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Traditionally we talk in Danish about “julefreden”, the Christmas Peace. We consider Christmas as a time to step back and let peace take hold on you. Christmas is a time to rest in the bosom of the family. To many this means that old traditions are revived, and one of them may be a visit to church, even if they don't come here regularly during the rest of the year. Christmas is simply speaking a special time. It is a time for prayer and for peace.

Historically the Christmas Peace was very concrete. It was the agreement that during this time of the year war was not conducted. And in the homes and farms only work that could not be delayed, was allowed. The length of time of the Christmas Peace varied. From just a few days to the 12 days of Christmas that we sing about in the song, or even from the 21st of December and for three weeks. I have also heard of the time of Christmas peace defined as from the beginning of the first Sunday in Advent lasting until Candlemas on February 2. More than two months of peace in a year! How wonderful!

We all know that humans have never been able to keep peace with one another. The very first story in Bible from life outside Eden is about brother fighting brother, Cain against Abel. And it hasn't changed much since. There has never been peace in the entire world at once, ever, as far as I know. Unrest and war are the norm of this world even if we in this part of the world have been spared for the worst of evil, open war. But war has always been raging somewhere on earth.

This year, the spectre of war has grown bigger and more ominous than ever. This year has been scared by a brutal war in the heart of Europe as well as many other places on earth. The world peace is at stake in a way it hasn't been for decades, and the ultimate destruction of humankind seems but a step away. I don't need to say more. We have already heard enough of this.

Instead, I believe we need to hear more about our longings for peace. We need to tell one another that peace is possible. We need to believe and hope that love is greater than hate. We need to feel the Christmas Peace in our hearts this year perhaps more than ever. We need to settle our disagreements with people around us and find peace in our minds in the hope that it will last beyond this season.

In Turku (Åbo) in Finland, each year from the City Hall the Christmas Peace is announced, a tradition that in its roots goes back to medieval times. A few more towns in Finland and Estonia follow this tradition, too. Nowhere else as far as I know is the Christmas Peace openly and loudly declared. Though, still today the word “julefred”, Christmas Peace, is in common use in most of Scandinavia.

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Email submissions to ansgarnews@gmail.com

Memorial Donations have been received in memory of

Eva Christensen
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From the Church Records:

FUNERALS/MEMORIALS:

September 9:
Eva Christensen

September 12:
Eric Fisker

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Frode Mogensen

Visitations

Home visits for those who are housebound or in the hospital can be scheduled by contacting the Pastor or any member of the Board, for prayer, fellowship and communion, depending on the needs of the individual.

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From the Treasurer:

August 2022

Income	\$	4126.11
Expenses	\$	<u>12,071.23</u>
Deficit	\$	-7,945.12

September 2022

Income	\$	7,130.10
Expenses	\$	<u>13,267.20</u>
Deficit	\$	-6,137.10

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A Message from the Board

I cannot believe that two more months have passed. But we have been enjoying such a fantastic “extended summer” with blooming gardens and beautiful colours. So much to be thankful for this fall. Although most of the COVID restrictions have been lifted now, sickness is still hitting some of us, though with less power for the vaccinated. It still can't be taken lightly. However, many activities in the Church are meeting now including Hyggeklubben, the Women's Group, the Study Group, and Sunday School for the younger ones. It is so good to be able take part again part in regular Sunday services to sustain us!

The Ansgar Board is also meeting again and would like to hear your suggestions for the new design of the half-moon window over the entrance to the Church. The door has needed repair for some time and the stained glass window is falling out.

Since the last Newsletter, the purchase of the house to the east of the Church has moved ahead and the sale will be finally complete on November 15th. In consultation with the City, the Board will be working to determine how best to use the new space. We're still considering our options. I'd like to thank the members who attended the two Special Congregational Meetings held over the summer, to guide the Board in its decisions regarding this property acquisition.

During November, many busy hands will be preparing for the Christmas Bazaar, this year planned for November 26 at the Dutch Canadian Centre. Fortunately, we'll be able to gather together in person again for the Bazaar, enjoying purchasing baked goods and Christmas items and meeting over delicious “smørrebrød”. It's a good way to reconnect with friends, while supporting our Church.

Soon after, it will be Advent with the promise of the familiar Christmas message, lots of memorable music, the warmth of candle light, “æbleskiver”, “juleklip” and family reunions.

We're looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming activities.

As always, “thanks” to the volunteers who continue to sustain us by fixing, building and maintaining the church building and manse. What would we do without you?!

