



Danish Lutheran Church Toronto

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Danske Sømands- og Udlandskirker (DSUK)



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TORONTO

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2009

GUDSTJENESTER

ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30am

1. FEBRUAR	Sidste søndag efter helligtrekonger Matt. 17,1-9 Children's Hour	☒
FEBRUARY 8 TH	Septuagesima Matt. 20,1-16 Followed by the Ladies Group's winter soup Children's Hour	☒☒
15. FEBRUAR	Seksagesima Mark. 4,1-20 Children's Hour	☒
FEBRUARY 22 ND	Fastelavn Service for children of all ages Followed by "Beat the Barrel"	☒☒
MARCH 1 ST	1st Sunday in Lent Matt. 4,1-11 Annual General Meeting after the service	☒☒
MARCH 8 TH	2nd Sunday in Lent Matt. 15,21-28 Spencer Overgaard-Thomsen <i>Daylight Saving Time</i> Children's Hour	☒☒
15. MARTS	3. søndag i fasten Luk. 11,14-28 Children's Hour	☒
MARCH 22 ND	4th Sunday in Lent John 6,1-15 Children's Hour	☒☒
29. MARTS	Mariæ bebudelses dag Luk. 1,26-38 Children's Hour	☒
5. APRIL	Palmesøndag Matt. 21,1-9	☒

ALMANAK

CHURCH CAFÉ EVERY TUESDAY AT 12 NOON

Thursday February 5th	12 noon	Golden Age Club Fastelavn “Beat the Barrel”
Friday February 6th	7:30pm	Folkdancing in the Royal Hall
Sunday February 8th	After Service	Soup Sunday (see page 11)
Friday February 13th	8pm	At the Movies - “At Klappe med en Hand”
Thursday February 19th	12 noon	Golden Age Club Valentine Party & Sing Along
Friday February 20th	7:30pm	Folkdancing in the Royal Hall
Saturday February 21st	2:00pm	At the Movies - “Bryggeren” (parts 7 & 8)
Sunday February 22th	After Service	Fastelavn Sunday (see page 5)
Sunday March 1st	After Service	Annual General Meeting (see page 11)
Thursday March 5th	12 noon	Golden Age Club with “Glimpses from a Ghetto Life” presented by Pastor Elisabeth
Friday March 6th	7:30 pm	Folkdancing in the Royal Hall
Sunday March 8th	10:30am	Daylight Saving Time - change your clock!
Friday March 13th	8pm	At the Movies - “Tvilling”
Thursday March 19th	12 noon	Golden Age Club. Program to be announced.
Friday March 20th	7:30pm	Folkdancing in the Royal Hall
Saturday March 21st	2pm	At the Movies - “Bryggeren” (parts 9 & 10)
Saturday March 28th	11pm – 2:30pm	Spring Bazaar & Silent Auction
Saturday April 4th	2pm	At the Movies - “Bryggeren” (parts 11 & 12)

DANISH SUMMER DAY CAMP

JULY 2009, MONDAY 6TH TO FRIDAY 10TH

Children between ages 4 and 13 get a change to learn about Danish culture, to practice their Danish language skills and make friends with other children of Danish heritage.

SPRING BAZAAR '09

DO PUT MARCH 28TH ON YOUR CALENDAR!

If you haven't attended the Danish Church Bazaar for many years it is time for a visit. You will see new decor, new faces and new ideas. The Silent Auction affords you the opportunity to bid on many valuable items. You won't be able to resist visiting "The Danish Kitchen" for the best lunch in the city. Bring your friends so they can enjoy our unique Bazaar. You'll be glad you came.

As always we need help to make the Bazaar the success it is. New articles

are needed for The Gift Booth, the Tombola, the Lotteries etc. Baked goods are needed in The Bake Shop/Deli, layer cakes in the Coffee Booth and homemade articles for our Needlework Booth. If you have connections with companies that are able to donate to our Bazaar, help would be appreciated. Anything and everything will be put to good use! Donations can be left on the stage in The Royal Hall with a note, if desired, about destination and /or suggested price.



