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Pastor's Report

Fall is upon us and as your (still relatively) new pastor I truly look forward to experience what great traditions this season has in store here in our church. I look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving for the first time and to take part in the great Fall Bazaar. I also look forward to experiencing a Canadian Halloween and to witness how the Fall covers the Lower Mainland in red and orange colours.

Beside these events Fall also means that you must take certain note of two things: First, the Fall Drive. As a church run on donations we are depending on your financial support. During the Fall it is time to renew memberships. On behalf of the entire congregation, I thank all of you for your ongoing support. Second, enrollment for Confirmation 2024. If

you know anyone who could be interested, please let me know.

As you might already have noticed this issue of Kirkebladet looks a little different from previous ones. This is because a new team has taken over the publication. I hope you like the new edition. Also, I would like to give thanks to the new team for stepping up.

Besides the new look of Kirkebladet, you will also find descriptions of some new activities that the church will start presenting during the Fall. The new activities will be run by our new Cultural Family Coordinator. For some of the activities I will participate. Together with Camilla, I look forward to embarking on these new adventures with you, and I hope that good traditions can be made of these new activities making my future successor look forward to the Fall with even greater excitement than I am filled with right now.

As you reach the calendar you might find that there are no Danish services in September. This is because pastor Clifford will be covering for me for some weeks. On the first two Sundays I will be in Denmark and third Sunday I will be in Edmonton celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Danish Ansgar Church. Even though I will miss you (Sundays without church really has been odd for me since I arrived) I also look forward to visiting Denmark and to celebrating with our sister church. See you all in late September.



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From the Board

We have a lot of new initiatives underway but are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel on some of them.

The Granly Legacy Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships this year to a number of individuals in Burnaby schools. The criteria around these scholarships highlight Danish heritage and scholastic achievement.

In September we are doing a soft launch of our new website. What is a soft launch? Well, it is where people working on a new website decide that things are at a point where they should start showing it to a small group of people and get some feedback as to what works and what does not work. The goal is to have an actual launch of the new website in October. The Website Upgrade team has put

in significant work in getting the site ready for launch. Thanks again for the dedication and work put in by these volunteers.

We are moving to a new accounting system because the current software is outdated and not supported anymore. We are taking this opportunity to restructure some of our accounts to better reflect the new initiatives we are undertaking. Thanks for the hard work of individuals working on this shift.

As mentioned in the Jul/Aug Newsletter, we are struggling with having volunteers take on the regular publication of the Kirkebladet. Thankfully, we have secured a Kirkebladet team that will help us bridge that gap for the next few years. The new team will be reaching out to members for information to fill the pages of Kirkebladets to come.

Our Cultural Family Coordinator, Camilla Ejsing, is now on board and working hard at getting activities underway for the younger generations such as Mini Confirmation and Yoga classes. You have probably seen some snippets of these activities in announcements on the Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver Facebook page and Danes in Vancouver pages. Keep your eyes open for more programs as they are rolled out.

As always, a big thank you to our steadfast volunteers, who serve faithfully throughout the church and are too many to name here.

Annual Fall Drive

Our church depends on your financial support for the Pastor's salary, building maintenance, "Kirkebladet" and all the other obligations of our church. Now is the time to ask for your fall drive donation and to renew your membership to give you voting rights at the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

The fall drive sheet will be sent to all the members by mail. Thank you for your support.



Enrollment for Confirmation 2024

Are you interested in being confirmed during the spring of 2024? Registration for classes has begun and we look forward to hearing from you. Confirmation is available for young teenagers throughout BC. Classes will be arranged depending on the participants and their circumstances. Classes can be virtual, physical, in-home, self-preparation, or a mix thereof.

In Denmark almost 70 % of the age group were confirmed in 2022 making it a widespread rite of passage between childhood and young adulthood. Also, confirmation confirms the promise given by God to each of us in our baptism. During the classes you will as a pupil get to discover your own spirituality by learning about Christianity and participating in rituals.

If you are interested, write an email to pastor Carsten before the 8th of September.



New Activity Baby/Toddler Group

As a new initiative the church wants to invite the youngest churchgoers and their parents (even parents to-be) to our new Baby/Toddler Group. As a start we will try to meet on the third Tuesday of each month starting from October 17th at 11am to 12noon.

The idea for this group is to make a cozy and safe environment where new parents and parents to-be can come to meet and talk about – not only all the happy emotions and expectations one has welcoming a new baby into one's family – but also the fears and the hard work it is. For the babies and toddlers, we will roll out different motorized toys for them to play with. Also, if the participants wish for it, we can organize different activities like inviting a midwife or a musician.



New Activity Mini Confirmation

As a new initiative we want to invite children of all ages to classes of Mini Confirmation.

