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ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 24, 2013 – 12:30 pm
AGENDA

1. Call to order, President
2. Opening Hymn #259 "Day By Day"
3. Opening Prayer - Pastor Carl Gustav Christensen
4. Election of Chairperson - nominations from the floor
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Minutes of Meeting **February 26th, 2012**
7. Business arising from the minutes of meeting **February 26th, 2012**
 - a)
8. Reports
 - Ladies Aid
 - Danish Women's Club
 - Birthday Dollars
 - Sunday School
 - Men's Breakfast
 - Coffee Fund
9. Pastor's Report
10. President's Report
11. Treasurer's Report 2012
 - Income and Expenses - Jan. 1/12 to Dec. 31/12
 - Income and Expenses - Spring Festival 2012
 - Statistical Report - Church activities 2012 and yearly comparisons
12. Proposed Budget for January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013
13. Election of the Church Board Members:
Outgoing
 - President : Valerie Sorensen Feb 2013
 - Marina Allemano Feb 2013
 - Jette Badre Feb 2013
 - Bjarne Madsen Feb 2013Nominees:
 - President Term Feb 2014Nominees for the Board:
 - Term Feb 2014
 - Term Feb 2015
 - Term Feb 2015
 - Term Feb 2016
 - Term Feb 2016
 - Term Feb 2016
14. Election of Auditors
 - Returning: Jeanna Baty Term Feb 2014
 - Outgoing: Hanne Roemer Term Feb 2013
 - Alternate: Term Feb 2013Nominees:
15. Election of Kuriakos Representative
 - Outgoing: Kris Kristensen Term Feb 2013Nominees:
 - Term Feb 2014
16. New Business
 - a) Elevator Proposal
 - b)
17. Coffee Break
18. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of Annual General Meeting of February 24th, 2013.
19. Adjournment and Closing Hymn "Altid Frejdig"

ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
February 26, 2012 1:00 pm

MINUTES

29 voting members were present.

1. **Call to order.** Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Valerie Sørensen. Valerie Sørensen recognized a quorum of voting members.
2. **Opening Hymn.** No. 259 "Day By Day."
3. **Opening Prayer** by Pastor Carl-Gustav Christensen.
4. **Election of Chairperson to the Annual General Meeting.**
Jeanna Baty was nominated by Hanne Roemer, and the motion was carried by acclamation.
5. **Approval of Agenda.** Merylee Hansen moved and Ken Ipsen seconded to accept the agenda as presented.
6. **Minutes of previous AGM meeting, January 25, 2011.** The minutes as presented in the handout were read by Marina Allemanno. Three errors/additions were noted. Marina Allemanno noted that the information worded 'Jeanna Baty Term Jan./ 2012' has been added to item 14. Valerie Sørensen noted an error in item 12: 'She also pointed out that the Thomas Jensen estate has been finalized' should read 'She also pointed out that the Thomas Jensen estate has not been finalized'. Jeanna Baty noted an error in item 11: 'Bruno Knudsen' should read 'Bruno Knudskov'. Kaj Nicolajsen inquired about the elevator proposal in item 15 (New Business). Valerie Sørensen clarified the matter, and Pastor Carl-Gustav Christensen added that the petition has been retrieved.
7. **Business arising from the minutes of AGM meeting, January 25, 2011.** None arose.
8. **Reports presented in the printed handout.**
 - **Ladies Aid.** The report was prepared and read by Henriette Pedersen who also read the financial report as prepared by Alice Kristensen. A correction was noted by Alice Kristensen. A cheque of \$3000.00 was presented as a donation to the Church.
 - **Danish Women's Club.** Hanne Roemer read the report as prepared by Else Andersen. Hanne Roemer also read the financial report as prepared by herself. A cheque of \$1500.00 was presented as a donation to the Church.
 - **Men's Breakfast.** Pastor Gus read the report as prepared by Kaj Nicolajsen and himself.
 - **Birthday Dollars.** The report was prepared and read by Johanne Nicolajsen. Johanne Nicolajsen explained how the money is collected and spent.
 - **Sunday School.** Pastor Gus read the report as prepared by Diane Dam and himself.
 - **Singing for Fun.** The report was prepared and read by Jeanna Baty.
 - **Hyggeklubben.** The report was prepared and read by Randi Mark.
 - **Coffee Fund.** The report was prepared and read by Birgit Wildenhoff.

Motion: Johanne Nicolajsen moved to accept the eight reports as presented, seconded by Merylee Hansen. Motion was carried.
9. **Pastor's Report.** The report for the year 2011 was prepared and read by Pastor Gus.
10. **President's Report.** The report was prepared and read by Valerie Sørensen.
11. **Treasurer's Report.**

The 'Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011', was presented as prepared by Valerie Sørensen.

