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PASTOR'S REPORT

Message from Pastor Carsten Hansen

Dear Danish community in Vancouver,

It is with great pleasure and humility that I will be installed as your new pastor at the service on 4th of December. With me to Vancouver I will bring my wife, Camilla, and two-year-old son, Bjørn. We are all excited about this new chapter in our life and are eager to get to know all of you. We were so lucky to be able to visit you and Vancouver mid-August and were thrilled to hear that you wanted me as your new pastor. In our short stay, we met a lot of friendly and committed individuals and we experienced a community with a strong cohesion. It will be our pleasure to work with all of you and to be a part of your community.

As a person and as a pastor I would describe myself as present and embracing. I take a huge effort in connecting with people around me and learning from them. We are all individuals and therefore we engage in faith and communities in different ways. Regarding spirituality, some seek sincerity in the church, others seek community. Some love a good sermon, others love the aesthetics of the church. My force as a pastor is a thorough experience with how to work with all these different ways in order of creating a both present and embracing service for everyone. I will look forward to learning from you about your church life and if needed I will take a great pleasure in discussing with you

how to make a service or an event even more relevant and meaningful. Most of all though I will simply love to get to know all of you and be a part of your Danish community in Vancouver.

I come from a position in Solrød which is a suburban city half an hour away from Copenhagen. In Solrød I have been working with a lot of young persons – through confirmation and as a pastor for the local high school. In my job I have put my technical knowledge into good use when I have created both podcasts and livestreams, used social media and made light shows for and in the church. I am sure that I with this experience will be able to reach out in multiple ways to those in the community who do not live close to Burnaby or are simply not able to attend services in the church.

I have loved my position in Solrød but am also eager to put my unique set of skills into new use. Especially I look forward to being a part of a community who cares a lot for and emphasizes Danish culture – with me as your pastor you can expect sermons including lots of Danish poetry.

We look forward to seeing you soon,
Carsten, Camilla and Bjørn





From the Board

It's been a weird and different summer for me and Doris this year. We had a wonderful cruise holiday, although I got Covid onboard, and we returned on Aug 28. Shortly thereafter Doris got a throat infection that she is still combatting but, hopefully, it will be gone soon.

The Harvest Dinner on September 24, I am told, went well. Thanks so much to Tina Taylor and the crew for the wonderful dinner. Pastor Svend did a good job keeping the guests entertained with some fun games that each table could get their heads together on.

I was away when Pastor Carsten was here for his visit in August – but I am looking forward to his return in the end of November. He will be installed as the new pastor on Sunday, December 4th by DSUK's Secretary General Selma Ravn.

It has been a challenge since Pastor Susanne left in the middle of July to keep the Sunday services going but we have been blessed with Pastor Clifford Reinhardt coming in on several Sundays.

We have also been so fortunate to have had the return of Pastor Svend Faarvang, and his wife Birgit, for services in the months of September and October. They tell us that we can call on them any time.

Pastor Svend and Birgit were here from 1986-1991. Pastor Svend stepped right back into the job and it's been great having him here.

During the month of November Pastor Clifford will be taking all services with the exception of Sunday, November 20th when we can welcome back Pastor Bodil Toftdahl who will be conducting the service that day, as she is visiting her friend Ingrid Rasmussen.

It seems impossible, but we are nearing Christmas. The Music Committee tells me that they are making arrangements for a 2pm, December 11th concert. Something to look forward to. As well, the Big Band which rents the church hall for practices will be inviting everyone to a practice – date to be announced.

Knud Nielsen, President

Celebration of Life for Kirsten Bodil Mains



Kirsten Bodil Mains, born in Aalborg, Denmark January 27, 1931, passed away at the age of 91 on August 22, 2022. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Palle, and son Dan (Yvonne Gamelin). Kirsten and Palle immigrated to Vancouver in 1957 with 2 year old Dan in tow. Kirsten worked as an accountant/office manager for many years. A celebration of Life was held Oct 1, 2022.

Celebration of Life for Jone Line Hognestad

Jone Line Hognestad, born in Bryne, Norway on February 12, 1955, passed away October 8, 2022. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Arnhild, and their three children Karoline Marcher (Ryan Marcher), Nils Johan Hognestad (Jeremy Irla), Jo Ivar Hognestad (Ana Maria Rodriguez-Velasquez), and grandson Jon Ivar Marcher, seven siblings and their spouses. Jone was an intrinsic part of the shipping community in Vancouver and internationally for near 40 years. A celebration of Life was held Oct 20, 2022.

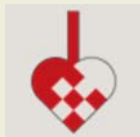


All Saints' Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 5pm – Pastor Clifford Reinhardt

On this special All Saints service held on the first Sunday in November, we remember and honour our loved ones who passed away this year, and their names will be read out at the service. If you have a relative or close friend whose name you would like to mention, please call the church office 604-298-6112. After the service we carry candles out to the Memorial Walk. If you will be staying for the dinner which follows the service @ \$15 pp. please call the church office.



Juleværksted / Christmas Workshop



♥ Fun for all ages ♥



Our annual hyggelige afternoon making traditional Danish crafts, and baking (eating) homemade Danish cookies will soon be here – **Sunday, November 20th from 2 - 4:30PM**. This is your opportunity to learn (or teach) how to make *braided hearts* and *stars* for your Christmas tree. If we're lucky a little *risengrød* treat can be had if the nisser don't eat it all first! There will be a **\$5.00** charge at the door to cover supplies. Hope you'll join us.