Help us maintain the high calibre of our BAKE BOOTH!

Can you bake buns, make ryebread, bake "aebleskiver"? We need you!

Can you bake a cake, make squares or cookies? We need you!

Can you make liver pate, pickled beets, jams or preserves? We need you!

Contact the Bazaar Committee if you would like to help.



Juleafslutning in Church Café

SILENT AUCTION

Support our Silent Auction by coming to the Bazaar and bidding on the items, or by donating a service or a special new article.

In the past the Silent Auction has featured such exciting things as Dinner for Four, Babysitting, Golf Lessons, A Homemade Cake every two months for a year, Gifts from “To Set A Table” and from “Silkeborg”, Ole Beyer’s Silver Rings, Royal Copenhagen Figurines and numerous gift baskets. Have fun bidding against your friends!

If you wish to donate an item to the Silent Auction please speak to Mona, Joan or Helle.



GOLDEN AGE CLUB

When I am writing this it is freezing cold outside, mid January, the winter blahs are upon us. Let us look forward to what 2009 can bring us of exciting meetings and events in our club and be optimistic about that we still are a great group of members that love to get together and socialize with friends. For is it not what we enjoy at our club? I know that we in 2008 lost some of our friends and that some of you have to deal with bad hips, knees, eyes or worse sign of getting old but we are still here, we can still enjoy a good meal and a cozy warm home, or a walk outside or a service in our

church - I could continue.

Let us look forward to the Fastelavn party or Valentine party or an interesting talk by our minister in the months to come and enjoy that we have such a nice club together. We will plan bus trips, barbecue, potlucks as usual and we want input from you for the programs and new ideas to improve our club. I have now been your president for one year which I have enjoyed and want to thank you for the support you have given me.

-Else



Lucia Pageant December 7TH 2008

FASTELAVN

Fastelavn, Sunday February 22ND

Help your children and grandchildren maintain our Danish traditions. Come to Church!

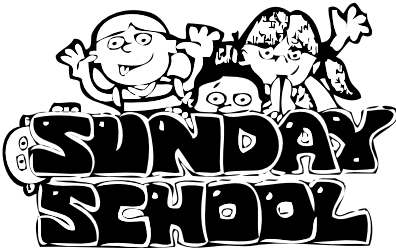
On Fastelavn Sunday there will be a family service especially for children. The children from Danskskolen have also been invited. Pastor Elisabeth will tell a story and we will sing some

well loved songs together. Children may wear their costumes to church. After the service we will go downstairs to enjoy the traditional potato salad, “pølser” and delicious fastelavnsboller. “Slå katten af tønden” will follow with treats for all. Both young and old are invited to enjoy a “hyggelig” afternoon.

CHILDREN'S HOUR

Dear boys and girls,

A big TAK for your participation in our fall activities. You worked well when learning about the Parables and The Christmas Story. With your help and the help of our generous congregation we packed 118 boxes for needy children.



How the adults enjoyed your Lucia pageant. Downstairs you sang Jingle Bells and watched The Queen of Light 2008, Krista MacDonald receive from last year's Lucia, Taylor Kelly the gold pendant donated

and especially designed for her by the Malmholt Jewellers. At the end of December you took part in The Nativity Play and attended the Christmas Party. In the winter term we will learn some new songs, talk about prayers and learn more about Jesus so I hope to see many of you on Sundays. February is the month we do crafts and learn about Fastelavn. Would you like to make a Fastelavnsris?

I hope to see you at church!

-Liselotte



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

To have God as our shepherd and creator brings us great comfort

When I speak to people about their favourite passage in the Bible, many respond promptly Psalm 23. In this beautiful hymn from the Old Testament we meet God the shepherd. In the old King James translation of the Bible the poetic qualities of the psalm appears clearly.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me (Psalm 23,1-4).