 - Alice Kristensen inquired about the status of the Thomas Jensen Estate; Valerie Sørensen explained that the paper work is almost finished, but that one document is still outstanding.
 - Edith Rasmussen inquired about the status of the donation from Thomas Jensen Estate to the Church; Valerie Sørensen responded that the Church has received the majority of the money.
 - Auditors Hanne Roemer and Jeanna Baty commended Valerie Sørensen for her excellent work.

Motion: Else Andersen moved to accept the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements 2011, and Kaj Nicolajsen seconded. The motion was carried.

The Financial Report for the Spring Festival 2011 was presented as prepared by Valerie Sørensen.

 - Hanne Roemer pointed out the inconsistent rental fee of the hall: the rental fee for the Spring Supper

- and Bingo event is \$1000 per day while the rental fee for the Spring Festival is \$850.
- Birgit Wildenhoff added that the rental fee for the Spring Festival event is \$950 in 2012.
 - Kaj Nicolajsen urged individuals from the Church to attend the AGM at the Dutch Canadian Centre even though, he explained, Dania is the official representative for the Danish community at the Centre.

Motion: Edith Rasmussen moved to accept the Spring Festival 2011 report, and Henriette Pedersen seconded. The motion was carried.

The Statistical Report and Church activities 2011 was referred to by Pastor Gus in the Pastor's Report.

12. Proposed Budget for January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012. Presented as prepared by Valerie Sørensen.

- Valerie Sørensen clarified the entry 'Representation \$7,000'. The \$7,000 cover the expected increase of expenses to be paid to DSUK in 2012; the \$7,000 should be added to the previous entry 'DSUK \$78,000' to the total of \$85,000.
- Kris Kristensen noted that the membership fee for Camp Kuriakos is \$100.
- Hanne Roemer inquired whether the \$7,000 'Representation' includes expenses in connection with the conference in Argentina in May 2012; Valerie Sørensen confirmed.
- Bjarne Madsen noted a discrepancy between the \$114,368.62 (total expenses listed on the 'Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011', page 19) and \$108,385.15 (Actual 2011 expenses in 'Proposed Budget for 2012, page 21); Valerie Sørensen explained that the difference of \$5,983.47 is due to 'Earmarked Expenses' listed on the 'Statement of Receipts and Disbursements', page 19.
- Esther Sørensen made an appeal to the congregational members for more donations to Operation Friendship; donations totalled \$2,025 in 2011 thanks largely to a single large donation.

Motion: Hanne Roemer moved to accept the Proposed Budget 2012, and Esther Sørensen seconded. The motion was carried.

13. Election of the Church Board Members.

Valerie Sørensen was nominated for the position of President by Kaj Nicolajsen. Valerie Sørensen accepted. Alice Kristensen moved to close nominations. Valerie Sørensen was elected by acclamation.

Birgit Wildenhoff nominated Gunnar Jensen who accepted. Hanne Roemer nominated Merylee Hansen who declined. Inger Clausen nominated Ken Ipsen who accepted. Alice Kristensen nominated Randi Mark who declined. Kaj Nicolajsen nominated Erik Wildenhoff who declined. Johanne Nicolajsen nominated Birgit Wildenhoff who declined. Ellinor Gleerup nominated Kris Kristensen who declined. Alice Kristensen nominated Wendy Jensen who declined.

Motion: Hanne Roemer moved to close nominations, and Inger Clausen seconded. The motion was carried.

Ken Ipsen and Gunnar Jensen were elected by acclamation. Three members in total, incl. the President, were elected.

Outgoing members:

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| o Valerie Sørensen, President | Term February/ 2012 |
| o Ken Ipsen | Term February/ 2012 |
| o Merylee Hansen | Term February/ 2012 |
| o Gunnar Jensen | Term February/ 2012 |

Nominees

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| o President, | Term February/ 2013 |
| o Ken Ipsen | Term February/ 2015 |
| o Gunnar Jensen | Term February/ 2015 |

14. Election of Auditors

Hanne Roemer's term is up February/ 2013. Jeanna Baty's term as auditor is up February/ 2012. Hanne Roemer nominated Jeanna Baty who accepted.

Motion: Valerie Sørensen moved to accept Jeanna Baty as Auditor for another 2-year term, and Erik Wildenhoff seconded. The motion was carried.

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| • Hanne Roemer | Term February/ 2013 |
| Outgoing member: | |
| • Jeanna Baty | Term February/ 2012 |
| Nominees | |
| • Jeanna Baty | Term February/ 2014 |

15. New Business

a. Representation at Kuriakos. Kris Kristensen noted that a new representative is needed at Kuriakos. Edith Rasmussen nominated Kris Kristensen who accepted the position for a one-year term, outgoing 2013.

b. Elevator Proposal. Kaj Nicolajsen requested that the petition for the elevator proposal continue another two months. He agreed to collect the results and present them to the Board. Kaj Nicolajsen also mentioned that there is no need to remove two pews in order to install an elevator. Hanne Roemer suggested that a notice regarding the petition go in the May-June Newsletter, and that the petition period be extended to the end of June.

