



Gudstjenester July — August 2023 Services

Church Services		
Sunday, July 2 nd Pastor Clifford Reinhardt	11:00 AM English	
Sunday, July 9 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	Followed by lunch
Sunday, July 16 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM Danish	
Sunday, July 23 rd Pastor Clifford Reinhardt	11:00 AM English	
Sunday, Jul 30 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	
Sunday, Aug 6 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM Danish	
Sunday, Aug 13 th Pastor Carsten Hansen	11:00 AM English	Baptism followed by lunch
Sunday, Aug 20 th Pastor Clifford Reinhardt	11:00 AM English	
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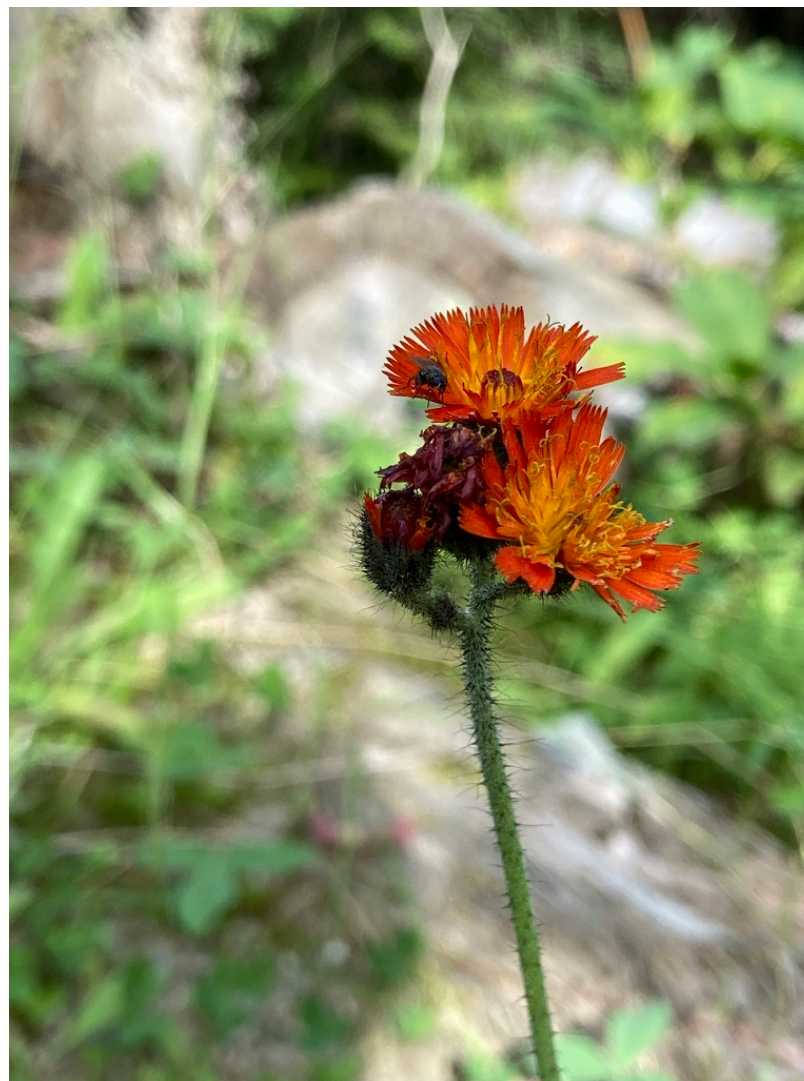


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Please take time to welcome our new Cultural Family Coordinator at:

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From the Board

The board has been extremely busy in the last quarter.

We have focused on fundamental issues that have arisen over the last six months. Issues that, if not addressed now, would cause serious problems in years to come.

We have finally secured new **landscapers** for the church since the last ones told us that they would not be available to service our church going forward. We will slowly be addressing outstanding landscaping issues over the rest of this year, including the Boxwood bushes that have died at the top corner of the parking lot just before the church. New bushes will be planted when the weather shifts enough to ensure they will not die due to heat.

I am sure you have noticed that this issue of the newsletter is looking a bit different from past issues. We will be back to our regular issues in the Sep/Oct release. Unfortunately, we had a number of individuals tell us that they would no longer be able to work on producing the **Kirkebladet**. Going forward, we have a temporary solution. However, we do need volunteers that can help us and are willing to put a little work in for each issue. If you, or anyone you know, would like to sign up for working on the Kirkebladet going forward, please drop me a note at rtaylor@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca

We are truly excited to have hired a **Cultural Family Coordinator** who will be helping us reach out to the Danish community to build a set of healthy outreach programs for young families and individuals that do not currently come to church events. We are fortunate to have a person available that has the education and experience in working with this demographic. This person is none other than our pastor's wife, Camilla. She begins July 1st to start implementing the plan agreed to by the Board. Please see the article on the Cultural Family Coordinator.

We hope you have a great summer.
Be well and stay safe.