To see God as our shepherd is in my experience the most comforting image of God we meet in the Bible. This image is deeply rooted in the thoughts about God being a creator. God created the green pastures and the still waters; our sacred resting places. When he created us he promised to be at our side even today, where we fly on an old, rusted, partly robbed spaceship, named Earth.

Often on our spaceship we do not sense the creative and comforting God around us. With the entry into the science era some people even claim that he has left us.

Our spaceship is on a journey with no set destination. And the passenger does not know if they will be alive the next minute. But even though nothing is certain any longer, some of us still believe that there is someone we can trust. We venture to live in the uncertainty, make decisions in the uncertainty and trust in something we do not know with certainty, in other words we have faith.

In this world full of uncertainties it is sometimes good to have something to hold on to. The Bishop Emeritus of the Swedish Lutheran Church Martin Lönnebo invented some years ago such a thing, a string of pearls, he calls it "The Pearls of Life" (in Swedish Frälsarkransen/the life buoy).

He describes his prayer beads as "a life buoy that can be used to keep us afloat when the currents of our life change, drowning us in demands, expectations, and information. That is when we need something to hold on to that will help us focus and draw back to what is most important in our lives".

Martin Lönnebo was on holiday in Greece, when the fishing vessel he was travelling on got trapped in a way too early autumn storm. He was hunkered down on a small Greek island with only a notebook in his hands. Searching help for prayer and medi-

tation he started drawing strings of pearls.

In the beginning the string of pearls just grew longer and longer. He felt trapped in his string. Then he decided to move the pearls he could do without. Finally he just had one pearl left. A big golden pearl representing God in whom we live, move, and have our being.



The Pearls of Life

The second pearl he added to the string was the smallest and most beautiful pearl, an image of the worshipper. He did not choose a coin, symbolizing our materialism, or a model of a DNA-molecule indicating our biological origin. Neither did he choose an onion (with no core) the symbol of our deconstructive post-modern time. Instead he chose a small white real pearl as an expression of the infinite, it tells us that we all hold the infinite within.

The rest of the pearls on the string tell the story and mysteries of the life of Jesus and give us a chance to see our life through the perspective of his.

If you want to know more about this special “String of Pearls” come to the study group described below. And you might experience the great comfort in having God as your creator and shepherd.

God is our shepherd, who makes us lie down in the green pastures and leads us beside still water. God is with us and comforts us. And we may find rest and peace in him if we just let him in.

May God bless you!

-Pastor Elisabeth

The Pearls of life STUDY GROUP

Are you often thinking about life and death, hope and despair, happiness and struggles? Would you like to discuss the experience of others or how to find yourself? Then come to this study group where we will read Martin Lönnebo’s book “The Pearls of Life”, talk about the book and how it relates to our life.

In charge of the study group is pastor and psychotherapist Spencer Overgaard-Thomsen and pastor Elisabeth. We are planning on meeting the following Thursdays: February 26TH, March 26TH, and April 30TH at 7.30pm.

If you want to know more about the group or want to sign up for it please contact Elisabeth: dlctoronto@rog-ers.com or phone: 416 222 2494.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brrrr!!! It's cold outside. But it is winter in Toronto, and we should be used to it.

We have been busy with the Lucia Pageant, the Christmas Workshop, and various Christmas and New Year celebrations including the Christmas Play. Christmas is a special time of year, especially for the children, and that has clearly been our focus. Thank you to all, whether organizers, participants or spectators, who helped to make these events the successes they were. As you know, this could not be



done without you and your support. Our activity groups are now back in full swing after the Christmas break and we can look forward to get a start on this New Year. There are lots of activities and events for you to participate in to get over this sometimes dull time of year. Keep in mind that Fastelavn is on February 22ND, and for all you voting members, the Annual General Meeting is on March 1ST. The Spring Bazaar with Silent Auction closes the month of March on

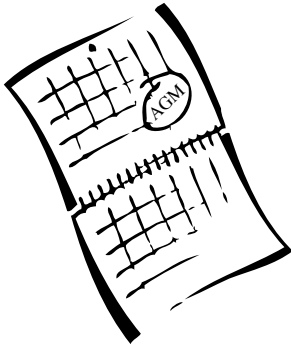
the 28TH, with Easter and the Royal Dinner not far behind. Of course we have our regular Sunday services as well, so there should be some variety for you to look forward to.

