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Pastor's Report

Welcome back!

We have so much to look forward to this

summer and it seems like the world is finally opening up again.

Remember the old classic fairy folktale about Sleeping Beauty? She lived in a faraway land and poked herself on a spindle and was cursed to sleep for a hundred years.

But then one day a wandering prince wakes her up with a kiss et voila: happy ending! All this apparently happened simply because not everybody was invited to Sleeping Beauty's christening!

But no worries! Now you can invite your family and friends to join baptisms again.

And it seems like we don't have to wait one hundred years in isolation and our happy ending is not determined by some random wandering prince.

We already have a Prince of Peace watching over us and no curse is able to overcome the loving powers of this:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

We are in good hands!

So, wake up and enjoy the summer in Beautiful British Columbia.

You don't have to go to a faraway land to enjoy yourself, simply join us in Burnaby at our Danish Church as we start opening up all our traditional activities.

Join one of the Auxiliaries, join us on Sundays, we provide lots of opportunities to have some good fun and enjoy good company.

In this summer edition of the newsletter, you can read more about all our activities and special groups.

It's only 6 months to Christmas and 'Nissebanden' is starting to prepare for bazaar. 'The Man Cave' is planning a tournament and a big band will soon start rehearsals in the hall. And don't miss out on the church's birthday; we are planning a Danish birthday party with both *fødselsdagssang* and *kagemand*.

All this and so much more! No more beauty sleep let's get back to life.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody again!

Vel mødt.

God bless, Pastor Susanne





From the Board

I would like to, on behalf of the whole congregation, extend a BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Susanne and Søren

for the many hours spent sending out videos that have kept us going for the past 15 months. I am not sure we would be where we are today without them.

These videos kept us virtually in touch with the church and each other. The response from people all over the province has been great! There may be more coming in the future but not on the same regular basis of course.

But now our church is slowly coming back to life.

We have had a number of services outside, with a lot of help from volunteers, who set up sound systems, chairs and a small altar in the parking lot. All went very well and we were lucky with the weather as it stayed dry for all the services. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out.

We have now moved inside and are back to holding full services with communion, but we still have to register, wear a mask and keep social distance.

Attendance has been good, it looks like we are all happy to be back.

As I write this, services will still be without coffee following. When we get to Step 3 on July 1st, let's hope we will be allowed to have a cup of coffee in the church hall.

After the church service on July 11th, 2021, at 1pm we will have our AGM.

Before the meeting, we will have our first church lunch since we closed the church back in early 2020.

Leading up to the AGM we need to clean up outside, so we will have a work party on Saturday July 10th, 2021, at 9am. There will be coffee and Ingrid's fresh made buns at 8.30 am. At noon, after the work is finished, Ingelise will be serving a light lunch.

Since the church has been closed for over a year, we only need to do work outside. All volunteers are very welcomed and the help will be appreciated.

Like last fall, we are hoping to have a Saturday where we can pre-order Smørrebrød sandwiches for sale. It's been a long time since we've enjoyed a good Danish lunch, so I hope the sale will be a success. This will be for pickup only. We are working on putting our calendar together for the rest of the summer and fall.

It has been a long time since we have done any fundraising. So, we will have some late services with supper after the service. All the regular dinners we use to have will come back eventually.

If there are some ladies or men that would like to join our New Auxiliary to help prepare these dinners and help with all the other functions that the New Auxiliary looks after, don't be shy. Come and join us as there is a job for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing all of you again soon.

Knud Nielsen
President

Baptisms

Hugo Darshan Jakshøj Sangha was baptised on 1 May 2021.



Weddings

Kristin and Derrek Autzen renewed their vows on May 26th



Celebration of Life

Mona Hendriksen

A service was held on June 13th at the Danish Church.

Svend Aage Kristiansen

A service was held on June 10th at the Danish Church.

Kate Praegel

A scattering of ashes at the Dolmen Rock/Memorial walk was held on May 29th.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Æret være deres minde.





Nisse Banden

‘Nisse Banden’ is the affectionate name of a group of ladies from the New Auxiliary and residents of Carl Mortensen Manor.

They have a booth at the Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale. They meet in the church hall, a social time, where ideas are exchanged on what items are to be made and what might be new from Denmark. One of the items made is the ever popular wooden Nisse with colourful knitted outfits.

