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ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 23, 2014 – 12:30 pm**  
**AGENDA**

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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 Annual General Meeting of February 24, 2013
7. Business arising from the minutes of meeting February 24, 2013
  - a)
8. Reports
  - Birthday Dollars
  - Men's Breakfast
  - Danish Women's Club
  - Kuriakos
  - Coffee Fund
  - Hyggeklubben
9. Pastor's Report
10. President's Report
11. Treasurer's Report 2013
  - Income and Expenses – January 01, 2013 to December 31, 2013
  - Statistical Report - Church activities 2013 and yearly comparisons
12. Proposed Budget for January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014
13. Election of the Church Board Members:  
Returning: Bjarne Madsen, Gunnar Kjær Jensen, Christopher Sørensen, Marina Allemano, Jette Badre  
  
Outgoing:
  - President : Valerie Sørensen Term Feb./14
  - Kirsten Olsen Term Feb./14
  - Brian Mogensen Term Feb./14
  - Bent Skousbol (appointed) Term Feb./14Nominees
  - President Term Feb./15
  - Term Feb./17
  - Term Feb./17
  - Term Feb./17
  - Term Feb./16
14. Election of Auditors
  - Returning: Lis Christiansen Term Feb./15
  - Outgoing: Jeanna Baty Term Feb./14
  - Alternate: Ellinor Glerup Term Feb./14Nominees
15. Election of Kuriakos Representative
  - Outgoing: Kris Kristensen Term Feb./14Nominees:
16. New Business
  - a) Basement Renovation
  - b)
17. Coffee Break and Door Prize Draw
18. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of Annual General Meeting of **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.**
19. Adjournment and Closing Hymn "Altid Frejdig"

ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

February 24, 2013 12:30 pm

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**MINUTES**

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28 voting members were present.

1. **Call to order.** Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Valerie Sørensen. The President 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.**  
Bruno Knudskov nominated Kris Kristensen who declined. Alice Kristensen nominated Jeanna Baty who accepted. Johanne Nicolajsen seconded [note: nominations need not be seconded]. Jeanna Baty was elected by acclamation.
5. **Approval of Agenda.**  
*Motion: Jette Badre moved to accept the agenda as presented. Randi Mark seconded. Motion was carried.*
6. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting, February 26, 2012.**  
*Motion: Valerie Sørensen moved to accept minutes of the AGM, February 26, 2012, as presented. Kirsten Olsen seconded. Motion was carried.*
7. **Business arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, February 26, 2012.** None arose.
8. **Reports presented in the printed handout.**
  - **Ansgar Ladies Aid.** Alice Kristensen presented the report as prepared by Henriette Pedersen. A cheque of \$4856.60 was presented as a donation to the Church. The names of the remaining members of the group were read to the congregation: Alice Kristensen, Henriette Pedersen, Johanne Nicolajsen, Astrid Sørensen, Esther Sørensen, Randi Mark and honorary member Gertrud McDougal. President Valerie Sørensen mentioned that the Ansgar Ladies Aid started in 1933. She regretted that the group has decided to disband, but added that the members will continue as an ad-hoc group. Randi Mark noted that the new name for the group is Ansgar Volunteers.
  - **Danish Women's Club.** Edith Rasmussen presented the report as prepared by Else Andersen and noted that the club has its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.
  - **Birthday Dollars.** The report was prepared and presented by Johanne Nicolajsen. President Valerie Sørensen asked whether the money is used for any particular project. Johanne Nicolajsen responded no.
  - **Sunday School.** The report was prepared and presented by Pastor Gus. Johanne Nicolajsen inquired about a future leader of the Sunday School. Pastor Gus responded that no one had shown interest.
  - **Men's Breakfast.** Kaj Nicolajsen presented the report as prepared by Pastor Gus and himself. Jeanna Baty thanked the Men's Breakfast group for inviting women to their meeting on January 19, 2013.
  - **Hyggeklubben.** The report was prepared and presented by Randi Mark. No questions arose.
  - **Coffee Fund.** The report was prepared by Birgit Wildenhoff who was absent. No questions arose.
  - **Camp Kuriakos.** The report was presented by Kris Kristensen who added that he will attend the next Camp Board meeting on March 16, 2013, and report on the meeting for the Ansgar Newsletter. Edith Rasmussen asked whether the Camp will expand within its property. Kris Kristensen confirmed and added that volunteers are needed. Interested parties can contact the Camp directly. Johanne Nicolajsen asked whether food will be provided for volunteers. Kris Kristensen confirmed that both food and accommodation will be provided. Pastor Gus mentioned that Ansgar Church has a long history with Camp Kuriakos in that the organization was founded by two Danish pastors. He encouraged parishioners to continue participation in the Camp programs. Kris Kristensen added that Camp organizers have requested that he prepare a historic overview of the Danish connection, but that he still has to research facts and figures.