The notice for the AGM complete with agenda and financial statements will be mailed in early February. It is an important meeting where the voting members help to guide the Board, and through them, the church, for the next year. The Board controls the business end of our church, while the minister looks after the religious needs, among other things of course. Per our constitution, there are always four Board members whose terms expire and need to be replaced. Make your vote count on March 1ST. As well, we will also be sending out the tax receipts for your 2008 donations in the next few weeks.

Please remember that during the winter months, the parking lot and walkways and stairs can be slippery. We do our best to remove snow and ice (with special thanks to Jens and Marek), but you should still always be careful. We are here each and every Sunday. Bring your families. All are welcome to participate and share the benefits of our wonderful church.

-Sune Overgaard

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



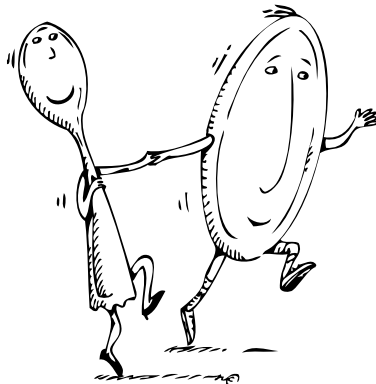
**Sunday, March 1ST 2009
after the 10.30am Service**

We are now well into the routine of having our Annual General Meeting in the month of March. The A.G.M. is a very important meeting and so many important decisions have to be made, ensuring smooth sailing in the year ahead of us.

We would like to stress the fact that anyone is welcome to attend this meeting where we take a close look at the year we have behind us as well as the year ahead of us. Any input is very welcome. However, only “voting members” can vote.

SOUP SUNDAY

February 8TH after Service



The Ladies Group is looking forward to serve soup for the congregation after the service on February 8th. This has become a tradition in our church and the ladies enjoy to do it. It is mid winter and we need to be cheered up with a nice meal so come and join us for this special meal after the service on February 8th.

AT THE MOVIES

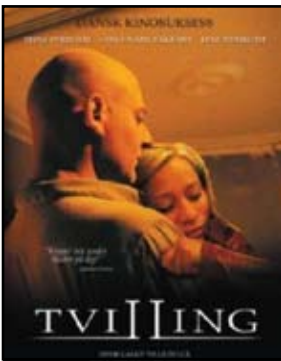


At Klappe med een Hånd (One Hand Clapping)

Friday February 13TH, 2009 at 8pm

The movie is subtitled in English.

The businessman Erik Svensson sells his company and plans a life in luxury with his beautiful girlfriend in Spain. Just before departure he receives a letter from a former mistress claiming that her daughter is his as well. He hires the undertaker Anders as his chauffeur and the pair leaves to investigate the claim.



Tvilling (Gemini)

Friday March 13TH, 2009 at 8pm

The movie is subtitled in English.

Lars has dedicated his life to two things, his job at a local gas station and his old mother who won't let the social workers take care of her, cause as she puts it *"no one can take better care of me than you (Lars)"*

Lars falls in love with the girl downstairs who recently woke up in hospital after a car crash with her boyfriend Søren who was killed. She thinks that Lars is Søren. Lars pretends to be Søren to be close to Julie, but soon both his mother and Julie's parents start to get involved in the affair.



Bryggeren

All screenings at 2pm

Sat., February 21ST, Episodes 7-8

Sat., March 21ST, Episodes 9-10

Sat. April 4TH, *Final* Episodes 11-12

NEWS FROM GRIMSBY

Happy New Year to all of you, and thanks for fellowship in 2008.