16. Coffee Break and Door Prize Draw. Kelsey Sorensen won the door prize (book about Alberta).

17. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of Annual General Meeting of February 26, 2012, by Marina Allemano.

Motion: Hanne Roemer moved and Kirsten Olsen seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

18. Adjournment at 3:30 PM, and Closing Hymn "Altid frejdig".

Valerie Sørensen, President _____ Date _____

Marina Allemano, Secretary _____ Date _____

Ansgar Ladies Aid Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

As you may know, this will be our last report as a group.
The Ladies Aid is closed down as of February 6, 2013.

The things we did in 2012:

- worked the Spring Festival in kitchen and on the floor.
- In August we organized bus trip to the Camrose Railway Museum and Miniature Railways finishing with coffee in Lindbrook on the way home.
- In October we held our annual Turkey Dinner.
- In December, Candlelight Christmas Service.
- The Ladies Aid also catered 4 funerals.

Operation Friendship is going well and will keep on going, please don't forget to send in your support.

Birthday Dollars will also keep going with Johanne Nicolajsen

As you see on the financial statement, various donations have been made.

Thank you for all the help and support the Ladies Aid has received over the years.

It has been a pleasure and honour to work for our church over the years.

*Submitted by
Henriette Pedersen*

**Financial Statement for the Ladies Aid of Ansgar Church
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012**

REVENUE

Bus Trip - Camrose	\$	600.00
Catered 4 Memorials	\$	1,860.00
Cash Donations, CH	\$	500.00
Turkey Dinner Total	\$	3,048.00
Collect for Christmas Bureau	\$	234.50

Total Revenue	\$	6,242.50
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Cash on Hand December 31, 2011	\$	1.57
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Bank Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$	4,263.74
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Balance	\$	10,507.81
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EXPENSES

Donation to Ansgar Lutheran Church	\$	3,000.00
Donation to Lutheran World Relief	\$	250.00
Donation to the Christmas Bureau	\$	234.00
Donation to EFC City Snack Program	\$	500.00
Canadian Light Rail Road Camrose	\$	50.00
Bus Trip Lunch at Dickson	\$	360.00
Supplies for 4 Memorials	\$	589.33
Dishwashers	\$	150.00
Supplies for Christmas Party	\$	17.66
Organist Appreciation Christmas Gift	\$	25.00

Total Expenses	\$	5,651.21
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Bank Balance December 31, 2012	\$	4,856.60
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Balance	\$	10,507.81
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Danish Women's Club Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

Once again, thank you for the generous support of the Church members and friends of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church during the past year. As a result of your participation in planned events co-ordinated by the Danish Women's Group, we were able to generate income during 2012 of \$14,317.77, combined with our bank balance at the beginning of the year of \$3,705.83 for a total of \$18,023.60.

Our expenses were \$16,199.95, leaving us with cash on hand of \$1,823.65.

Our primary function as an auxiliary group to our church continues to be fund raising. During 2012 we were able to make a donation to Ansgar Church of \$8,770.00.

The planned events included:

- The first annual frikadeller competition on February 3, 2012
- Spring Supper during the month of March, 2012
- Bake Table at the Spring Festival during the month of April, 2012
- A dinner in the church basement on November 9, 2012
- Christmas Bazaar November 24, 2012

We were offered space at the Calder Community Hall to hold our Christmas Bazaar free of charge with the kind assistance of Jens Woller, President of Dania and the Calder Community Hall. As it turned out, the space was a bit cramped for everyone's comfort. We have however, been offered the main hall at Calder Community Hall at a greatly reduced rate for our 2013 annual Christmas Bazaar. We are grateful for this offer and we have confirmed the space for this event to be held November, 2013.

We look forward to everyone's continued support during the upcoming year in our fundraising endeavours.

We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month in the church basement at 11:00 a.m. We would welcome anyone interested to come join our group.