***Motion: Merylee Hansen moved to accept the eight reports as presented. Alice Kristensen seconded. Motion was carried.***

9. **Pastor's Report.** The report for the year 2012 was prepared and presented by Pastor Gus. Pastor Gus added that he has received confirmation of the extension of his term, i.e., from July 2013 to July 2016. Alice Kristensen asked whether congregational members can obtain information about the number of holidays taken by Pastor Gus. President Valerie Sørensen responded that Pastor Gus always checks and consults with the Church Board in regard to holidays or any other absences. Pastor Gus concurred with Valerie Sørensen. Wendy Jensen added in connection with the mentioning in the Pastor's Report of her services that her 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organist is coming up this year.

10. **President's Report.** The report was prepared and presented by Valerie Sørensen who also thanked Board members and other volunteers for their help and participation.

***Motion: Jette Badre moved to accept both the Pastor's Report and the President's Report. Kaj Nicolajsen seconded. The motion was carried.***

11. **Treasurer's Report.**

The 'Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012', was presented as prepared by Kirsten Olsen.

Kirsten Olsen clarified the expenses regarding the broken, vandalized window under Maintenance. She also made a correction to the line "Deficit for the year 2011" which should read "Deficit for the year 2012."

***Motion: Randi Mark moved to accept the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements 2012. Alice Kristensen seconded. The motion was carried.***

The Financial Report for the Spring Festival 2012 and the Statistical Report and Church Activities 2012 and yearly comparisons were also presented as prepared by Kirsten Olsen. The Statistical Report and Church activities 2012 had been commented on more generally by Pastor Gus in his report.

***Motion: Valerie Sørensen moved to accept the Spring Festival 2012 Report and the Statistical Report and Church Activities 2012. Merylee Hansen seconded. The motion was carried.***

12. **Proposed Budget for January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013.** Presented as prepared by Kirsten Olsen.
- Kaj Nicolajsen asked why the estimated amount to be paid to DSUK in 2013 is less than the amount paid out last year. Kirsten Olsen clarified that last year's amount included expenses for the conference trip to Argentina.
  - Valerie Sørensen inquired about the large increase in Program Expenses. Kirsten Olsen explained that it was due to the Community Spirit Grant, a provincial grant that the Church received in 2012. Edith Rasmussen asked how often the Church is eligible to receive the grant, and Valerie Sørensen answered that we will apply every year and return any unused money. She further explained to what ends the money will be used. Pastor Gus asked how the granting agency calculates the size of the grant, and Valerie Sørensen responded that the amount is measured according to several rules, one of them being related to the donations made to the Church.

***Motion: Kaj Nicolajsen moved to accept the Proposed Budget 2013, and Christopher Sørensen seconded. The motion was carried.***

13. **Election of the Church Board Members.**

Valerie Sørensen explained the procedures for the election of officers.

Valerie Sørensen was nominated for the position of president by Alice Kristensen. Valerie Sørensen accepted and was elected by acclamation.

Alice Kristensen nominated Marina Allemano who accepted.

Bruno Knudskov nominated Bjarne Madsen who accepted.