Kirsten Olsen
On behalf of the Board

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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

After a beautiful summer in the garden, walking outdoors, traveling and camping, and entertaining a succession of long-overdue guests, fall seems to have finally arrived. With it has come the resumption of the Women's Group meetings and planning for money-raising events to support our church. A BIG **THANK YOU** to everyone who took part in the Duck Dinner on October 14th. We are so happy to be having a real live Christmas Bazaar this year - Saturday, November 26th. We're counting on many members of the congregation to whip up a "baking storm" for us again - expect to be contacted in early November if you've helped previously. The bake table always has room for more Rye bread, Leverpostej and Christmas pastry and cookie specialties. See page 12 of this newsletter for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our regular monthly meetings are open to any woman in the congregation. Check the church calendar for meeting dates. Contact Jeanna at 780-474-4254 for more info.

THE ANSGAR SINGERS

Please join us to learn some new hymns and try some part singing. The only requirement is the joy of singing.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We need volunteers for the Men's Breakfast. We will resume activities as soon as we are covered.

Please contact Pastor Lasse at 780 422 8777.

HYGGEKLUBBEN

We meet again on November 16th but will not have Hyggeklubben in December due to all the Christmas events.

*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!
Randi Mark*

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I think we should follow the example in Turku. We should more than just mumble about the peace of Christmas. We should really live it out and declare the Christmas Peace to one another loudly and openly wherever we are in the world. We need to believe in peace and to pray for peace in this world. We need to declare it in song as the angels did to the entire world at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." We need the Christmas peace to last in our hearts more than just a few days. Let us declare the peace of Christmas to one another this Christmas as every day of our lives. I will for sure pray for peace in the entire world this Christmas more than ever.

I wish you all a merry and peaceful Christmas. Glædelig og fredelig jul!

*See you at Church,
Pastor Lasse*



All Saints Service

November 20, 4:00 pm

Perhaps the most beautiful Service in the Church Year with candlelight, music, and lots of memories in our minds and hearts as we remember the loved ones we miss.

We will mention the names of those we have lost in our little congregation and light a candle in their memory.

Please let Pastor Lasse know if you have someone in mind that you feel should be mentioned at the service.

Write ansgar@telus.net or call 780 422 8777

You will also have the opportunity at the service to light a candle in memory of someone you personally miss.



A great time was had by all who attended the Duck Dinner on October 14th.

Fabulous job ladies!!



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NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL THIS MONTH: November 20 All Saints Service November 26 Christmas Bazaar November 27 First Sunday in Advent		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 pm ENGLISH 21st Sunday after Trinity Luke 20, 27-38	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:30 am DANSK with English sermon 22.søndag efter trinitatis Mattæus 18, 1-14 12:30 pm Ansgar Board Meeting	14	15	16 12 noon Hyggeklubben	17 9:30 am Study Group	18	19
20 4:00 pm ENGLISH Last Sunday in the Church Year Matthew 11, 25-30 ALL SAINTS SERVICE Remembering our loved ones! 	21	22 11:00 am Danish Women's Club	23	24	25	26  CHURCH BAZAAR Noon-2:30 pm (see pg 12)
27 10:30 am ENGLISH 1st Sunday in Advent Matthew 21, 1-9 FAMILY SERVICE	28	29	30			



DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>SPECIAL THIS MONTH: December 11, 3:00 pm Nativity Pageant and Julestue December 18, 3:00 pm Christmas Carols Service December 24 Juleaften/Christmas Eve 2:00 pm Danish 3:30 pm English</p>				<p>1 9:30 am Study Group</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 10:30 am DANSK with English sermon 2.søndag i Advent Lukas 21, 25-36</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm Ansgar Board Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 3:00 pm ENGLISH 3rd Sunday in Advent Matthew 11, 2-10 FAMILY YULE SERVICE with Nativity Pageant & Julestue (see page 9)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 3:00 pm ENGLISH The Most Beautiful Christmas Carols Service 4th Sunday in Advent John 1, 19-28 (see page 10)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24 JULEAFTEN 2:00 pm DANSK CHRISTMAS EVE 3:30 pm ENGLISH Luke 2, 1-14</p>
<p>25 3:00 pm ENGLISH CHRISTMAS DAY Luke 2, 15-20</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 NEW YEARS' EVE</p>



DANISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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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 condition for others to enjoy.

