-51 John's Disciples follow Jesus THANKSGIVING SERVICE 	12 THANKSGIVING DAY	13 7:00 pm Board Meeting	14	15	16 6:30 pm FALL HARVEST DINNER (see pg 9)	17 10 am Junior Confirmation Class (see pg 12)
18 10:30 am ENGLISH 20th Sunday after Trinity Matthew 21, 28-41 The Parable of the Tenants Potluck Lunch after the service With our friends from St. John's	19	20 10:00 am Danish Women's Group	21 12 noon Hyggeklubben (see pg 8)	22	23	24 10:00 am Men's Breakfast Club (see pg 4)
25 10:30 am ENGLISH 21st Sunday after Trinity Luke 13, 1-9 Repent or Perish	26	27	28	29 	30	31 HALLOWEEN

DANISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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Danes Worldwide is an organization that represents Danes who live abroad for personal or career reasons.

Its activities include educational programmes, local networking around the world, and participation in public debate in matters relevant to its members.

Check out their website www.danes.dk

Danish Canadian Heritage Book

The 2026 edition is now available for purchase \$20 each.

Free copies of previous issues are also available in the Church basement.

DANIA FALL DANCE October 17th

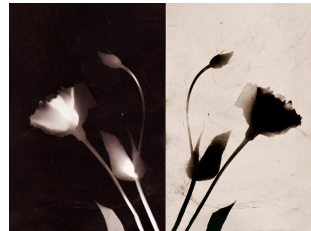
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On October 21st Hyggeklubben welcomes Cezanne Laurette to share about her life as multi-faceted artist. Join us!



Cézanne Laurette

is a photographer, videographer, and artist. She has a passion for alternative photographic processes, capturing images without using a camera. Working with fresh, decaying, or dried florals, her work



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Sing For Unity

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September 20**

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"Sing for Unity" is a Danish movement that invites everyone across the world to join as we create a sound wave of hope, unity, peace, and global community that travels across time zones.

Each year Sing for Unity is held in connection with the UN International Day of Peace.

This year Ansgar Church and the Ansgar Singers will be part of "Sing for Unity" at the Sunday Service on September 20th at 10:30 am.

Join us for a global celebration of community, peace, and unity!



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Help to make sandwiches for the needy in the community

St. John's Sandwich Club started in November, 2023.
 We meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the
 month. 8 to 10 people meet to make sandwiches for the
 needy in our community. The sandwiches are taken to
 Sacred Heart Church of the First People where they
 pass them out in a bagged lunch. Our members have
 donated cookies, wagon wheels, granola bars etc. to
 add to the lunch bags. We make three types of
 sandwiches: bologna and cheese, peanut butter and
 strawberry jam, and cheese sandwiches.

We meet at 9:30 in the church hall at St John the
 second Wednesday of every month and we make
 between 195 to 200 sandwiches each month. The
 average cost of each sandwich is \$ 0.51.

We look forward to welcoming anyone that would like
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All Saints' Service

All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November, is traditionally observed in the Danish National Church as a day of remembrance.

On this day, we remember our "saints," especially those whose Christian faith cost them their lives.

In recent years, however, this service has also become a more general service of remembrance, where we honor and remember the people we have known and loved who have passed away.

We will do the same at this year's All Saints' Service at Ansgar Church on **NOVEMBER 1st at 4:30 pm.**

The service will follow the usual order of worship, but the sermon, hymns, and Scripture readings will place special emphasis on the message that we are all - living and departed alike - held in God's loving hands.

Following the sermon and the prayers of the church, I will read the names of those from the Ansgar Church family who have passed away during the past year.

Everyone is also warmly invited to contact me by phone or email with the names of loved ones they would like included in the reading, even if they passed away many years ago.

After the service, everyone is invited to stay for coffee and fellowship in the church basement.

Pastor Jane Marie Sognstrup
Phone 780 422 8777 or
email: pastor@ansgar.ca

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Edmonton's Food Bank

Ansgar Church is located in an area of Edmonton where Food Bank donations are vital for the community. We therefore would encourage our members and congregation to donate to this worthy cause.

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OPERATION friendship

Ansgar Church has been a longtime supporter of Operation Friendship – a program to assist low-income seniors with meals, toiletries and clothing. Operation Friendship concentrates its efforts on its 5 Seniors' Lodges.

Ansgar Church is continuing our support in a different setting. We are still providing a lunch of stew and dessert, but are now assigned to McCauley Lodge, located very near Ansgar Church. We serve around 40 lodge residents and are 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.



Are you ca. between 8 and 12 years old? Would you like to learn more about Ansgar Church, the Christian faith, and your Danish heritage? Now is your chance!

We will meet for an hour and a half on three Saturday mornings this fall. You will have the opportunity to explore every corner of the church, ask all the questions you can think of, hear exciting Bible stories, sing songs, and have fun together.

PROGRAM:

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

What's inside Ansgar Church?

Discover the different parts of the church and learn what we use the church for.

Saturday, November 21, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Who was Ansgar?

Learn about the man Ansgar and what he was doing in Denmark during the Viking Age.

Saturday, December 12, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Why and how do we celebrate Christmas?

Explore Danish Christmas traditions and why we celebrate Christmas.

Sunday, December 13, 10:30 am

Family Service

The Junior Confirmation Class participants will take part in the service. Afterward, everyone is invited to a Christmas gathering with holiday crafts, *æbleskiver*, Gløgg, and Danish rice pudding.

Light refreshments will be served at each Saturday session. Participation is free of charge, but parents are encouraged to donate, as Ansgar Church depends entirely on the generosity of donations to support its ministry.

It's going to be a lot of fun - but only if you come! If you cannot attend all the sessions, you are still very welcome to join us on the days you are able to attend.

***Please register with Pastor Jane
a week before every meeting!***

Phone: 780-422-8777 or email: pastor@ansgar.ca

Memories of Kuriakos 2026

