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Pastor's Report

Glædelig jul!

It's time to start thinking about Christmas cards and Christmas presents, we enjoy all the Christmas lights and wish each other 'Merry Christmas' in December.

But in Danish everything is about JUL. Jule-nisser, jule-træer, jule-knas og jule-stads. Clearly the word Christmas has something to do with Christ, so why is it all about 'jul' in Danish?

We already know the word 'jul' from the old Norse Viking word: 'yuletide'. Yuletide existed before the Vikings ever had heard about Christ; they celebrated Winter Solstice on December 21st and this is one of the oldest winter celebrations in the world. The season was known as 'yule' or 'jul' and the word simply means party or feast and maybe it has something to do with the Danish word: hjul (wheel).

In late December the year is turning, just like a wheel, and starts over. So, when Christianity was introduced to the Vikings, they simply kept the word 'jul' and celebrated a new beginning, the birth of Jesus.

This year I believe we are all hoping for a new beginning! I think we all wish for a Merry Christmas and a festive Yuletide season.

So, at the Danish Church we have tried to make Christmas plans as usual, the wheels are turning and we are ready to invite you and your family for Christmas Workshop, Christmas Concert, Lucia, Juleaften and so much more.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with dates, time and restrictions! Everything might change as we go along, and we will do our best to keep you posted by emails and on our website too.

Nothing was normal when they celebrated the very first Christmas way back when in Bethlehem, but they still managed to make it. The first Christmas became a night to remember and even the old Vikings far away heard of this Holy Night and changed their traditions to celebrate a new beginning in Christ. Because that little old stable in Bethlehem had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.

Let's follow our ancestors' example and celebrate new beginnings this season! Let us light up our world with candles and hymns and celebrations, and share the Lord's eternal promise: *The light shines in the darkness, and darkness has not overcome it!* May your holidays be merry and bright, may this season sparkle with joy and hope and may the Spirit of Christmas shine in your heart and light up your path!

**Merry Christmas,
Pastor Susanne**



From the Board

By this time, we had a great group who volunteered to clean up the church inside/ outside on Saturday, October 23. It is so wonderful to have that job done twice a year. It starts with breakfast buns at 8:30am and ends with lunch at noon. Many thanks to everyone who came out to help, and to Ingrid Rasmussen for baking buns, and Ingelise Nielsen for organizing lunch.

Our annual joint board meeting with Granly was held on September 14 in Burnaby, and it replaced our usual monthly board meeting. Granly has a lot of work ahead of it, as they wind up the Church by next summer. Pastor Ruth and Tom will be staying till May. A proposal has been made that funds will be available for us to hire a retired Danish minister who could help Pastor Susanne as it is a very busy job with church services held on Vancouver Island, Dania Home, Dania Manor, Swedish Assisted Living, as well as Sunday services in Burnaby, and accompanying committee work. We are looking forward to having more information from Granly.

As you may know by now, we have to be prepared to show vaccination passports at restaurants, gyms, etc. etc. At the church, we continue to follow all rules, so everyone who attends Sunday church services, or any other church event, will be asked to show proof of vaccinations. We are holding our breath and hope to have normal Christmas services this year.

Our usual Lucia Fest will include wonderful

youngsters singing in Danish and English as they carry small lights – and older singers carry candles. It is a joy to watch the youngest ones walking up the aisle as they are deep in concentration, and sometimes bumping into the little person ahead of them. The Bride carries a wreath of candles in a circle of greenery on her head. It is always a wonderful event in the candlelit church. The singing is usually followed by Nisser and Nissefar dancing in their clogs downstairs during coffee – but this year we will not be drinking coffee downstairs after the singing. It has always been an enjoyable time downstairs after the concert and we regret that this year it will not take place.

The Christmas stores downstairs will, however, be open before the Lucia Fest at 6pm, and after the Lucia Fest so that you can buy your favourite Christmas items. We ask that everyone attending Lucia Fest show their vaccination passports on request, and that youngsters in the audience wear masks.

The Music Committee is organizing the Christmas Concert, and calling in former choir members. The Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 2pm following the church service and lunch.

This is a very busy season for Pastor Susanne, as you will note from all the services being held in December.

Thank you so much Pastor Susanne!