Submitted by:

*Else Andersen,
President and Secretary.*

Financial Statement for the Danish Women's Club of Ansgar Church January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

INCOME

	Cash	Income	Balance
Spring Supper and Bingo		\$ 5,422.62	
Spring Festival - Bake Sale		\$ 700.00	
Christmas Bazaar		\$ 5,216.00	
Dinners:			
First Annual Frikadeller Competition February 3, 2012		\$ 629.00	
Cozy Dinner November 9, 2012		\$ 750.00	
Donations in kind - tax receipts required		\$ 1,600.00	
Bank Interest		\$ 0.08	
		\$ 14,317.70	
Bank Balance			
December 31, 2011	\$ 3,583.30		
Float	\$ 122.53		
	\$ 3,705.83	\$ 3,705.83	
Balance			\$ 18,023.53

EXPENSES

	Cash	Expenses	Balance
Spring Supper & Bingo - Dinner		\$ 2,561.60	
Spring Festival Bake Sale –			
Direct donation to Ansgar Church		\$ 700.00	
Christmas Bazaar		\$ 291.87	
Dinners - 2 events		\$ 301.48	
Donations to Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church		\$ 8,770.00	
Donation - Bake Sale Spring Festival		\$ 700.00	
Donations in kind - tax receipts required		\$ 1,600.00	
Hall Rental Dutch Canadian Club –			
Spring Dinner March 2013		\$ 975.00	
Calder Community Hall -			
Deposit for Christmas Bazaar 2013		\$ 300.00	
		\$ 16,199.95	
Bank Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 1,797.90		
Float	\$ 25.75		
	\$ 1,823.65	\$ 1,823.65	
Balance			\$ 18,023.53

Respectfully submitted by:
Hanne Roemer, Treasurer January 27, 2012

Ansgar Men's Breakfast Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

2012 was an interesting year. The average attendance was down from 19 in 2011 to 17 in 2012, but due a little increase in the participant fee and generosity in general we increased the surplus from \$261.83 in 2011 to \$381.44 in 2012.

We had meetings in January, February, March, April, September, October and November. Attendance ranged from 13 – 20.

Topics on our meetings were: Jens Martin Jensen shared experience from being a child in Denmark during WW II, Henry Madsen gave this presentation "Education is changing", Simon Andersen about "The Role of Science in Expanding the Ever Increasing Need of Resources", and Pastor Gus about Danes in Argentina and the DSUK conference in Argentina, and watched a DVD about the Danish small islands.

Financial Statement from Jan.1/2012 to Dec. 31/2012

Income:

7 Meetings	\$ 978.06
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Expenses:

Cost of food	\$ 596.62
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Surplus for the year 2012	\$ 381.14
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December 31, 2011 Cash on hand	\$ 330.33
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TOTAL (Cash on hand December 31, 2012)	\$ 711.47
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*Submitted by
Kaj Nicolajsen and Pastor (Gus) Carl Gustav Christensen*

Birthday Dollars Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

Revenue

Birthday Dollars collected	\$ 190.00
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Total Revenue	\$ 190.00
Bank Balance. January 1, 2011	\$ 589.75

Balance	\$ 779.75
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Expenditures

	\$ 0.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 0.00
Bank Balance. Dec. 31, 2012	\$ 779.75

Balance	\$ 779.75
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*Submitted by
Johanne Nicolajsen*

*Audited by
Edith Rasmussen*

Sunday School Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

The Sunday School is facing some challenges. Diana Dam had to stop doing the Sunday School due to health reasons.

There is interest in the Sunday School but it is not expressed in steady and continuous participation. So at the beginning of the fall season we put a notice in the Newsletter asking the families in our church to express their interest for Sunday School. We received no replies!

That said, we do have families coming to church service once in a while and they do a Sunday School session for their own children in cooperation with the pastor. So for the time being we will wait and see how it develops. The pastor continues to prepare a children`s sermon for the English Services in case families with children show up.

We will try to do some family services and events in connection with the big festive days in the church.

This year we can only repeat what was written in the report last year:

“We hope we can continue to offer a Sunday School program in our church, because it is important that also the younger generation is introduced to the their church. We need to raise the attendance in our Sunday School. For that we need the congregations full support on getting more participants, as these children are the future of this church and the key to the ongoing survival of Ansgar Church so please help us by spreading the word among friends and family that the Sunday School still exists and going strong!”

Submitted by Pastor Gus

Camp Kuriakos Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

Kuriakos seeks to be accountable to the people, congregations and church bodies the camp serves. This report is for publication in the congregational annual reports and/or distribution in newsletters. Electronic copies are available online at www.kuriakos.ab.ca.

2012 in REVIEW:

"There's More" was the theme of 2012 in so many ways. Ryan Moe (Assistant Director) and Charissa Green (Office Manager) joined the team in February 2012. Kuriakos made its first appearance at Breakforth, the Central AB Teacher's Conference, Alberta Home School Association conference and a few more places around the province. The SUMMIT was named and the exterior firepit area was used all summer and fall. Six wonderful people worked as volunteers at Kuriakos for more than 4 months each in 2012! Many, many more served for 1-3 weeks doing all kinds of important tasks.

Eight AB congregations became Partners of Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association in the program's inaugural year. A great start - we're hoping to grow in 2013. Several congregations continue to provide financial support as part of their annual budgets or through special gifts. Your support makes a huge difference in the Kuriakos Ministry. Gifts are used to support the Campership Fund, Staff Bursary, purchase program equipment, and more.

