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January - February 2023

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Installation of Pastor Carsten Mølgaard Hansen Sunday, December 4, 2022

Pastor Carsten,
DSUK Dean Selma Ravn,
Church President Knud Nielsen,
Pastor Willy Olesen, and
Pastor Clifford Reinhardt





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PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Congregation:

Last New Year's Eve my wife and I made a 'nytårsforsæt' or a New Year's resolution, as you may call it. In the year to come, 2023, my wife will turn 30. And since we just spent two years, 2020 and 2021, getting used to our new roles as 'mom' and 'dad', we agreed that something big should happen for the two of us in 2022. I must say that it was a nytårsforsæt that came true. Something big really happened. And we are both pleased and thrilled.

This New Year's Eve we do not wish for something similarly big to happen as our nytårsforsæt. Rather, we simply wish that we will settle down nicely among you as Danish-Canadians – with all the gifts and challenges it gives and requires – so that Camilla can celebrate her round birthday thanking all for the dream that came true, looking forward towards new dreams to come.

I think there is good opportunity that yet another nytårsforsæt will come true for the two of us. With all the help and support we have received from you so far; I can only imagine our adaptation to go smoothly. On behalf of me and my family I thank you.

December sure was a busy month to arrive in. Starting with Lucia and my installation in the first week. Then on to the next where we had a lovely concert and where I had to get a SIN, an MSP and visit both ICBC and SBC. The week after I visited Dania Manor, the Danish congregation on Vancouver Island and yet another concert was held. And on the fourth week resting was not really an option; it was Christmas which meant a lot of services but more importantly also a lot of fun and joy.

During the weeks my family and I had a little time for ourselves to discover the neighbourhoods. One place we visited was Capilano Suspension Bridge where they put up an annual light show. The tickets for the light show were a present from my former colleagues in Denmark and it turned out that if you are living in BC your tickets last for a whole year. Well, now we are living in BC, and we therefore know just where to go if we sometimes in the year to come will miss Denmark.

I do not know whether nytårsforsæt is a tradition over here or not. But if you have made some wishes for the year to come, I sure hope that they will be fulfilled as much as possible. I wish you all a happy 2023.

With kind regards,

Pastor Carsten



From the Board

On Sunday, December 4th, 2022, we welcomed Pastor Carsten Mølgaard Hansen at his installation as our pastor for the next five years. DSUK's Dean Selma Ravn came from Denmark to officiate at the installation. As well, we had invited Pastor Willy Olesen and Pastor Clifford Reinhardt to participate in the procession. Carsten, his wife Camilla, and son Bjørn arrived in Vancouver on November 28th and enjoyed a week to settle in at the parsonage and get over their jetlag. Downstairs, after the installation, we enjoyed a festive time with a few speeches, coffee, buns and a big cake that said "Welcome". I am happy to say that the church was packed with 74 people attending.

The annual Lucia Fest was held on Saturday, December 3rd. It was nice to have the full show again after Covid. We were not as many as we have been in other years, but it was a good start, and the children sang beautifully. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who made this evening happen. Dean Selma Ravn was there as well, and that gave us an opportunity to showcase our church and give her a chance to see how we fundraise.

On November 20th we had our Christmas Workshop. It was very well attended lots of children learned how to make stars and braid hearts and bake Christmas cookies. We all had a good time. Thank you to all the helpers for your efforts!

November 6th was All Saints Sunday, and Pastor Cliff helped us to have the traditional service with the reading of the names of the people who had passed away this year. Then we carried candles outside to place on the Memorial Walk. Supper followed in the church hall.

As you probably all know by now, Granly Church has been sold, and their board has disbursed the funds generated by the sale. The Burnaby church has received \$2.6 Million plus \$800,000.00 to be set up as a scholarship fund in memory of Granly. We thank Granly for this very generous gift and we welcome the members from Granly to join us here in Burnaby. \$2.6 Million is a lot of money and we must be very careful how we proceed. With that much money we could operate the church for many years without any fundraising, but could the church survive without the social aspect of the fund raising – or the friendships that have develop amongst the members of the congregation over the years because of fundraising? As an ethnic church, our main objective has for years been raising enough money to keep the church operating, and I think we have done a good job of that, but we have never supported the local community very much. I think with these new funds we have an opportunity to help, for example Burnaby Food Bank, or Burnaby Hospital Foundation. Remembering that we may be able to support worthy causes, I hope we can channel our thoughts in that direction before we say. "Well, now the church doesn't need my money anymore". We really must look at how we see our church in the future.

Knud Nielsen, President

Installation of Pastor Carsten Mølgaard Hansen by DSUK's Dean Selma Ravn on December 4, 2022

We welcomed and celebrated the installation of Pastor Carsten on December 4th. DSUK Dean Selma Ravn arrived from Denmark to conduct the ceremony in Danish. Pastor Willy Olesen and Pastor Clifford Reinhardt were invited to be included in the ceremony.

