

Heaven and EARTH

As I write this, we are preparing to leave our home in Esbjerg, sleeping on mattresses on the floor, surrounded by cardboard boxes.

It has been a rather rainy summer in Esbjerg, but for the past week the weather has been dry and sunny. The farmers are happy - they are working in the fields around the clock. The crops are ripe, and it looks like it will be a very good harvest this year.

It is also a fine year for fruit and berries. When we came to Esbjerg eleven years ago, we planted an apple tree in the garden. Over the years it has not given us many apples, but this year it is full to the brim. They will not be ripe though before we leave. Someone else will be blessed with the abundance of fruit. This is one of the beauties of life, that sometimes you get to harvest what others have planted and sown, and sometimes you plant for others to harvest.

In our home, we often use apples for the traditional Danish dish called *æbleflæsk* (apple pork). It is apples fried with streaky pork. In Denmark, it is usually eaten with dark rye bread. But as my husband is German, we enjoy it the German way, with mashed potatoes. The Germans also have a slightly more poetic name for the dish: *Himmel und Erde*, which means "heaven and earth." *Heaven* for the apples that we



bring down from the treetop, and *earth* for the potatoes we dig up from the ground beneath us.

The German name *Himmel und Erde* reminds us that when we put food on the table, it is not just our own labour or the good soil beneath us that we have to thank. It is also our heavenly Father, to whom we owe thanks for the food we eat, the crops we harvest, the fruit, the berries, and everything else we are given to nourish and sustain us.

September and October are a time for harvest, and a time for giving thanks to God:

*Thank you, God,
for the life you give us,
for the food you provide.
Thank you for the generous
world you have given us
to live in, for the variety of
colours, aromas, and
flavours that bring joy and
freshness into our lives. And teach us, dear
God, to share our abundance with our
brothers and sisters, so there will be enough
for everyone to live.*

For some, autumn brings sadness, as it reminds them of the long, cold winter ahead. But let us think of autumn with gratitude - as the season when everything ripens and bears fruit. The trees make one last effort: their leaves turn yellow, burn and glow before falling to the ground, leaving us with a clear view of the heaven above.

Soon, it will be time for us to leave Esbjerg. Time to say goodbye here, and hello in Edmonton. I am looking forward to meeting you all in our beautiful church. And I wonder—what kind of berries and fruit will grow in our new home?

Jane Marie Sognstrup

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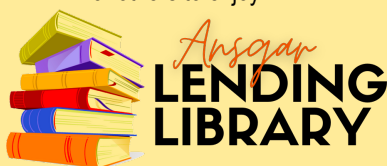
November/December 2025 Newsletter is **October 10, 2025**

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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.



Remembering our loved ones

All Saints Day - Alle Helgens Dag

On November 2nd we will mention the names of those we have lost and light candles in their memory. Please let the Pastor know if you would like your loved one mentioned at the service.

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From the Church Records:

Weddings:

July 19

Thomas and Hanne Evans

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A Message from the Board

Hello Ansgar members and friends!

I hope you had a wonderful summer and hope you will soon meet (or have met) our new Pastor Jane Sognstrup and her daughter Frauke (who is visiting for the first two weeks of September). Welcome to Ansgar, Jane and Frauke.

We also welcomed Maria Guiney to the board for our August meeting. She has volunteered to take on the secretary duties until our next ACM in February 2026. Please consider taking a turn on the board. Normally our meetings are held on one Tuesday evening per month, but we are considering alternatives. Please call me or any board member to discuss how you can help.

The Parsonage has been renovated inside including plumbing and electrical upgrade. Hopefully at the time of print, there will also be a new front step and motorized gate across the driveway, repairs completed to Church exterior and to the large round stained-glass window.

Mette Rasmussen is working on getting kitchen / basement renovation ideas. She will be consulting with experts and getting design ideas and drawings for review and discussion.

We have just received our next Casino dates which are January 19 & 20. This is our biggest fundraiser, and we need approximately 40 people to help out. Please see more details in this newsletter and volunteer for a shift.

Hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall colours.

Sincerely

Dorrit Morrow
Board President

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Ansgar Group Activities

DANISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Here's hoping you all had an enjoyable summer and got some good visits in!