Many groups also come to camp as volunteers, helping with much of the work needed to maintain and improve our properties.

CAMP USE:

- *Summer 2012: Kuriakos served a total of 615 campers for a total of 3207 camper days.*
- *Retreats 2012: Including Youth, Men's, Women's and Confirmation Retreats, we served 164 campers, for a total of 492 camper days.*
- *Kuriakos Outdoor School (KOS) programs 2012: Serving 15 school groups for a total of 421 students equaling 1,035 total camper days.*
- *Service events 2012: 31 people participated in our Bike-Walk-Hike-a-thon fundraiser in June and 51 people participated in work weekends.*
- *Rental Use 2012: We served more rental groups than ever, with 75 separate groups using Kuriakos over 184 days of use. These groups represent approximately 2500 individuals.*

FINANCES:

The 2012 financial review will be completed and ready for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2 pm, March 16, 2013 @ Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (18 Selkirk Blvd, Red Deer). The budget for 2012 proposed an annual operational revenue of \$546,585.00 and an additional \$25,000.00 in capital revenue via grants.

A total of \$75,791.24 in capital grants was received in 2012, though \$57,978.00 was received on December 27th and will be spent in 2013.

Percentage of Operating Revenue (as reflected in the 2012 Budget)

Donations + Fundraising 30%, Registrations 40% (includes KOS), Rental Groups 18%, Property Income 8%, Operational Grants 3%, Memberships/Miscellaneous 1%

	Dec.31/2012	Dec.31/2011
Farm Mortgage #1:	\$ 29,264.63	\$ 30,266.00
Farm Mortgage #2:	\$190,354.11	\$197,458.00
Acreage Mortgage:	\$ 90,371.34	\$ 96,299.00
Bank Acct/Credit Line:	\$ 53,421.42	\$ 13,187.00
Total Debt Load:	\$ 256,568.66	\$310,836.00

With property income from the Kuriakos Farm (land, buildings, & gas well) and the Kuriakos View Acreage, together with gifts, donations and fund-raising events, monthly mortgage payments were met.

CURRENT CAMP BOARD (Term: March 2012 – March 2013)

Chairperson: Wayne Hoff (Calgary) Vice-Chair: Colleen Thomas (Red Deer)
Treasurer: Andrew Kemp (Airdrie) Secretary: Barb Balogh (Sylvan Lake)
Program Committee: Rev. Scott Peterson (Calgary)
Marketing & Communications: Locke Vincent (Calgary); Michael Hoff (Calgary)

Property Committee: Phil Berg (Eckville); David Christiansen (Rocky Mtn. House); Gil Christensen (Edmonton)

Financial Development Committee: Barb Stolee (Calgary); Janelle Heise (Calgary)

Thanks to all those who serve on the Camp Board and Committees.

Looking ahead to 2013

- 18th Annual Bike.Walk.Run is planned for June 8.
- New Programs: Open House on June 9 and Adult Retreat in November
- Opportunities to Use Your Skills at Kuriakos abound in 2013. We have identified several projects for completion in 2013, requiring many volunteer hours. From painting the KC dorms to installing plumbing in the Summit, repairing the waterfront path, cutting trail at the Wilderness Site, and changing some of our gravel into grass.
Keep Our Programs Working: summer staff, SITS (age 14-18), GAPS (age 16+), Internship Program, nurses, soccer coach and a few more. Applications are available online.
- All Things New is the exciting program theme for 2013
- Executive Director Search remains ongoing for a permanent ED to begin in January 2015. If you know of someone who is gifted in administration, vision, and leadership in ministry, ask them to pray about this important opportunity to serve. More information is posted at www.kuriakos.ab.ca.

CONCLUSION:

Kuriakos is a vital and exciting ministry which is an extension of your congregational ministry. Outdoor ministry offers unique opportunities for evangelism, outreach, nurture, recreation and renewal. We look forward to serving you and your congregation. ALL ARE WELCOME!

God's Blessings,

Laureen Wray, Interim Executive Director

Information about Summer Camps at Kuriakos 2013 Program dates are:

Men`s Retreat:	February 1 – 3
Confirmation Retreat I:	February 8 - 10
Confirmation Retreat II:	February 22 – 24
Confirmation Retreat III:	March 1 – 3
Lead the Way Youth Retreat:	March 22 – 24
Family may Days:	May 17 – 20
Bike. Walk. Run:	June 8
Kuriakos Open House:	June 9
Prime Time:	June 30 – July 3
Kid`s I:	July 3 – 5
Week in the woods I:	July 3 – 5
Junior Youth:	July 7 – 12
Family I:	July 14 – 19
Kid`s II:	July 21 – 26
MAD/Soccer/Dance:	July 28 – August 2
Week in the Woods II:	July 28 – August 2
Kid`s III:	August 5 – 9
Family II:	August 11 – 16
Senior Youth:	August 18 – 23
Thanksgiving @ the Lake:	October 11 – 14
Fall Youth Retreat:	October 25 – 27
Women`s Retreat:	November 1 – 3
Confirmation Retreat IV:	November 8 – 10
Adult Retreat:	November 22 – 24

For more info: Mail: Site 8, Box18, RR#1, Sylvan Lake, AB, T4S 1X6; www.Kuriakos.ab.ca;

Phone: 403-746-2702 or Kris at 780-986-2063

Hyggeklubben Report 2012

We had a very good year again, where we were fortunate in having a number of interesting speakers, some showing videos.