We all hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Ebba Grey, Board Secretary



Baptism

Norah Irene Knight
Parents: Tanja og Bryan Knight

Lucia Fest

If restrictions permit us, we'll celebrate our Lucia Service **Saturday, December 4th, 7 p.m.** Entrance will be by donation.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, there will be no coffee in the hall and everyone will be required to show proof of vaccination and wear masks.

BUT everybody's welcome to go downstairs and get their Christmas shopping done! The booths will be open, at 6pm and after the concert. We are selling julenisser, Viking hats, Julesmåkager, julemedister and other goodies.

We hope all the girls and boys will be able to start practising in November, contact andrea.a.wardrop@gmail.com to sign up for our Lucia and nisse choir group. And read more here: <https://lucianvancouver.wordpress.com/>



Hybrid Bible Studies Thursdays 9:30 a.m.

Join us online, via Zoom, or in person, in the Church library.

Send an email to

Mogens@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca and get the zoom link.

You can still join us in even if you don't live close to Burnaby or if you're not comfortable with coming in person just yet.





Celebration of Life

Receive the message of these friends and family members who passed away:

Vivian Ng, Memorial at The Danish Church
 Dave Buchmann, Celebration of Life at Scandinavian Centre
 Georg Nielsen, Scattering at The Dolmen Rock
 Kerstin Marianne Søndergaard, Celebration of Life at The Danish Church

All honour to their memory
 Æret være deres minde



All Saints' Evening

Every year we celebrate All Saints' Eve the first Sunday in November.

Join us **Sunday, November 7th at 5pm** and we will remember and celebrate the life of all those who went ahead of us.

The Pastor will read out the names of those who passed away this year at this special solemn service and we will place candles outside at the Memorial Walk and also plant daffodil bulbs on the lawn. At Easter time these daffodils will be blooming as a sign that Christ is risen and we shall all rise with him; because The Lord's promise is that there is so much more to life than death!

After the service everybody's welcome for dinner in the hall; sign up for the meal by calling the office, 604-298-6112. Dinner is \$15 per person.

If you know someone, local or from Denmark, who passed away this year who is not registered in Burnaby Church, please call or email Pastor Susanne and include the name of your relative or friend if you wish to have his or her name read.



Reviews of:

- Yesterday
- Last Christmas



Yesterday

2019 · Musical/Romance · 1h 56m

Jack, a struggling musician, meets with an accident during a blackout and wakes up to find out that only he remembers The Beatles. Later, he starts singing the band's songs to gain fame.

Available on Netflix



Last Christmas

2019 · Romance/Comedy · 1h 43m

Kate is a young woman subscribed to bad decisions. Working as an elf in a year round Christmas store is not good for the wanna-be singer. However, she meets Tom there. Her life takes a new turn. For Kate, it seems too good to be true.

Available on Netflix

Thank you!

The Fall Drive was very successful. Thank you to all those that contributed, as well as to the Church paper and membership renewals. The Church Board is grateful for the Congregation's continued support and I would like to mention that Fall Drive continues until the New Year.

Thank you, Margit Hansson, Treasurer

NOVEMBER 2021

DATE	TIME	
2 Tuesday	1 p.m.	Knit2gether - Library
4 Thursday	Noon	Kvindeforening - Church Hall
7 Sunday	5 p.m.	All Saints Service with Post Service Dinner Reservations required
9 Tuesday	7 p.m.	Church Board Meeting
11 Thursday	11 a.m.	Remembrance Day, Dania Home
11 Thursday	6:30 p.m.	New Auxiliary
21 Sunday	2 p.m.	Juleværksted- Christmas Workshop
24 Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Service at Dania Home
24 Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Kom Sammen Eftermiddag
28 Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Church Breakfast

DECEMBER 2021

DATE	TIME	
2 Thursday	Noon	Kvindeforening - Church Hall
4 Saturday	7 p.m.	Advent and Lucia Fest
7 Tuesday	1 p.m.	Knit2gether - Library
8 Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Kom Sammen Eftermiddag
9 Thursday	6:30 p.m.	New Auxiliary
12 Sunday	2 p.m.	Christmas Concert
14 Tuesday	7 p.m.	Church Board Meeting
16 Thursday	6:30 p.m.	New Auxiliary, Parsonage
19 Sunday	11 a.m.	After the service, we'll decorate the Christmas Tree

