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Pastor's Report

Happy New Year!

Solhverv er bag os, et helt nyt år er skudt igang. Kalenderbladet vendes og og en ny tid begynder.

The days grow longer now and I believe we are all hoping for good news and a brighter future this year.

Looking back at the old year we have so much to be grateful for. Even though 2021 was challenging, it was also a year with lots of events and services 'in person'; we dusted of the old traditions and celebrated togetherness again!

And all this was possible because of generous people. Lots of people signed cheques, put the kettle on, weeded at the Memorial Walk and filled the church with songs and joy.

And all the auxiliaries, groups and committees got back together, we even got a couple of new ones: The Man Cave producing crafts, The Music Committee who hosted the annual Christmas Concert, and our brand-new Newsletter group setting up 'Kirkebladet'.

The folksong musicians are back rehearsing in the hall downstairs and we also have 'Vancouver Big Band' in the hall every

Tuesday now. They will throw us a special Valentines concert in February.

So, we're not doing too bad; actually, we are doing very well. We are back together, all trying our best to get back on track.

Come and join us this year, we have lots of jobs to be filled! We have lots of music we want to play for you, we have special fellowships ready to welcome you, we have open spots in the pews and friendly deacons to welcome you on Sunday mornings.

Join us and let's celebrate being back together, then 2022 will become a blessed new year!

Vær velkommen Herrens år, og velkommen herhid! Sandheds Gud! Lad dit hellige ord Oplive, oplyse det høje Nord. Velkommen Nytår og velkommen her!

Godt Nytår and God bless,

Pastor Susanne

KomSammen

I det nye år fortsætter vi vores danske 'Kom Sammen'- eftermiddage med temaet: Sprogblomster

Vi mødes i salen til sang og røverhistorier, kaffe og kage:

12. januar kl. 13.30

9. februar kl. 13.30

Alle er velkomne!



From the Board

We are starting a new year so let's hope it will be a better year than

the last one. A lot of the restrictions have been lifted, and we are slowly getting back to some normalcy.

Our Fall Bazaar was held on October 30th. It was a full bazaar with a twist.

We had all the booths open, and sold open face sandwiches. Some of the booths were moved to make more seating space with only 8 people to a table instead of 10. But the biggest difference was that the people had to pre-register a one-hour time slot to enter the hall. We allowed 80 people in the hall at a time. It worked very well. We had a person at the door checking vaccination passports, masks, and time slot. From the feedback we received, if we have to use time slots in future bazaars, we will make it 90 minutes instead of 60 minutes. For safety reason we contacted Fraser Health and laid out our plan for the bazaar. They looked it over and gave their approval.

We celebrated All Saints Sunday on November 7th with a service remembering the friends and family members we have lost during the past year. After the service we carried candles out to the Memorial Walk and placed them by the plaques and planted daffodil bulbs. It looked very impressive with all the candles illuminating the walk. Afterward we gathered in the hall for supper.

On November 21st we had our "Juleværksted". It was wonderful to see all the young families bring their children to learn about Danish traditions, baking Christmas cookies, and learning to make paper stars and hearts. I think children and adults had a good time.

On December 4th, the Lucia performance was held. Let me start by giving a big thank you to Andrea Wardrop and her crew for the work they put into this evening. This year was different from what we are used to because of Covid. so the whole performance was held upstairs in the church. It was a smaller group of singers than other years, but those voices came through loud and clear. The whole show worked very well upstairs. The Christmas booths were open downstairs and did very good business. At the time of writing this we have not had our Christmas concert but knowing Janet Mowatt and the Music Committee. I am sure we are in for a great afternoon of music and singing.

When the vaccination passports came out, the Board decided that we would require everyone entering the building to show their vaccination passport and wear a mask. I am pleased to say that it has been received very well by the congregation.

Hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas season and a happy New Year. We will all be looking forward to a heathy and prosperous 2022.

Knud Nielsen President

Celebrations of Life



October 2nd

Kerstin Marianne Söndergaard

November 20th

Rudi Langmann Franz Langmann





Jim Saunte, along with his family, holding the plaque that he purchased to be placed on the memorial walk for his mother, Lone Saunte, who passed away Oct. 8, 2016.

Baptism



November 6th Keaton Erik Aslin

Parents: Hayley and Lars-Erik



December 12th Yuwa Alicja Troen

Parents: Watnabe & Patrick





Big Band Christmas Evening

Our Church has many different purposes, including housing a Big Band rehearsing weekly in the hall. They invited everyone to an open concert/rehearsal evening on Tuesday night, December 14th.