Merylee Hansen nominated Jette Badre who accepted.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Lis Christensen who declined.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Christopher Sørensen who accepted.

Kris Kristensen nominated Randi Mark who declined.

Inger Clausen nominated Bruno Knudskov who declined.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Inger Clausen who declined.

Kris Kristensen nominated Ellinor Gleerup who declined.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Frida Jensen who declined.

Jette Badre nominated Laila Taylor who declined.

Jette Badre nominated Esther Sørensen who declined.

Marina Allemano nominated Kris Kristensen who declined.

Jette Badre nominated Edith Rasmussen who declined.

***Motion: Lis Christensen moved to close nominations. Jette Badre seconded. The motion was carried.***

Marina Allemano, Bjarne Madsen, Jette Badre and Christopher Sørensen were elected by acclamation. Five members in total, incl. the President, were elected.

Outgoing members:

- Valerie Sørensen, President Term February/ 2013
- Marina Allemano Term February/ 2013
- Jette Badre Term February/ 2013
- Bjarne Madsen Term February/ 2013

Nominee for President

- Valerie Sørensen Term February/ 2014

Nominees for the Board:

- Bjarne Madsen Term February/ 2015
- Marina Allemano Term February/ 2016
- Jette Badre Term February/ 2016
- Christopher Sørensen Term February/ 2016

#### 14. Election of Auditors

Returning: Jeanna Baty Term February/ 2014

Outgoing: Hanne Roemer Term February/ 2013

It was noted that Ellinor Gleerup worked as an auditor with Hanne Roemer this year due to Jeanna Baty having a conflict of interest.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Ellinor Gleerup as an alternate for a one-year term. Ellinor Gleerup accepted.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Lis Christensen as an auditor for a two-year term. Lis Christensen accepted. Ellinor Gleerup and Lis Christensen were elected by acclamation.

Nominees for position of Auditors:

- Lis Christensen, auditor Term February/ 2015
- Ellinor Gleerup, alternate Term February/ 2014

#### 15. Election of Kuriakos Representative

Outgoing: Kris Kristensen Term February/ 2013

Kirsten Olsen nominated Kris Kristensen as a Kuriakos representative. Kris Kristensen accepted and was re-elected by acclamation.

Nominees: Kris Kristensen Term February/ 2014

#### 16. New Business

**Elevator Proposal.** Kaj Nicolajsen presented his proposal and clarified the need for an elevator.

***Motion: Kaj Nicolajsen moved to authorize the Church Board to proceed with the project to procure and install an elevator with a budget of \$66,000.00. Gunnar Jensen seconded.***

Debate:

Bruno Knudskov inquired about the blue prints; Kaj Nicolajsen (KN) made them available for perusal.

Inger Clausen asked whether handicap washrooms would be required; KN confirmed and explained that the present wall between the two washrooms will be removed and make room for one larger washroom for all.

Bruno Knudskov objected to the poor quality of the blue prints and asked about the exact location of the elevator shaft; KN explained that the opening to the shaft will be between the pulpit and the front pews. Bruno Knudskov also wondered if an architect's design was available, to which KN replied no. Laila Taylor and Hildegaard Madsen both asked whether the expenses for the washroom renovation and the widening of the door from the meeting hall had been factored in. Laila Taylor also asked if the furnace had to be moved. KN