Christmas Services 2021

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
16 December, Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Dania Manor
17 December, Friday	7 p.m.	Victoria Store Julebord, med besøg af Pastor Susanne
18 December, Saturday		Nanaimo Hope Lutheran Church
19 December, Sunday	5 p.m.	Swedish Advent
22 December, Wednesday		Norwegian Service
23 December, Thursday	7 p.m.	Seattle St. John's United Lutheran Church
24 December, Friday	11 a.m.	Dania Home Service
24 December, Friday	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Juleaften - Christmas Eve Service
25 December, Saturday	11 a.m.	Juledag Gudstjeneste på dansk
1 January, 2022 Saturday	3 p.m.	New Year's Eve Service Champagne toast
9 January, Sunday	11 a.m.	Hellige Tre Konger - Ehipany Service

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 12th, 2:00pm
Let it snow!

Our annual Christmas Fundraiser Concert is back!

This year we have guest stars, soloist, choir and a much more.

Admission by donation. Proof of vaccine and masks required.

The Music Committee would like to include an invitation to past members of the Tivoli Singers to sing at the concert, and they are asked to contact Janet Mowatt, jamowatt@yahoo.com, to make arrangements to pick up the music and the schedule.





Juleværksted-
Christmas Workshop
Sunday, November 21
2pm – 4:30 pm

Bring your young ones for hygge, bake klejner, braid hearts and follow up on all the Christmas traditions!

We also head up to the church attic with risengrød til nisserne.



There will be a nominal fee to cover the material costs.

Looking forward to seeing you.



KomSammen

Alle er velkomne til vores danske 'Kom Sammen' eftermiddage!

Vi mødes anden onsdag i måneden og hygger os.

I dette efterår er temaet 'Sprogblomster' og vi taler om poesi, gamle danske ord, synger og morer os med at genopdage vores danske traditioner.

Vel mødt: 24. november og 8. december

News
from the
Man Cave



Work has been done in the MAN CAVE to complete enough Quarto games for Fall Bazaar. Steen Larsen's workshop was for a while furnished with six workstations to complete Game bricks. Afterwards, we had lunch, where we discussed new future projects.

We encourage those who want to participate in Man Cave's projects to contact Steen Larsen, 604-949-1620. Besides producing something beautiful, we enjoy ourselves and exchange ideas and thoughts. You don't need special skills; you are under Steen Larsen's knowledgeable guidance.

Breakfast
Sunday, Nov 28
9:30am



Come and enjoy breakfast at 9:30am before the 11am service on **Sunday, November 28.**

Sign up on the sheet in the hall or contact Doris at 604-534-3707, or email knudnielsen@shaw.ca

Taler du dansk?

Maybe your Danish has become a little rusty or you want to learn? Danish is easy peasy, children speak it in Denmark!

And you can learn too.

Join us for Sunday service in Danish at the church or join Granly's Danish book club. Or enjoy a Danish afternoon every 2nd Wednesday of the month when we get together for 'Kom Sammen' in the Church hall.

What you can also do is take Danish lessons at Scandinavian Centre.



This photo shows the Danish Room at Scan Centre.

You can sign up and study like these pupils with Dane *Louise* who's a newbie here in Vancouver.

A new Dane in Vancouver

Louise is already contributing to our Danish community here in BC. She is here with her family and they all came in the middle of Covid season. The kids are now in secondary school in Kits and her husband is doing cancer research at UBC.

Louise is an experienced Danish language teacher, but she is also a therapist.

So, whether you need therapy or language lessons, you are welcome to contact her by email: louisekrog@gmail.com / cell: 236 979 4634



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Sunday, November 7th	5:00 PM All Saints Service Supper following Service	10:30 AM Service in English
Sunday, November 14th	9:30 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth
Søndag den 21 November	11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Susanne	9:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Susanne
Sunday, November 28th	9:30 AM Pre-Service Breakfast 11:00 AM Service in English	10:30 AM Service in English
Søndag den 5 December	11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Susanne	9:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Susanne
Sunday, December 12th	11:00 AM Service in English	10:30AM Service in English
Søndag den 19 December	9:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Ruth	11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Ruth
Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve	2:30 PM and 4:00 PM Service in English/Danish	3:00 PM Service in English
Lørdag den 25 December Juledag	11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk	10:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk
New Year Services	Saturday, January 1st 3:00 PM Service in English	Friday, December 31st 2:00 PM Service in English
Sunday, January 9th Helligtrekonger / Epiphany	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Susanne	9:30 AM Service in English Pastor Susanne