KomSammen Wednesday, November 16th, 13:30

Vi er heldige, at pastor Bodil Toftdahl har sagt ja til at tale i KomSammen – vær opmærksom på, at det er den tredje onsdag – den 16. november. Det bliver et par hyggelige timer i godt selskab og høre hvad pastor Bodil kan fortælle os – og med Ingrid Rasmussen's lækre bagning! Vi ses.



Big Band Christmas Music – Church Hall Tuesday, December 13th, 8 pm

The "Big Band" as it is known, practices in the church hall every Tuesday night and as a favour to the church, they invite everyone to attend their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 13 at 8pm - admission by donation.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Danish Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 11, 2022. 2:00 pm



Welcome to a “hygge” afternoon featuring music of the season with singing and choir and instrumental performances. Following the concert, celebrate the lighting of the **Refurbished Manger from “Granly” Danish Church** with **Carol Singing** and a **Hot Beverage!**

Attention: Reunion Choir

Join in on the fun! Rehearsals will be offered on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm, November 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1.

Dress Rehearsal TBA



November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Ladies Aux. 12:00 Noon Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM Library or Zoom	4	5 Clocks back 1 hour
6 All Saints Service 5:00 PM English Pastor Cliff Reinhardt Dinner follows	7	8	9	10 New Ladies Aux. 7:00 PM Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM Library or Zoom	11	12
13 Service 11:00 AM English Pastor Cliff Reinhardt	14	15	16 Komsammen 1:30 PM Danish Pastor Bodil Toftdahl	17 Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM Library or Zoom	18	19
20 Service 11:00 AM English Pastor Bodil Toftdahl	21	22	23	24 Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM Library or Zoom	25	26
27 Service 11:00 AM English Pastor Cliff Reinhardt	28	29	30			

Pre-service Breakfasts

There will be no pre-service breakfasts this month

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 12:00 Noon Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM Library or Zoom	2	3 Lucia Fest 7:30 PM
4 Service 11:00 AM Danish Pastor Carsten Hansen Installation	5	6	7	8 New Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	9	10
11 Service 11:00 AM English Pastor Carsten Hansen Lunch Christmas Concert 2:00 PM	12	13 Board Meeting 6:45 PM Big Band Christmas Music 8:00 PM	14 Komsammen 1:30 PM	15 Service at Dania Manor 10:00 AM	16	17 Nanaimo Service 2:00 PM
18 Service 11:00 AM Danish Pastor Carsten Hansen	19	20	21	22 Norwegian Service 7:30 PM	23 Seattle Service 7:00 PM	24 Dania Home Service 11:00 AM Church Services 2:30 and 4:00 PM
25 Service 11:00 AM English Pastor Carsten Hansen	26	27	28	29	30	31

All Christmas Services

- Sat. Dec 17 2:00 pm Nanaimo – Hope Lutheran Church
- Thurs. Dec 22 7:30 pm Danish Church – Norwegian Service
- Pastor Carsten Hansen
- Fri. Dec 23 7:00 pm Seattle – Pastor Carsten Hansen
- Sat. Dec 24 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm – Danish/English
- Pastor Carsten Hansen
- Sun. Dec 25 11:00 am – Pastor Carsten Hansen



Merry Christmas to all



Glædelig jul allesammen



Heritage Books!



We have the 2022 Heritage Books on sale for \$20 containing, of course, obituaries but also many interesting articles.

As Rolf Buschardt Christensen tells us – a couple of articles featured focus on New Denmark, N.B., as New Denmark was established as a Danish colony exactly 150 years ago that is, in 1872.

Rolf also wrote an article titled “George Holler and Henrik Kauffmann, Danish-Canadian Relations 1940-1945” which is fascinating, featuring Danish Consul General George Holler, Montreal, the highest-ranking Danish diplomat in Canada at the time.

The stack of Heritage Books are on a table in the church hall – please pay the Church Secretary, Bodil Nielsen

Advent and Lucia Fest

It is the Scandinavian traditional “*Celebration of Light*” and in that spirit the children and young people will perform for us, singing traditional Danish and English tunes on **Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 PM** – first with the Lucia Pageant upstairs in the Church sanctuary, followed by refreshments in the hall downstairs. Who knows, some nisser may appear ... it has been known to happen!



The Christmas Shoppe opens at **6:00 PM** with crafts, cookies and other Christmas goodies.



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Sunday, November 13 th Pastor Cliff Reinhardt	11:00 AM English	Lunch follows service
Sunday, November 20 th Pastor Bodil Toftdahl	11:00 AM English	
Sunday, November 27 th Pastor Cliff Reinhardt	11:00 AM English	
Sunday, December 4 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM Danish	Installation by DSUK Secretary General Selma Ravn
Sunday, December 11 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	Lunch follows service 2 PM Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 18 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM Danish	
Saturday, December 24 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	Christmas Services 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM	
Sunday, December 25 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	
Sunday, January 1 st Pastor Carsten Hansen	3:00 PM English	Champagne/Bubbly To Celebrate New Year!
Sunday, January 8 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	Lunch follows service