We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 o'clock with everyone bringing something light to share for lunch. These afternoons are very entertaining. We share stories, sometimes watch a video, laugh a lot, sing and of course we drink coffee.

We did not meet in July, August or December.

*Submitted by
Randi Mark*

Coffee Fund Report 2012

January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Income:		
Funds donated	\$134.71	\$233.93
Sale of bottles & cans	<u>\$ 20.50</u>	<u>\$ 5.95</u>
Total	\$155.21	\$239.88
Expenses:		
Coffee, cookies, flowers	<u>\$181.50</u>	<u>\$202.29</u>
Balance	(\$ 26.29)	\$ 37.59
Beginning Balance	<u>\$256.40</u>	<u>\$267.70</u>
Balance as of December 31	<u>\$230.11</u>	<u>\$267.70</u>

Elevator Proposal Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

The 2010 proposal, as it was, it was voted down on arguments if its need was justified and pricing of the project.

A petition was circulated last year for a chance to show peoples interest and possibly need for elevator, and it showed good response considered the participants at our services or our AGM

In November 2012, I had the mechanical portion updated from Concord who bit in 2010, as they had forgotten one stop and one door. (A new salesman had appeared). Now new price nearly doubled, and their requirements differed for space for their equipment.

I was referred to a different company, SHIFT Elevators who offered a better solution.

I had drawing made up as pr. 2010 project and asked one of the best building contractors for bit on the addition. I was politely informed they had no time and interest to do such a small job. (A similar indication from another renovation company.)

As for getting Grant Funds for the project, my research got me nothing yet.

Enabling Accessibility (a Federal Agency) Nothing are available at this time. They appreciate us taking interest in them.

Alberta Lottery Fund only grants money if we rent out the facility to public use. No hope there.

City of Edmonton, I e-mailed, no answer so far.

My only hope to do the elevator will be to do a Do It Yourself Project with help of volunteers and a needed contractor for power installation. The mechanical part are in place for a said price of \$ 32,975.00

The envelope (the needed building addition) usually runs as high as the mechanical part. An approximate total of \$ 32,975.00. Hopefully save a few grand on labor cost by volunteer labor etc.

Grant Fund may still come, or may not.

If the congregation are willing to use and release funds \$ 65,000 for the board to pay on account of materials, bills and contract, we can get it build this year, pending engineer design and building permit, still to come.

Motion to proceed with the project will be made, discussed and voted on.

Please come and support the project

Kaj Nicolajsen

Pastor's Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

A proverb says "*Beauty is in the eye of the beholder*" and that also applies when we look at our church and how things are going. We can focus on the few things that are not going as well as we would like them to do. We can also look at the things that are going well and be proud of them.

After 82 years there is still a Danish Lutheran Church in Edmonton and God's word is still preached in Danish and English. There is still attendance at our services, sometimes low and sometimes surprisingly high! We even sometimes have Danish exchange students and others suddenly finding their way to our church. This year we applied and received a donation from a Danish foundation that paid for our new Danish Hymnals so we can worship with some new Danish contemporary hymns as well. We have steady use of the church for baptisms, confirmation, memorials and funerals. People like to connect to their Danish heritage at the big events in life.

We experience that especially the elderly members of our congregation appreciate events that take place in the daytime. Of course, many are also facing challenges with transportation, so I would like you to consider how you can assist each other in getting to the church and to our events.

We do have a large group of volunteers who serve the church in different ways. We cannot do without them. So THANK YOU! At our different events, we fortunately always experience that people are willingly to give hand, we just have to ask them! We have to acknowledge that people still like to commit themselves, but only for a short time.

Music and singing are big parts of the service and our get-togethers. Thank you to our organist Wendy for doing a great job at our services and once in a while putting on something extra for us to enjoy.

For many years our church has been a part the community-based Operation Friendship. Helping people in need is an essential part of being a church. I do pray and hope we can continue to do this important work. In December we put on a Christmas Craft Fair / Julestue and had members of our local community and our church come and learn some Danish crafts and traditions.

The good relationship and cooperation with Dania continue. Every year they invite me to come and tell the story of the first Christmas at their Family Christmas Party. I also attend as many of Dania's events as possible.