We are looking forward to our first Fall meeting, hosted by Birthe Nielsen, at her home in Stony Plain. The date will be a bit earlier than usual, on Monday, September 15th, at Birthe's request and because we will have some hasty planning for a Fall Dinner to get underway. And believe it or not, we're already thinking about the upcoming Christmas Bazaar in late November. Fall is always a busy time!

Our meetings are the **fourth Tuesday of the month, in the Church basement, at 10:00 am**. We are both a social group, enjoying the company of many Church friends and a working group, raising funds to support our Church's operation. If that sounds like you, you are welcome. Remember to bring your own lunch.

For further information, contact Jeanna Baty at 780-474-4254.

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.

**SAVE THE DATE:
ANSGAR
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th**

THE ANSGAR SINGERS

It's time to start singing! The Ansgar Singers will begin preparing for the All Saints Day Service in November. Scheduled rehearsals include Sunday, October 26 from 12:30 to 1:30 and November 2nd from 3:00 - 4:00 pm followed by the All Saints Day service at 4:30. There may be a Singing Session on October 19th but this will be confirmed in September.

If you are interested in becoming a choir member, please contact Amelia at ameliakaminski@gmail.com or 780-428-6187.

HYGGEKLUBBEN

Yes, we will be back again for lots of Hygge! Our first time after the summer will be on September 17th and in October it will be on the 15th. We are looking forward to meeting our new Pastor Jane for our September get-together.

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

MORGEN KAFFE PÅ DANSK



We will meet again at 9 am on September 14th and in October on the 12th.

CHAT'N'CRAFT

We will resume our get-togethers in the church basement at 1:30 on October 1st. Bring your knitting or whatever craft you have on the go.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL THIS MONTH September 7 Pastor Jane's Installation September 17 Hyggeklubben September 28 Harvest Fundraiser at St.Johns	1 LABOUR DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30 am DANSK 12.søndag efter trinitatis Markus 7, 31-37 Festive Installation Service to welcome Pastor Jane  Lunch served after the service.	8	9 7:00 pm Board Meeting	10	11 11:00 am Operation Friendship (see pg 11)	12	13
14 10:30 am ENGLISH 13th Sunday after Trinity Luke 10, 23-37 9 am Morgenkaffe på Dansk 	15 10:00 am Danish Women's Group (see pg 4)	16	17 12 noon Hyggeklubben	18	19	20
21 10:30 am ENGLISH 14th Sunday after Trinity Luke 17, 11-19 With our friends from St.John's	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:30 am ENGLISH 15th Sunday after Trinity Matthew 6, 24-34 12:30 pm Harvest Fundraiser at St.John's Evangelical Lutheran (see pg 9)	29	30				

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL THIS MONTH October 3 Fall Harvest Dinner October 5 Høstgudstjeneste October 12 Thanksgiving Service			1 <u>1:30 pm</u> Chat'n'Craft (see pg 4) 	2	3 <u>6:30 pm</u> Fall Harvest Dinner (see pg 5)	4
5 <u>10:30 am</u> DANSK HØSTGUDSTJENESTE 16.søndag efter trinitatis Lukas 7, 11-17	6	7 <u>7:00 pm</u> Board Meeting	8	9 <u>11 am</u> Operation Friendship (see pg 11)	10	11
12 <u>10:30 am</u> ENGLISH THANKSGIVING SERVICE 17th Sunday after Trinity Luke 14, 1-1 <u>9 am</u> Morgenkaffe på Dansk 	13 THANKS- GIVING DAY 	14	15 <u>12 noon</u> Hyggeklubben	16	17	18
19 <u>10:30 am</u> ENGLISH 18th Sunday after Trinity Matthew 22, 34-46 With our friends from St.John's	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <u>10:30 am</u> ENGLISH 19th Sunday after Trinity Mark 2, 1-12 <u>12:30-1:30 pm</u> Choir Practice	27	28 <u>10:00 am</u> Danish Women's Group (see pg 4)	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	

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Dania's Fall Dinner & Dance

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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

Join us for a Festive Service in Danish

**Sunday, September 7th
at 10:30 am**

as we welcome
**Pastor Jane Sognstrup
to Ansgar**



Pastor Carsten from the
Danish Church in Vancouver
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installation of our new pastor.