Other items for sale include felt and paper silhouette mobiles, hand made scrubbers, knitted cotton wash cloths, to name a few. In the past, members returning from travel to Denmark would bring back advent candles, as they are difficult to source here.

The larger advent candles come with wooden candle holders made by Lars Larsen.

Ready to be lit on the first Sunday in Advent.



Despite the Covid-19 restrictions, a 2020 successful mini bazaar was held. This year has seen further restrictions, with no church services or auxiliary meetings. Now that restrictions have been eased and meetings are allowed the New Auxiliary can meet again and make plans for the year’s Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale.

Whatever form the bazaar takes we are looking forward to seeing you there, where, once again, you can purchase the traditional and new Christmas items the ‘Nisse Banden’ have for sale.

Gwen Dahl



(This is a new feature. Gwen Dahl is going to regale us with reviews of shows she watches).



Danny is able to overcome the fishermen's scepticism about the music business and finds himself drawn into the community, has his integrity tested and, ultimately, is show the meaning of loyalty, love, and friendship. This leads to love for Alwyn, a daughter of one of the fishermen.

Fisherman's Friends

Fisherman's Friends is a 2019 feel good, uplifting film based on a true story about [Fisherman's Friends](#), a group of Cornish fisherman from Port Isaac who were signed by [Universal Records](#) and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties.

A fast living, cynical London music executive, Danny, is on a holiday weekend in Port Isaac, Cornwall, where he sees a group of local fisherman performing sea shanties at the harbour.



Great Music. The film is available on Netflix.

[The Fisherman's Friend](#) group can be seen on YouTube

Trivia Fact: The Doc Martin series is also filmed in Port Isaac.

KomSammen

Den lille KomSammen gruppe hvor vi taler dansk sammen og hygger os med danske sange, kaffe og kage har ikke mødtes i meget lang tid.

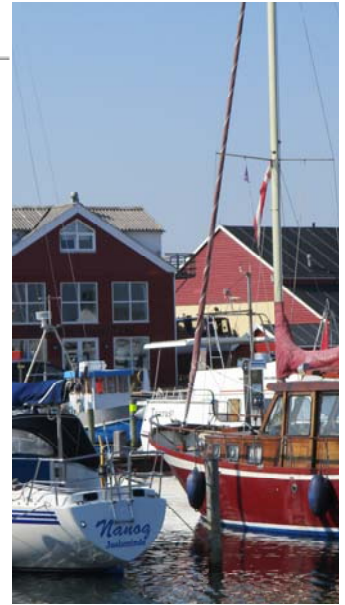
Vi plejer at mødes den anden onsdag i måneden og nu starter op igen i august og laver en god plan.

Jeg glæder mig til at se jer den **11. august kl. 13.30!**
Vel mødt



JULY 2021

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
6 Tuesday	1 p.m.	Knit2gether - Library
8 Thursday	12 noon	Kvindeforening - Church Hall
8 Thursday	7:30 p.m.	New Auxiliary
10 Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Work Party 8:30 breakfast, 9 - noon work Noon - Lunch
13 Tuesday	7 p.m.	Church Board Meeting
18 Sunday	12 noon	Calendar Planning Meeting for all Auxiliaries
21 Wednesday	7 p.m.	Dania AGM
26 July - Aug 10		Pastor Susanne - Vacation



AUGUST 2021

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
3 Tuesday	1 p.m.	Knit2gether - Library
5 Thursday	12 noon	Kvindeforening - Church Hall
5 Thursday	7:30 p.m.	New Auxiliary
11 Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Komsammen
15 Sunday	12 Noon	Church birthday celebration following Church service. Music by the Hougaard Family, cake outside under the beech trees.
18 Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Dania Board Meeting
29 Sunday		No Church service
Aug 27 - Sept. 9		Pastor Susanne - Danish Convention



Notice is hereby given that the Eighty-Sixth
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver will be held on
Sunday July 11th. 2021, 1:00 PM (In the Church)