After the official installation in Danish, Pastor Carsten gave the sermon in English and we sang English and Danish hymns. The church was full and we heartily welcomed Pastor Carsten.

We celebrated downstairs with a bit of lunch and a huge cake that said "Welcome".





Installation of Pastor Carsten Mølgaard Hansen on December 4, 2022

Kære Carsten, dear congregation

Sikken en lykke at mødes her, i det vestlige Canada, i den ene yderlighed, når vi regner hvor DSUK er til stede i verden. Fra Vancouver til Sidney svarer vi, når folk vil vide hvor langt væk, der ligger danske kirker.

Anledningen er så festlig, som den kan blive, du begynder et nyt præsteliv, Carsten, og sammen med Camilla og Bjørn skal I vende jer til nye omgivelser og en ny kulturel ramme for hverdagen. Det er en lykke, at I havde eventyrlysten, og det er godt at I har taget skridtet ud i dét, som jeg godt tør love ikke bliver kun eventyrligt.

Det danske fylder her, i dette rum og i de relationer, der folder sig ud her. Selvom det er mange år siden de fleste af jer rejste ud, og I har fundet jer vel tilpas i det canadiske, og selvom mange af jer aldrig har boet i Danmark, så er Danmark under huden på jer, en væsentlig del af jeres identitet. Her, så mange kilometer fra fædrelandet står en dansk kirke, genkendelig for enhver, der har det danske som ophav og som grundlag for hvordan vi erfarer og forstår verden.

Dette er din nye flok, Carsten, en flok der insisterer på at deres oprindelse har betydning, så meget at de kalder en præst helt fra Danmark til at virke i dette åndehul, i dette erindringsrum. Kirken har sin selvfølgelige plads, som stedet hvor traditioner og sædvaner lever videre, alt sammen i lyset af Kristi fødsel, død og opstandelse. Det gode

budskab lyder i alt hvad vi foretager os, hjælper med at forstå fortiden, turde nutiden og glæde os til fremtiden. Det kan ikke undervurderes hvor vigtigt der er, at budskabet lyder, som det vi ikke kan sige os selv, den største af alle fortællinger om Gud og hans mennesker. Det er afgørende også for dig, ved jeg, at formidlingen lykkes og sætter sig spor i vores liv.

Kære menighed, I får nu en præst, der vil favne jer i jeres trosliv, byde ind i jeres kulturliv, og være med til at skabe rammerne for det fællesskab der udleves her. Med andre ord vil han sørge for jeres sjæle. Brug ham med omtanke, lyt til ham, tal med ham, hjælp ham med alt det, der er særligt for en udlandspræst, og lad ham og Camillas Bjørn mærke at de hører til i jeres flok, det ved jeg i sætter en ære i og er dygtige til. Voks sammen i respektfuld kærlighed til hvorfor vi er her, og med ærlig tanke på, hvad vi skal med hinanden.

Jeg er meget glad for at være med dag. Jeg ved vi føles langt væk i hverdagen, men vi er fælles om at drive danske kirker i den store verden, at skabe rum for alle os, der er kommet til at orientere sig flere steder hen. Der er meget styrke i at vide hvor man kommer fra, men endnu mere styrke i at turde tage imod det der møder os i en mangfoldig verden.

Lykke til med at lade verden indenfor, og tillykke med at mærke mangfoldighedens store styrke. Må Guds velsignelse være med jer.

DSUK Dean Selma Ravn

Baptism

Baby *Charlie James Christiansen Olsen*, the son of Sheena Christiansen and Bradley Olsen was christened on Sunday, Dec 11, 2022.



Celebration of Life

NIELSEN, *Arne Bandsberg* March 10, 1929 - October 3, 2019

Arne passed away peacefully at The Arbutus Care Centre in Vancouver on October 3, 2019. Arne will be remembered by his wife of 61 years, Anna Marie and his two sons John (Nit) and Mike (Fawn) and 3 grandchildren Mitchell, Ryder and Anna. Arne was born in Tarm, Denmark. He came to Canada in 1951 and settled in Vancouver working as a heating engineer for the Vancouver School Board for 35 years. Arne shoveled coal to heat the boilers at Mount Pleasant Elementary School, where he was the last Vancouver School Board Engineer to do so. He retired at age 65. A celebration of life was held on Dec.21, 2022.



Service at the Dolmen

Spreading of *Martha Jorgensen's* ashes at the dolmen with Pastor Svend Faarvang officiating was held October 28, 2022.



ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday, January 22, 2023 2:00 pm

Spend a winter afternoon listening to music played on our organ performed by our very own church musicians. Steen Larsen will talk about the organ.