Our church is a member of the big DSUK family, and in May the president of the church board, Valerie, and I attended the DSUK conference in Argentina. It was a good and interesting experience. From the other Danish churches in North and South America I think we can learn that we are not the only ones feeling we are struggling, and that if we are committed, we can continue to have a Danish church.

The big challenge is to realize what our reason for existence is. We are offering something unique and should be proud of that!

Pastor Gus

President's Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

The year 2012 was a busy and, in some ways, challenging year for us at Ansgar Church. We continue to have a very busy calendar, with activities for everyone. So, what have we been up to? Throughout the year, monthly meetings were held by Ladies Aid, Danish Women's Club, Hyggeklubben, Teatergruppen, and Men's Breakfast Club. In January, we celebrated New Year with a special service complete with champagne and a viewing of Dronning Margrethe's televised address. February saw the first Annual Frikadeller Contest won by Kirsten Olsen. March was time to enjoy the Spring Supper put on by the Danish Women's club followed by an evening's entertainment provided by Tenor Power.

Drove of us attended the Ladies' Aid Spring Bazaar in April where we ate Danish open-faced sandwiches and tried for prizes at Tombola. Pastor Gus and his wife, Kirsten, and I attended the DSUK convention in Argentina in May (we made a presentation to the congregation in September about our experiences). In June, we had the Annual Congregational Picnic and Sunday School Wrap-up Party at Nevajo Ranch, home of Alice and Harry Nickel.

"Rejoice!" a retreat for adults was slated to be held at Camp Kuriakos in July. Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel due to a lack of participants. This was a great disappointment for us as we have had a yearly camp at Kuriakos for many, many years. We were fortunate to be the recipients of a grant from Købmand Herman Sallings Fond with which we were able to purchase a set of new Dansk Salmebøger. We had a sneak peek in August, and formally presented them in September. Five young people registered for confirmation class. Back-2-Church-Sunday encouraged a few members to revisit. We enjoyed a visit and service with our previous pastor, Rikke Aagaard Nielsen who brought along the whole family from Denmark.

We had the misfortune of being the target of thugs who vandalized our beautiful stained glass window. We were one of about a dozen Edmonton churches damaged on a spree through September and October. Fortunately, our insurance covers the cost of the repairs which we hope will be completed before March. There is a waiting list because of the number of damaged churches and the limited number of qualified artisans. The Ladies Aid served a wonderful turkey dinner at Ansgar Villa in October. In November we gathered again in the basement for Women's club's "Cozy Dinner", shopped at the Christmas Bazaar and collected "Shoebox" items for children around the world. December saw us celebrating the Christmas season by learning to make traditional Danish crafts and baking at the Christmas Craft fair, joining in the Christmas caroling and attending Christmas Services at Ansgar.

2012 was a challenging year for the church board. We elected only 2 board members in 2011. We again elected only 2 board members in 2012, and one of our members, Ken Ipsen, passed away. That left us short 3 board members which put a lot of extra work on our shoulders. A well-rounded board should consist of people of varying ages to ensure that the needs of EVERYONE from youth to elderly are met. I encourage some of our younger members to join the board. We need your participation to ensure the future of Ansgar Church.

Respectfully submitted by

Valerie Sorensen
President, Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting 2012

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012

Balance forward December 31, 2011

236,347.57

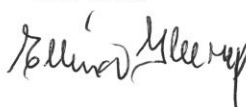
Receipts:	2011	2012	
Auxiliary	11,000.00	11,770.00	
Collect	38,790.01	40,480.06	
Donations	8,858.99	7,488.50	
Donations- Fall Drive	12,835.00	12,575.00	
Donations- Memorial	9,275.00	3,060.00	
Donations- Newsletter	3,108.00	3,442.00	
Donations-Operation Friendship	2,025.00	2,259.77	
Earmarked Donations	5,983.47	4,759.41	
Fees-Memorial & Wedding	2,450.00	900.00	
Fundraising Inc	2,151.77	2,685.10	
Fundraising Inc-Spring Festival	11,439.80	11,706.50	
Grant		9,295.95	
Interest Inc	3,106.68	9,421.88	
Misc INC	0.00	589.96	
Newsletter Advertisements	410.00	575.00	
Programs -Inc	255.00		
TOTAL INCOME	111,688.72	121,009.13	121,009.13
Disbursements:			
Bank Charge	311.96	360.34	
DSUK	78,000.00	80,500.00	
Earmarked Exp	5,983.47	4,759.41	
Fundraising Expense	824.44	1,437.10	
Fundraising Exp- Spring Festival	2,650.00	2,590.75	
Insurance	3,047.00	3,207.00	
Maintenance & Supply	6,788.83	11,029.36	
Membership	100.00	200.00	
Miscellaneous	-75.00	351.45	
Newsletter & Postage	1,629.22	1,647.83	
Organist	4,125.00	4,500.00	
Programs Exp	973.74	1,125.92	
Programs Exp-Operation Friendship	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Property Tax	1,597.96	1,603.02	
Utilities -Church	5,047.00	4,182.79	
Utilities -Manse		1,047.43	
Visiting Pastor	965.00	995	
TOTAL EXPENSES	114,368.62	121,937.40	-121,937.40
Deficit for the Year 2011		-928.27	
Bank Balance December 31, 2012:	35,194.30		
Cash Account	225.00		
GIC	200,000.00		
TOTAL	235,419.30		235,419.30