Here comes a brief information about our activities in the coming months, and some thoughts about the language in our services.

Fastelavn family service is February 22ND at 2pm followed by “beat the barrel” and fellowship. Hope to see many parents with their children. We are also continuing the movie nights watching “Matador” on February 11TH and 25TH and probably 2 times in March. Movie nights start at 6pm with a hot meal.

All the regular church services take

place at 10:30am every Sunday. Please remember we offer a Danish Service in St. John’s Lutheran Church in Waterloo at 3pm every 3RD Sunday in the month.

In order to open up the church services for friends who only speak English the board in Grimsby has decided to offer 3 english services per month, with the remaining one or two, in Danish. After a trial period of three months the decision will be reevaluated, before a final decision is made.

-Jørgen Flensted-Jensen

CHOIR UPDATE

We are actively searching for a Music Director to fill the position of choir director and/or organist. We welcome new voices, so start 2009 off with music by joining us each Sunday at 9:30am to practice hymns and then sing during the regular worship service.



For more information, contact Susan Wagner, phonenumber. (416) 801-1737 Spencer Overgaard-Thomsen or Lisa McConnell lpetersen@rogers.com. It's also possible to reach the choir through the contact form on the website dlctoronto.on.ca.



WWW.DLCTORONTO.ON.CA

Have you ever wanted to know if this Sunday's worship service is in Danish or English and you cannot seem to find your copy of the latest Kirkehilsen? Or when the next folkdance session is or what movies Ole & Lis are showing? All these answers and many more are now just a click away on your computer with the launch of the updated website www.dlctoronto.on.ca.

Thanks to the technical and creative efforts of Lars Pedersen Arendt, the Danish Lutheran Church of Toronto is proud to bring the website back to life. The website was the initial creation of Jørn Andersen back in 1997 and later maintained by Alf Petersen. We have introduced a more modern, interactive, user friendly web site, hopefully making the information about the church easier to find and more reliable. The content is maintained by various user blogs (web logs), which allow quick access to update the information. An important part of the blog is to allow the reader to have input. You are encouraged to use the contact forms to provide the webmasters with information or photographs to add to the website.

If you look down the right hand side of the website you will see a continuous vertical banner letting you know what is coming up next at the church. You can also open up a full page calendar from the "Menu" section of

the main page. We try to fill the main page with photos and text of current activities within the church. You can also download the current or recent past Kirkehilsens from the website. If you would like to receive the Kirkehilsen this way please let us know – it will save us a stamp and save the world another tree.



BLOG
MENU
CALENDAR

In time we hope to establish a photo gallery, a links page, a bi-lingual (English/Danish) site and a way to make donations through this website. Please feel free to send your comments and suggestions to the webmaster@dlctoronto.on.ca.

Last, but not least, thanks to the generous free site hosting of GoCom Canada Inc. (www.gocom.ca), run by the Andersen family from Shelburne.

-the website team

IN MEMORIAM

Tove Haunstrup Leckie

(1941-2008)

Born in Rønne, Denmark

Died in Markham, Ontario

Leaving two children and two grandchildren.

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date	Attendance	Amount
November 30 TH	55	\$1.130
December 7 TH	112	\$1.027
December 14 TH	63	\$425
December 21 ST	28	\$270
December 24 TH	91	\$1.562 (Danish Service)
December 24 TH	101	\$1.055 (English Service)
December 25 TH	30	\$845
December 28 TH	163	\$1.365
January 4 TH	37	\$587
January 8 TH	61	\$808
January 11 TH	41	\$262
January 18 TH	42	\$301

FALL BAZAAR PRIZES

The following prizes can be picked up at the church.

Door prize winners

011 Leo Lacerenza Snow Globe
141 B. Caspersen Comforter
128 Barb Stephensen Christmas Goat
138 Ruth Jensen Ceramic Bear

Golden Age Club Lottery Winners

146 Afghan
178 Lamp
136 Picnic Basket
158 Dishes
177 Vase

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