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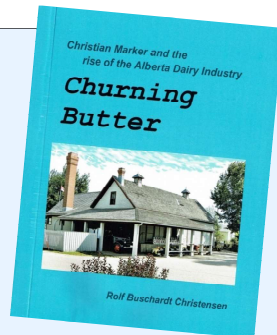
following the Sunday service

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*There will also be jams, preserves, pickles,
baking and other harvest bounty
available for purchase*

Churning Butter

***Christian Marker
and the Rise of
the Alberta
Dairy Industry***



Reviewed by

Dr. Kurt F. Jensen, Adjunct Professor, Carleton University

Christian Marker was Alberta's first dairy commissioner. A Danish immigrant from a small-farm background but with a solid education in the Danish dairy industry, he had come to Canada to start a new life.

Rolf Christensen has put together a book much more exciting and entertaining than a cursory glance at a book about dairy production might suggest. Marker, the son of a hero from the Dano-Prussian War, recognized that the opportunities in Denmark as a small landowner were narrow. He was ambitious – and clever. He immigrated to Canada in 1890 with little money and no knowledge of English.

While a biography of Marker, this book is not just about him. The success of the Alberta dairy industry owes a lot to Marker but he was aided by many others of near similar enthusiasm and capabilities. Many of them were Danish immigrants, or other Scandinavians, as well as Anglo-Canadians.

Christensen's book is an important contribution to documenting the history of Danes in Canada as well as capturing a sense of the social history of the West at a critical time. Especially, the book paints a colourful picture of those engaged in the dairy industry, the hardships and times of penury, and the founding of communities whose inhabitants worked together for the betterment of all. This is a book well worth reading.

Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Churning Butter: Christian Marker and the Rise of the Alberta Dairy Industry. Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, 2025. Pp. 342. ISBN 978-1-988266-13-8.

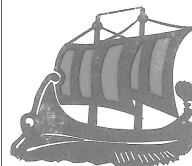
This book is available for purchase at Ansgar : \$30.00

Ansgar Research Project

Professor Mattias Sommer Bostrup from the Department of Theology at Aarhus University will be travelling to Canada in September to study how Scandinavians took Ansgar with them as they migrated to North America in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

He will be coming to Edmonton and will give a presentation about his research study while he is here. There may be a need for billeting and showing Professor Bostrup around our city.

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A copy of the Post-conference summary will be posted on the bulletin board in the church basement for anyone who is interested.

The 40th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Danish Heritage Society of Dickson is to be held on Sunday, September 27, 2025 at the Spruce View Community Hall.

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October 5 at 10:30 am

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Traditional Danish Harvest Service with all the good old harvest hymns!

You are encouraged to bring samples of the fruits of your labour in your garden, any kind of fruits and vegetables to the Altar as a symbol of your gratitude for everything God has provided for us.



Thanksgiving Service

October 12 at 10:30 am

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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.

This year the **Ansgar Summer Camp Weekend** was held at **Sylvan Lake, June 26-29th**



and the weather held for the weekend. 25 of the 28 registrants were able to make it in the end, and several three-generational families were present. Ansgar volunteers organized a program of wiener roast & campfire, crafts, swimming, sauna and games. In addition, the Kuriakos Counsellors took the kids for two hours on Saturday morning for boating and high climbing activities. On Sunday morning, the Camp Pastor provided a brief service for us in the Chapel before we left. Overall, it was a fun, relaxing weekend.

Following the camp, the Board conducted a survey of camp participants, to determine their continuing interest in the camp and what they most enjoyed about it. The results from those who responded confirmed an interest in continuing with the Camp, which has a long tradition with Ansgar (a founding member of Camp Kuriakos). People most enjoyed the waterfront and sauna activities, the fellowship and just being outdoors in nature.

Heavily subsidized as it is, we still need to attract more participants to continue with the camp! Although available to all ages and abilities, we really want more young people to enjoy this camp opportunity, at the best lake in the province. Hopefully, you are considering joining us next July, for a relaxing weekend out of doors, in a comfortable setting. Bring family and friends. The more the merrier!

Watch future newsletters for more Kuriakos information.