Robert Taylor, President
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Kirkebladet



WHAT IS THE KIRKEBLADET?

Kirkebladet, which literally means The Church News or The Church Magazine is a publication grounded in history. It has evolved over the years and with the evolution of communications around the world does not have the same impact it used to. Today, we can login to the internet and find the most current information from Denmark instantly.

Even though the Danish-language press had pan-Scandinavian beginnings, after 1870 more than 90 papers and journals appeared that catered mostly to a Danish-American audience. The usual format for the newspaper was a monthly publication of sixteen pages. This carried national news from Denmark along with reports from various locations around the country, editorials, reader letters, and ads. The formula for the success of these small papers was a focus on community and ethnic issues. From the very first paper that came out it contributed to unifying the Danish Pastors and congregations into a group for the work of mission among countrymen in America.

The current Danish Church of Vancouver Kirkebladet, which is written partially in Danish, mostly in English, contains news from our church, from Denmark, and announcements of events in the Danish community in Greater Vancouver. If you have lost contact with family or friends who have emigrated to British Columbia, an ad in Kirkebladet may help you find each other again.

In addition to the physical newsletter (Kirkebladet) that is mailed out six times per year, there is an electronic version sent out from our mailing list that you may want to join.

Over the last year the process of publishing the Kirkebladet has become difficult to maintain. Volunteers are burning out and we do not have a reserve to draw on. Therefore, as you will notice in this publication, we have had to skip a regular publication and send out a basic newsletter from the Board.

If you or someone you know would be willing to volunteer in the information collection, coordination, development and or editing of the Kirkebladet, please contact us at kirkebladet@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca



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Cultural Family Coordinator

The church board has decided to hire a part time 'Cultural Family Coordinator' (CFC). That person will be bringing new activities to the church for the church to be able to offer activities for all generations. The goal is that the activities should be able to be run by volunteers within a few of years. It has been possible for the church to hire this Cultural Family Coordinator due to the generous donation from Granly.

The following is a description of the new activities the Cultural Family Coordinator will be working on:

For the youngsters (and their parents) the CFC will establish a **Baby/Toddler Group**. The plan is for the group to meet on the third Tuesday of each month starting from October. Special activities will be planned for each meeting. Initially the CFC will work to develop these activities based on the needs of those who participate. Groups like this have been a huge success in other Danish churches around Canada.

For the bit older youth, you might want to bring them to the Family Services. There will be six of these a year. These services will be geared toward a shorter service followed by activities downstairs for youth to participate in. For something new, you might also want to have them participate in our **Mini Confirmation**. Twice a year we will schedule six biweekly classes where the kids will learn about Danish church and culture. Each class will contain a creative activity as well as a service with singing.

Reaching the age for confirmation we – as always – invite teenagers for confirmation classes. However for teenagers, we will be starting a **Youth Group** in the church. The group is planned to meet on the 4th Thursday of the month and the activities will differ depending on the season and what the participants want to do.

For all generations, we are planning four modern services a year on Friday evenings. We call it **Night Church**. During Night Church, the church will be open for a few hours and be decorated to give the room a specific atmosphere. Each Night Church will consist of a service. The service might be a Sing Along Service where hymns are replaced with songs of a certain artist such as Gordon Lightfoot. The service might also be meditative in nature. During the first year we will try various types of services to see what interests people the most.

Lastly, the church will start offering **Yoga classes**. As a meditative form of exercise, yoga helps people grow in various ways. Classes are planned to be held on Wednesdays. There will be two different levels of classes offered.



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July 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 English Service (by pastor Clifford) 11am	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 English Service followed by lunch 11am	10	11	12 Kom-Sammen 13.30pm	13	14	15
16 Danish Service 11am	17	18	19 Dania Home Service (moved from the 26 th) 11am	20 Dania Manor Service 10am	21	22
23 English Service (by pastor Clifford) 11am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 English Service 11am	31					

Summer time

Due to summer most of our activities are on hold. Of course, we will have a service each Sunday and you will also still be able to call the office or the pastor if you want a talk, a baptism, a wedding, or a celebration of life.
We wish you all a splendid summer.



August 2023



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Danish Service	7	8	9 Kom-Sammen 13.30pm	10	11	12
13 English Service with baptism followed by lunch 11am	14	15	16 Dania Home Service (moved from the 23 rd) 11am	17 Dania Manor Service 10am	18	19
20 English Service (by pastor Clifford) 11am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 English Service (by pastor Clifford) 11am	28	29	30	31		

Pastor's holiday

From the 18th of August to the 19th of September pastor Carsten will be in Denmark for some meetings and a holiday followed by a trip to Edmonton to participate in the 100th anniversary of the Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church. Therefore, it will not be possible to have baptisms, weddings, and celebrations of life in this period. Pastor Clifford will cover all the Sundays effected.
Pastor Carsten looks forward to assisting you with services from the 19th of September.