You have to be more than distinctive tonedeaf not to get in a good mood when you hear the Big Band play – and glad our Church is solidly built because the musical waves went high.

Thanks for the diversity, thanks for a lovely Big Band Christmas evening organized by Erik Hougaard and his fellow 24 brass band players.

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An Afternoon to Remember

We were royally welcomed by the loud sounds of a brass tuba from the church tower on the afternoon of December 12th, welcoming us to the Christmas Concert this year arranged by the Music Committee – Erik Hovgaard, Janet Mowatt, Steen Larsen and Robert Taylor.

The Music Committee had managed to entertain with five different music groups, with more than 35 performers. The wonderful sounds of the "Reunion Choir" of former Tivoli etc. singers, the Lyrical Singers, the Hans Christian Andersen story of the Christmas Tree, the Hougaard family and the brass band. Had one forgotten what a Christmas concert in the Church was like?

This year, it was fantastically refreshing an excellent and varied program spoiled the attendees. We thank the committee for an afternoon to remember.



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Reviews of:

- The Good Liar
- The Up Side

The Good Liar

2019 British Crime/ Thriller



The Good Liar features fine performances by two legendary actors, Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen.

A con man, Ian McKellen, makes a wealthy British widow, Helen Mirren, his next target but what begins as a run-of-the-mill job turns into a high-stakes game when startling facts come to light.

Available on Netflix





The Up Side

2017 Drama/Comedy

Phillip is a wealthy quadriplegic who needs a caretaker to help him with his day-to-day routine in his New York penthouse. He decides to hire

Dell, a struggling parolee who's trying to reconnect with his ex and his young son. Despite coming from two different worlds, an unlikely friendship starts to blossom as Dell and Phillip rediscover the joy of living life to the fullest.

Available on Netflix

It is a remake of the French 2011 Drama/ Comedy film, The Intouchables.

That film is based on the real-life paragliding accident involving 42 year old Philippe Pozzo di Borgo and his French-Moroccan caregiver Abdel Sellou.

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11am English Service Pastor Susanne Lunch follows		7pm Board Meeting Library	1:30 Kom-Sammen in the Hall	9:30am – 11am Bible Study Library 12 Noon – Ladies Aux. Lunch with Pastor Susanne in the hall 6:30 New Ladies Aux in the Hall		
16 11 am Danish Service Pastor Susanne	17	18 10:30 Service at Dania Manor	19	20	21	22
9:30am Breakfast – 11am English Service Pastor Susanne	24	25	26 11am Service at Dania Home	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9:30am English Service Pastor Ruth		1pm Knit2Gether		12Noon Ladies Auxiliary Church Hall		



Pre Service Breakfasts

Come and enjoy breakfast at 9:30am before the 11am service, Jan. 23rd and Feb. 27th. Sign up on the sheet in the hall or contact Doris at 604-534-3707, or email knudnielsen@shaw.ca

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
				9:30-11am Bible Study, Library		
				12 Noon Ladies Auxiliary		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11am Danish with Pastor Susanne		7pm Board Meeting	1:30 KomSammen	9:30-11am Bible Study, Library		11-2pm Rummage Sale
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11am Pastor Ruth	Valentine's Day			9:30-11am Bible Study, Library		
Lunch follows	Big Band Dance			10:30 Dania Manor		
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The Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver

Fastelavn

Here is a short version of the Fastelayn story and the reason we will have so much fun on Sunday, February 27 when we will slaa katten af tonden. Kids dress in costumes and take turns hitting the barrel with a bat to make the candy filled barrel fall apart. The last hitters are crowed King and Queen.

Fastelavn is a celebration initially held on the evening before the church fasts, beginning Ash-Wednesday in the seventh week before Easter Monday.

It hasn't always been that way. Initially and until well into the 19th century, Fastelavn was an adult feast where the adults drank alcohol in copious quantities, ate meat, partied, danced and dressed up. Often on horseback with a live cat in the barrel as the cat symbolized evil. Fastelavn led up to Ash Wednesday when Lent began.

The custom probably has its origins in pre-Christian winter and New Year customs, including fertility customs, in Europe and the Middle East. At the Pope's council, in the year 600, it was decided that there should be 40 days of fasting before Easter.