Audited by:

Hanne Roemer



Elinor Gleeurp



Jan. 15, 2013

Financial Report for the Spring Festival 2012

INCOME

50/50	\$	362.00	
Bake sale	\$	754.00	
Fishpond	\$	42.50	
Kitchen	\$	3,971.00	
Raffle	\$	3,634.00	
Silent Auction	\$	1,013.00	
Table Rentals	\$	150.00	
Tombola	\$	1,780.00	
Earmarked Donations	\$	2,771.95	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	14,478.45	\$ 14,478.45

EXPENSES

Dishwasher	\$	225.00	
Hall Rental	\$	750.00	
Kitchen supplies	\$	600.00	
Raffle Tickets	\$	15.75	
Raffle - 1st prize	\$	1,000.00	
Tombola	\$	-	
Earmarked Expenses	\$	2,771.95	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	5,362.70	\$ 5,362.70

NET PROFIT

2012 SPRING FESTIVAL		\$ 9,115.75
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Proposed Budget for 2013

	PROPOSED 2012	ACTUAL 2012	PROPOSED 2013
Bank charges	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.34	\$ 500.00
DSUK	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 79,500.00
Fundraising expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,027.85	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,207.00	\$ 3,500.00
Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,029.36	\$ 10,000.00
Memberships	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 351.45	\$ 500.00
Newsletter, Postage & Stationery	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,647.83	\$ 2,000.00
Organist	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Program Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,125.92	\$ 7,000.00
Operation Friendship	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Property Taxes	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,603.02	\$ 1,600.00
Utilities	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,230.22	\$ 6,000.00
Visiting Pastor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 1,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 122,700.00	\$ 117,177.99	\$ 122,800.00

Statistical Report 2012

	2007-08 (14 months)	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total Services	70	56	56	56	60
Total Attendees	2752	1842	1736	1599	1559
<i>Average per Service</i>	39	33	31	28	28
Danish Services	33	27	26	28	26
Total Attendees	1247	776	686	725	546
<i>Average per Service</i>	38	29	26	26	21
English Services	37	29	30	28	32
Total Attendees	1505	1066	1050	874	1061
<i>Average per Service</i>	41	37	35	31	33
English/Danish Services					2
Total Attendees					52
<i>Average per Service</i>					26
Total Communion	62	53	53	49	56
Attendees at Communion	865	640	592	611	565
<i>Average per Communion</i>	14	12	11	12	10
Baptisms	14	10	6	4	6
Confirmands	0	4	4	4	0
Weddings	2	1	4	6	4
Memorials & Funerals	14	8	5	7	5

2.3 ELECTION TO THE CHURCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.2 Qualifications

A member shall be qualified to be on the Church Board of Directors if:

- a) That person is an active Member who has been a Member of the Church for at least six months
- b) that person is over the age of 18 years
- c) that person does not have a status of a bankrupt; and
- d) that person is mentally competent

2.3.1. Nominations

Persons possessing the qualifications set out in Article 2.2 can be nominated for election to the Church Board of Directors.

2.3.3. Additional Nominations

Nominations for candidates for a position on the Church Board of Directors can also be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting by any active Member, providing that any candidate, so nominated, agrees to let his or her name stand for a position on the Church Board of Directors. These nominations can be made in addition to a slate of candidates made to the Nominations Committee.

2.3.4 Nomination and Election of the President

The President is elected by a simple majority vote, using ballot procedure. If the President is elected from the existing Church Board of Directors, another Member is elected to the Board as a substitute in this position for the one year he/she is President. If a substitute for the President is required, he who received the 4th highest number of votes is elected to that position.

2.3.5 Nomination of Remaining Board Members

In electing the other three Members, three names can be written on the ballot. The three who receive the most votes are elected.

2.4 TERM OF OFFICE

The President is elected for a one-year term at each Annual Congregational Meeting; the remaining nine Board Members are elected for a three-year term in such a manner that three are elected each year. The Pastor is a permanent Member of the Board.

Vacant Positions

President
3 board member
2 board members
3 board members
1 auditor
1 auditor

Term Expires

February 2014
February 2014
February 2015
February 2016
February 2014
February 2014

New Business