AGENDA

1. Welcome by President Knud Nielsen
2. Election of Chairman,
Knud Nielsen
3. Quorum Report,
Secretary Ebba Grey
4. Approval of 2020 Minutes,
Secretary Ebba Grey
5. Annual Reports
 - A. President's Report,
Knud Nielsen
 - B. Treasurer's Report, Margit Hansson
 - C. Accountants Report,
Margit Hansson
 - D. Pastor's Report,
Susanne Ivalo Rasmussen
6. Annual Committee Reports
 - A. Church Building Report,
Jack Larsen
 - B. Parsonage Building Report,
Steen Larsen
 - C. Auxiliaries Reports
7. Budget 2021, Margit Hansson
8. Nomination committee, Ebba Grey
9. Election of Church Board
Group "A" see bottom of page
10. Election of Alternate 1
11. Election of Alternate 2
12. Election of Accountant,
Margit Hansson
13. Election of Representatives to other
Boards, Knud Nielsen
14. Annual Dues, Margit Hansson
15. New Business
16. Adjournment
17. Announcements
18. Closing of the Meeting, prayer by Pastor
Susanne Ivalo Rasmussen

Danish Church Election 2021:

Group A:	End of term	Group B: One year to go	Nominated Group A
President	Knud Nielsen		Knud Nielsen
Vice President		Jørgen Grønfeldt	
Secretary	Ebba Grey		Ebba Grey
Treasurer		Margit Hansson	
Director	Jack Larsen		Jack Larsen
Director	Steen Larsen		Steen Larsen
Director		Karen Andersen	
Alternate #1	Gyrithe Rickenbacher		Gyrithe Rickenbacher
Alternate #2	Anton Axelsen		Poul Erik Rasmussen

Nominating Committee: Ebba Grey, Jørgen Grønfeldt, Susanne I. Rasmussen.



The Flower List

It's amazing how many volunteers we have at The Danish Church!

All these hands working 'behind the scenes' are what I am most proud to part of here in Burnaby.

We have lots of Auxiliaries, volunteer deacons, hardworking gardeners and the list goes on and on!

But a special group of volunteers is 'The Flower List'.

Every single Sunday and on special Holidays we have beautiful flowers on the altar and the list is now run by Gerd Mølhøj.

This list means that we have fresh flowers brought in every week, donated by different families and individuals.

Some families have a tradition to bring flowers on a special date in memory of late relatives and some people have a nice garden and are able to provide flowers during our colourful blooming Vancouver summer.

Some families only come in on their special 'flower Sunday' because they live far away and some people prefer a particular Sunday during the year for private reasons.

In the photo you see red and white carnations donated by the Nielsen family during 'Covid season'. Many years ago the tradition began that this family would bring in flowers on Danish Flag Day (Danmarks Befrielse, 5. Maj fejring). Now the children have taken over this special day on the list and the flowers are placed at the family plaque at our Memorial Walk after the service.

Maybe you have a certain Sunday you connect with some fond memories, or you really want to volunteer at the church but don't have time or maybe you are getting older and don't have the strength to join a work party or want to make sandwiches; then the flower list might be your thing! If you want to contribute to this wonderful tradition, it's easy and simple: call Gerd 604 942 2494 and get on the flower list (we still have a few spots open this year). It's such a joy for us all and much appreciated every single Sunday!

Pastor Susanne



The Big Quarto Tournament Coming this Autumn

The official B.C. Quarto Championships are being held this year in our church.

It will be possible to participate via zoom for contestants living north of Whistler, west of Vancouver, and east of Hope.

The tourney will be held on a Sunday afternoon.

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Look for registration details in the next Newsletter.

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<u>Church Services</u>	<u>Vancouver</u>	<u>Surrey</u>
Søndag den 4. juli	11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk	10:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk
Sunday, July 11th	11:00 AM Service in English AGM Meeting to follow	9:30 AM Service in English Pastor Susanne
Sunday, July 18th	11:00 AM Service in Danish/English Calendar Planning Meeting following Service	10:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk
Sunday, July 25th	11:00 AM Service in English	10:30 AM Service in English
Søndag den 1. august	11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Ruth	9:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk
Sunday, August 8th	9:30 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth	11:00 AM Service in English
Søndag den 15. august	11:00 AM Service in Danish/English Church Birthday	9:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Susanne
Sunday, August 22nd	9:30 AM Service in English	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Susanne
Sunday, August 29th	No Service	No Service

Pastors' Summer Holidays

Please send the pastors an email if you have questions or requests that can't wait during the vacation periods and we will answer as soon as possible.



Pastor Ruth will be on holidays
August 9th to September 3rd

Pastor Susanne will be on holidays
July 26 - August 9th
August 27th - September 9th