Mini Confirmation is a fun and creative activity for the children and their parents. You get to play and sing, be creative and connect with a Danish community. Each program of Mini Confirmation will consist of six biweekly classes and a program will be held in both the spring and the fall. The upcoming program will start on Thursday September 21st at 4pm to 5pm.

Deadline for registration is September 8th.



If you want to register for any of the new activities please write our Cultural Family Coordinator, Camilla Ejsing, at camilla@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca

New Activity Youth Club

As a new initiative the Danish Church will try to establish a Youth Club. The Youth Club is an opportunity for teenagers to meet and participate in various activities together in and outside the church. You do not need to be confirmed to participate, but it is an ideal activity for those of you who want to stay connected with the church and a Danish community during and after your confirmation. The plan is for the club to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month.



Our first meeting of the club will be on September 28th at 5pm to 6pm. The activities we will do together will vary depending on the weather and what you wish for. For the first time we meet, we have planned on being outside the church where we will light a bonfire and make s'mores and 'snobroed'. Furthermore, we will introduce the young people to the Danish outdoor game 'kongespil'.

Deadline for registration is September 14th.

New Activity Yoga

As a new initiative the Danish Church will start offering classes of yoga. As a meditative form of exercise, yoga can help you grow both spiritually and physically. The church is happy that it can offer this to those of you who want to pursue this spiritual expression.



The Church will offer yoga on two levels for twelve consecutive Wednesdays during each fall and spring: Sitting yoga at 10am and Hatha yoga at 5pm. Each class will last an hour and you must bring your own mat for the Hatha yoga classes. We will start our classes on the 27th of September.

Deadline for registration is September 8th. Please write which level of yoga you are interested in.

September 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3 Service (English) 11am	4	5 Knit2gether 1pm	6	7 Ladies Aux. 12pm	8	9
10 Service w/lunch (English) 11am	11	12 Board Mtg. 7pm	13 Kom-Sam. 1.30pm	14 New Aux. 7pm	15	16
17 Service (English) 11am	18	19	20	21 Dania Man. 10am Mini conf. 4pm	22	23 Harvest Dinner 6pm
24 Harvest Family Service 11am	25	26	27 Yoga 10am/5pm Dania Hom. 11am	28 Bible Study 9.30am Youth Club 5pm	29	30

October 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Service (Danish) 11am	2	3 Knit2gether 1pm	4 Yoga 10am/5pm	5 Bible Study 9.30am Ladies Aux. 12pm Mini conf. 4pm	6	7 Nanaimo Service 2pm
8 Thanksgi- ving Service w/lunch 11am	9	10 Board Mtg. 7pm	11 Yoga 10am/5pm Kom-Sam. 1.30pm	12 Bible Study 9.30am New Aux. 7pm	13	14
15 Service (Danish) 11am	16	17 Baby/Todd. 11am	18 Yoga 10am/5pm	19 Bible Study 9.30am Mini conf. 4pm	20	21 Fall Work Party 8.30am
22 Service (English) 11am	23	24	25 Yoga 10am/5pm Dania Hom. 11am	26 Bible Study 9.30am Youth Club 5pm	27	28 Fall Bazaar 11am
29 Halloween Family Service 11am	30	31				

Church Services

Baptisms

Ellie Helene Christiansen was baptized in the church on the 13th of August.

Funerals

Arne Dreier Andersen were celebrated in the church on the 6th of May.

Eigil Albech Glinnum were celebrated at Wiloughby Hall on the 20th of May.

Ann-Merethe Larsen were celebrated in the church on the 17th of June.

Sarah and Peter Hung were celebrated in the church on the 15th of July.

Hanne Vendel Hoiberg was celebrated in the church on the 29th of July.

Karl Kristensen was celebrated in the church on the 5th of August.

Erik Hans Rasmussen was celebrated in the church on the 12th of August.



Fall Work Party

Come and be part of a team on Saturday morning the 21st of October for work in- and outside – a light breakfast of buns and coffee will be served at 8:30am and lunch will be served at noon.

Please let Ebba know if you plan to come (ebba@shaw.ca or 604-990-3550).



This year's dinner will be held on **Saturday, September 23rd**. Doors open at **6:00pm**. We will be serving the ever-popular "Klar Suppe med Boller" (*Soup with Dumplings*), followed by beef, vegetables and potatoes w/ horse radish sauce. Dessert will be citronfromage. The cost for your meal will be **\$30.00**. Wine and beer will be available to purchase.

Please **R.S.V.P.** no later than **September 19th** by contacting **Penny Fraser** via e-mail office@danishchurch.bc.ca or phone **604-298-6112**. Payment can be made at the door, or in advance by e-mail money transfer to donationdanishchurchvancouver@gmail.com, by cheque, credit card or cash..



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