explained that the furnace will not be moved and that the extra renovation expenses have not been calculated yet. Gunnar Jensen clarified that the entrance to the existing men's washroom could be used as the entrance to the new washroom. Kris Kristensen asked whether the plans have been accepted by the City, to which KN responded that the plans will go to the engineer first. Bruno Knudskov suggested an alternative plan: that the church building be expanded to the east and an elevator be installed in the space between the church and the parsonage. KN reminded the congregation that a similar accessibility plan had been put forward 20 years ago, but that it had been too costly to consider. Hildegaard Madsen questioned the large expense; KN explained that the Church has investment assets available including Thomas Jensen's estate. He also mentioned that he had looked into community grants, but that they require out-rental use of the church. Bruno Knudskov intervened and pointed out that on at least one occasion the church had been rented out to a wedding. Valerie Sørensen confirmed that this was true, but that these kinds of events are not routinely done. Jette Badre reminded the congregation that KN's proposal is about feasibility and not about concrete changes; subsequent meetings will have to take place to deal with the details. She also added that in the future the church building might be used for out-rentals. Pastor Gus mentioned that in addition to the grant possibilities that have been researched by KN, the Board could apply to grant-giving agencies in Denmark for funding. He also suggested that we consider further fundraising within the congregation. Laila Taylor asked if any other accessibility plans had been explored. KN confirmed that a suggestion to replace and widen the entrance unit had just been brought to his attention. Alice Kristensen commented that the information and questions from members would be of use to KN in his future planning. Kris Kristensen reminded the members to return to the actual motion put forward.

***The motion was put to a vote by secret ballots. 14 in favour, 13 opposed. The motion was carried.***

Edith Rasmussen inquired as to whether DSUK owns the church building. Valerie Sørensen and Pastor Gus responded that DSUK does not own the building, but that certain procedures involving DSUK will take place should the congregation be dissolved. Valerie Sørensen referred to the Bylaws, article 9.2, for clarification.

***Motion: Kaj Nicolajsen moved to have the ballots destroyed. Kirsten Olsen seconded. The motion was carried.***

**17. Coffee Break**

**18. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 24, 2013, by Marina Allemano.**

***Motion: Ellinor Gleerup moved to accept the minutes as presented. Marylee Hansen seconded. Motion was carried.***

**19. Adjournment at 3:15 pm, and Closing Hymn "Altid frejdig".**

Valerie Sørensen, President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Marina Allemano, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Danish Women's Club Report to the Annual Meeting 2013**

Once again, thank you for the generous support of the Church members and friends of the 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 2013 of \$17,089.83 combined with our Bank Balance at the beginning of the year of \$1,823.65 for a total of \$18,913.48. Our expenses were \$8,116.34 leaving us with cash on hand of \$10,797.14.

We made an additional donation to Ansgar Church of \$8,000.00 in January, 2014 which would make a total donation of \$11,500.00 during the past thirteen months.

Our primary function as an auxiliary group to our church continues to be fund raising.

The planned events during this past year included:

- Coffee and tea service at a memorial service for Frank Holm Frandsen
- The annual Frikadeller competition dinner held in our church basement
- The Spring Supper and Bingo held at the Dutch Canadian Club, co-ordinated jointly with the Board of Directors of Ansgar Church.
- The Christmas Bazaar was expanded this past November to include a well prepared and co-ordinated lunch and coffee service with the assistance of the Board of Directors of Ansgar Church and individuals who had put on the lunch and coffee service at the Spring Festival. It was a very successful event thanks to all who assisted. We look forward to similar events in the future.
- We are pleased to report that we have been able to negotiate space in the large hall at Calder Community Hall for our Christmas Bazaar to be held the last Saturday in November, 2014.

We look forward to everyone's continued support during the upcoming season in our fundraising efforts. Thank you again to everyone who participated.

Submitted by:

*Else Andersen,  
President and Secretary.*

## Financial Statement for the Danish Women's Club of Ansgar Church January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

### INCOME

	Cash	Income	Balance
Memorial Service - Frank Holm Frandsen		\$ 800.00	
Annual Frikadeller Competition - Dinner		\$ 623.00	
Spring Supper and Bingo		\$ 5,497.00	
Christmas Bazaar		\$ 9,169.59	
Bank Interest		\$ 0.24	
Cash Float - cash boxes Cheque #41		\$ 1,000.00	
		<b>\$17,089.83</b>	
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2012	\$ 1,797.90		
Float	\$ 25.75		
	<b>\$ 1,823.65</b>	<b>\$ 1,823.65</b>	
<b>Balance</b>			<b>\$18,913.48</b>