Today, on the other hand, the barrel is filled with sweets or other goodies, and the cat is made of paper and stuck with sticky tape on the barrel. The custom of knocking the cat off the barrel is supposed to have arrived in Denmark with the Dutch farmers who King Christian II welcomed in the 16th century.

FACTS BOX

- ◆ Fastelavn comes from the German word "fastlabend", or "vaste lavent". which means fasting evening.
- ♦ Fastelavn was called "carnival" in southern European countries, which means "goodbye to meat".
- Fastelavn was also celebrated by stuffing oneself with all the food forbidden during Lent.

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Did You Know?

Poul Erik Rasmussen is one of our hard-working volunteers extraordinaire. He is in charge of the Memorial Walk at the church, as well as serving on the board. Poul Erik has had an interesting life in his, so far, 87 years.

In 1960 he got the opportunity to work as a carpenter for Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his jungle hospital in Gabon, Africa. He was there for two and a half years and originally had been sent there to put up a house for a dental clinic that Danish dentists had given to Dr. Schweitzer. He became a trusted employee, and relates how the seating in the dining hall indicated your relationship to Dr. Schweitzer.

He said he started out at the end of the long table far from Dr. Schwitzer's seat at the middle of the table, but says as time went by, he was moved a few spaces closer to the centre. Poul Erik says that working for Dr. Schweitzer's hospital was one of the greatest experiences in his life.



A young carpenter from Denmark, Poul receives words of appreciation for his work from Dr. albert Schweitzer., 1961.



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The Kirkebladet Committee is looking to add a new feature called Co-Writers Corner. We are inviting anyone who has interesting items or ideas to share them. Submissions might include, but not limited to, histories of the Vancouver Church and Burnaby Churches and the pastors over the years, personal recollections/history of family involvement with the church, immigration to Canada and

how the church became a gathering place, what was your first job in Canada, ideas you might have for the present day operation of the church, feedback on the kirkebladet. We are sure there are many interesting stories to be told.

We would like to add this feature to the March/April edition. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Bishop's Visit

Our Danish Bishop Marianne Gaarden visited all the Danish churches in Canada in September.

In Vancouver she went to both Granly and Burnaby and we had meetings onboard the Ferry to Vancouver Island. We celebrated a Danish 'Høstgudstjeneste' in Nanaimo followed by a luncheon.

The Bishop also had a tour of the Dania premises, she attended a service at Dania Manor and an open meeting in Burnaby with our Danish Konsul Mikkel Strøjer.

She went to see Scandinavian Centre and

had an official meeting with both the board in Granly and Burnaby and with the local Canadian Lutheran Bishop.

The Danish Bishop is the boss of the Danish Pastors and together with the organization DSUK in Denmark, Bishop Gaarden is in charge of sending pastors abroad to Canada, Australia and Asia. Her husband Michael Schelde attended as secretary on the Canadian tour.





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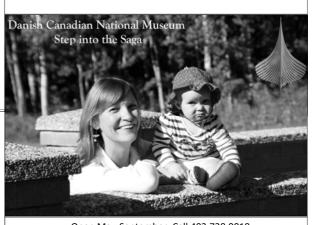
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Church Services	<u>Burnaby</u>	<u>Surrey</u>
New Year Services	Saturday, January 1st 3:00 PM Service in English Bubbles and Kransekage	Friday, December 31st 2:00 PM Service in English
Sunday, January 9th Helligtrekonger / Epiphany	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Susanne	9:30 AM Service in English Pastor Susanne
Sunday, January 16th	11:00 AM Service in English Lunch	10:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk
Sunday, January 23rd	9:30 Breakfast 11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk	10:30 AM Service in English
Sunday, January 30th	9:30 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth
Søndag den 6 februar	11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk	10:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk
Sunday, February 13th	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth Lunch	9:30 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth
Søndag den 20 februar	9:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Susanne	11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Susanne
Sunday, February 27th Fastelavn / Lent	9:30 AM Breakfast 11:00 AM Service in English/Danish Lunch - Chili Con Carne	10:30 AM Service in English

<u>Calling all Kids - Come and celebrate Fastelavn Together</u> <u>Dress in your Favourite Costume</u>

Sunday, 27 February, we celebrate Fastelavn, after a short 11am service. Then we "slår katten af tønnen" in the hall and enjoy chili con carne for lunch, coffee and Danish "fastelavnsboller". Both adults and children are welcome to dress up!