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Gifts from Granly Danish Lutheran Church

The Danish Lutheran Church "Granly" in Surrey closed its doors this summer. We have received a Chalice for our non-alcoholic option from the Granly congregation. It has made our Altar even more beautiful at Sunday services. Granly chose to dissolve as a congregation this year after more than 60 active years. The property of the Church has been sold and a part of the proceeds has been donated to Ansgar to invest in our future.



Church Sundays for Families Sunday School November 27

We will prepare for the Pageant that will be performed at the Family Christmas Service on December 11



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Family Yule Service with
Nativity pageant & Julestue
Sunday, December 11, 3:00 pm

Family Yule Service with the many Christmas songs and nativity pageant; followed by "jule-hygge" in the Church Basement. Danish Christmas crafts and baking. We will also decorate the basement and enjoy Christmas snacks and rice pudding (risengrød).

Contact
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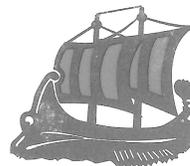


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The Most Beautiful

Christmas Carols Service

This year we will combine the Sunday service on the 4th Sunday in Advent and our sing-along event together with the Danish and Finnish societies.

Welcome to an afternoon of singing all the Christmas carols that you love.

During the service, you can choose your favourite hymns and carols in Danish, Finnish and English led by Eija and Daniel Aalto.

Sunday, December 18 at 3 pm

After the singing we will enjoy fellowship, "gløgg" and "brunkager" in the Church Basement.



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Tillykke Dronning Margrethe! November 13

Ansgar has received an anonymous donation of a new official photo portrait of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.

After the passing of Queen Elizabeth II this year, Queen Margrethe is presently the longest serving monarch in Europe. Her majesty had her 50th Anniversary on the throne this year. At Ansgar, we are happy to celebrate her after the service on November 13 with the unveiling of the new portrait.

Below you can see the present photo of the Queen at Ansgar. Come to Church and see the new one!



Danish Christmas Song

*I nat der tændes julelys på jord.
Og Guds engle kommer til os, hvis vi tror.
Lad lyset brænde i vort sind.
Luk julefreden ind.*

*I nat der fødes Jesus på hvor jord,
alle englene de flyver uden snor.
Lad lyset brænde i vort sind.
Luk julefreden ind.*

*På himlens tæppe findes der en stjerne,
der lyser op, skønt den er i det fjerne.
Lad lyset brænde i vort sind.
Luk julefreden ind.*

*Og lam og løve de vil slutte fred
tæt ved krybbens fod, der lægger de sig ned.
Lad lyset brænde i vort sind.
Luk julefreden ind.*

*Gud, lad din engel dale til vor jord
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Monday and Tuesday,
November 14 and 15, 2022

Royal Danish Consulate Edmonton
2700 Stantec Tower, 10220-103 Avenue, Edmonton

Email: ottambconsular@um.dk to book an appointment.
Type "Biometric Passport Trip" in the subject line.



We are very happy to be hosting our annual traditional Christmas Bazaar once again!

**SATURDAY,
November 26, Noon-2:30 pm**

at the Dutch Canadian Centre
13312-142 Street

CHRISTMAS BAKING!

Home baked Christmas treats, including Danish cookies, breads and liverpaste. Enjoy some now and then stock your freezer for the holidays!

ONLINE ORDERING:

Our online Bazaar was so successful the past few years, that we will be offering online ordering from November 1-16th. Go to www.ansgar.ca and place your order. Online orders will be picked up at the Bazaar also.



How you can assist with donations:

In order for this church fund raising event to be successful, we rely once again on contributions of baked goods, liver paste and crafts from all who so generously contribute annually to this event.

*Please deliver any donations of homemade Danish Christmas cookies (12 to a plate), other Danish specialties, Danish Rye bread and leverpostej to the Dutch Hall **by 9:30 am** on the day of the sale.*

Please mark your calendar for November 26th. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Bazaar.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS!

A craft table including knitted, embroidered and hand sewn goods, plus many unique Christmas ornaments, all suitable as gifts.

COME FOR LUNCH!

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. Delicious Smørrebrød - freshly prepared on the day - will be available for purchase. As well as beer, snaps, coffee and cake.

PRE-ORDER OPTION:

If you are coming with a large group OR you would like to place a large order to take home with you, please call **Birgit Wildenhoff** by November 21st at 780.478.2152 and your sandwiches will be ready for pick-up at the Bazaar.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need people to help with the following activities:

- Setting up tables & chairs 10-11 am
- Greeters at the door: 4 people needed, 2 people per one hour shift, noon - 2pm
- Call Mette at 780.716.4801 and let her know how you can help

*Merry Christmas
to you and
your families!*