Special Guest Organist: Angelique Po, President

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January 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3 pm New Year Service English Bubbly and Kransekage Pastor Carsten	2	3 1 pm Knit2Gether	4	5 9:30 am Bible Study Library/Zoom 12 Noon Ladies Aux.	6	7
8 11 am English Epiphany Pastor Carsten Lunch follows service	9	10 1 pm Church Board Meeting	11 1:30 am KomSammen Danish	9:30 am Bible Study Library/Zoom	13	14
15 11 am Danish Pastor Carsten	16	17	18	9:30 am Bible Study Library/Zoom 10 am Service Dania Manor	20	21
22 11 am English Pastor Carsten 2 pm Organ Concert	23	24	25 11 am Service Dania Home	9:30 am Bible Study Library/Zoom	27	28
9:30 am Pre- service breakfast 11 am English Pastor Carsten	30	31				

Pre-service Breakfasts

Come enjoy breakfast at 9:30 am before the service at 11 am – January 29th & February 26th, Sign up on the sheet in the hall or contact Doris at 604-534-3707 or email knudnielsen@shaw.ca

February 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	9:30 am Bible Study Library/Zoom 12 Noon Ladies Aux.	3	4
5 11 am Danish Pastor Carsten	6	7 1 pm Knit2Gether	8 1:30 pm KomSammen Danish	9 9:30 am Bible Study Library/Zoom	10	7:30 pm Valentine's Concert and Dance
12 11 am English Pastor Carsten Lunch follows service	13	14 1 pm Church Board Meeting	15	9:30 am Bible Study Library/Zoom 10am Dania Manor Service	17	18
19 11 am English Kid's Service Pastor Carsten Fastelavn	20	21	22 11 am Dania Home Service	9:30 am Bible Study Library/Zoom	24	25
26 9:30 am Pre- Service Breakfast 11 am English Pastor Carsten	27	28				



Music - Music - Music

The Christmas Concert was held on Sunday, Dec. 11th – and what a great concert it was. Steen Larsen and Erik Hougaard blasted away on their brass instruments from the balcony as we filed in, Paul Rasmussen played the organ on the highest notes I have never heard before, then Erik Hougaard on the piano accompanied his talented son, Leo, as he played the cello, Pastor Carsten read the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale "The Fir



Tree" which was interspersed with the audience singing about the little Christmas tree: Højt fra træets grønne top, Juletræet med sin pynt, and more. Then a Christmas tree appeared in its full height, and children and adults held hands and walked around it a we all sang Nu er det Jul igen.... And the choir – wow – they brought tears to my eyes as they sang O Holy Night with soloists Kaoru Henry and Osten Landberg while Janet Mowatt played the piano and Elisabeth Kwan played the flute. The choir consisted of the coming together of various choirs hence the name "Reunion Choir".

After we had all sung Deck the Halls, and more, we put on our coats and went outside for an apple cider and Christmas cookie, and admired Steen Larsen's newly renovated masterpiece, the Creche,



which was all lit up, while we were entertained by Steen and Erik playing Christmas music on their horns.

The music committee consisting of Janet Mowatt, Erik Hougaard, Robert Taylor and Steen Larsen organized the wonderful concert.

Thank you! It really put me in the Christmas spirit.

F.G.

... and More – Music – Music – Music

On behalf of the Danish Church, I would like to thank the "South Van Big Band" for inviting everybody to their open house practices and to their annual Christmas performance held Tuesday, December 13th. It is always a delight to hear the familiar Christmas songs performed in the Big Band style. South Van Big Band has been having their weekly practices at our church for some years and are now under the leadership of Erik Hougaard and we thank him for that. We all look forward to many more concerts in years to come, and I encourage all members of the Danish Church to take advantage of this chance to hear the sounds of a full 16+ piece Big Band.

Thank you and a Merry Christmas

Steen Larsen, Director, Church Board



Winners of Fall Bazaar Oct. 29 Raffle

Prizes

1st Prize ScanDesigns Recliner Chair 2nd Prize \$1,000 Cash Anonymous

3rd Prize Four Advent Gifts/Viking Ship 4th Prize My Original Danish Pastry Baker's Kagemand

5th Prize New Year's Bskt/Kransekage by Ted

6th Prize Cloverdale Deli Basket

Winners

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Sunday, January 1st Pastor Carsten Hansen	3:00 PM English	New Year's Service / Celebrate with Kransekage & Bubbly
Sunday, January 8th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	Hellige Tre Kongers/ Ephiphany Lunch follows service
Sunday, January 15th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM Danish	
Sunday, January 22nd Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	2:00 PM Organ Concert
Sunday, January 29th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	
Sunday, February 5th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM Danish	
Sunday, February 12th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	Lunch follows service
Sunday, February 19th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English Service	Fastelavn - Kid's Service
Sunday, February 26th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	

A Fun Fastelavn Sunday, February 19

We get together for a children's service in the church at 11 am. Children are welcome to dress up (and so is everyone else). Then we go downstairs for lunch of chili con carne or hot dogs, and hitting the barrel pinata-style.

Chili w. bun, coffee/tea/juice - \$5 Hot dog, coffee/tea/juice - \$3 Sweet bun (Fastelavns bolle) - \$0.50 Coffee, tea or juice - \$1