### EXPENSES

	Cash	Expenses	Balance
Memorial Service - Frank Holm Frandsen		\$ 255.89	
Annual Frikadeller Competition - Dinner		\$ 139.00	
Spring Supper & Bingo - Dinner		\$ 2,383.64	
Christmas Bazaar		\$ 1,837.81	
Donation to Ansgar Church April, 2013		\$ 3,500.00	
		<b>\$ 8,116.34</b>	
Bank Balance Nov. 29/13	\$ 2,040.65		
Less cheques which have not cleared bank	\$ (300.00)		
Re-deposit cash float cheque #41	\$ 1,000.00		
Bank Deposit Jan./14	\$ 8,056.49		
	<b>\$10,797.14</b>	<b>\$10,797.14</b>	
<b>Balance</b>			<b>\$18,913.48</b>

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Hanne Roemer - January 28, 2014*

## **Ansgar Men's Breakfast Report to the Annual Meeting 2013**

The year 2013 was also a special year for the Men's Breakfast Club. Due to the flooding in August we had fewer gatherings.

Men's Breakfast sponsored a special Open House version of the Men's Breakfast where the executive director of the Edmonton Food Bank Marjorie Bencz gave a presentation and we took in a collection for the food bank.

We did something similar in November where Robin Padanyi, Donor Relations Coordinator with Hope Mission, gave a presentation and we took in a collection for the Hope Mission.

Other presentations were made by Niels Nicolajsen about his work with students with visual impairments and by McCauley Revitalization Coordinator Jane Molstad about the revitalization of the community in which our church is situated.

We had meetings in January, February, Marts, April and November.  
The attendance varied from 10 to 22 and the average attendance was 15.

### **Financial Statement from Jan.1/2013 to Dec. 31/2013**

#### **Income:**

5 Meetings	\$ 406.23
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#### **Expenses:**

Cost of food	\$ 461.29
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<b>Surplus for the year 2012</b>	<b>\$ - 55.06</b>
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December 31, 2013 Cash on hand	\$ 711.47
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<b>TOTAL (Cash on hand December 31, 2013)</b>	<b>\$ 656.41</b>
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*Submitted by*

*Kaj Nicolajsen and Pastor (Gus) Carl Gustav Christensen*

## **Birthday Dollars Report to the Annual Meeting 2013**

### **Revenue**

Birthday Dollars collected	\$ 845.00
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Total Revenue	\$ 845.00
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Bank Balance. January 1, 2013	\$ 779.75
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Balance	\$ 1,624.75
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<b>Expenditures</b>	\$ 0.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 0.00
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Bank Balance. Dec. 31, 2013	\$ 1,624.75
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Balance	\$ 1,624.75
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*Submitted by  
Johanne Nicolajsen*

*Audited by  
Valerie Sørensen*

## Camp Kuriakos Report to the Annual Meeting 2013

### SYLVAN LAKE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP ASSOCIATION REPORT TO CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETINGS - JANUARY 2014

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](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca). **2013 in REVIEW:**

Leanne Butcher joined our full team as Office Manager in May. Two people served as volunteer Interns for more than 4 months, providing program leadership and doing many other need tasks around camp. Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association had 7 Partner congregations and 16 Member congregations. Many congregations continue to provide financial support as part annual budgets or through special gifts. Your support makes a huge difference in the Kuriakos Ministry. Gifts are Campership Fund, Staff Bursary, purchase program equipment, and more. Many congregational groups also come to camp as volunteers, helping with much of the work needed to maintain and improve our properties.

#### **Camp Use:**

- Summer 2013: Kuriakos served a total of 596 campers for a total of 3105 camper days.
- Retreats 2013: Including Youth, Men's, Women's and Confirmation Retreats, we served 186 campers, for a total of 516 camper days.
- Kuriakos Outdoor School (KOS) programs 2013: Serving 12 school groups for a total of 396 students equalling 994 total camper days.
- Service events 2013: 30 people participated in our Bike.Walk.Run fundraiser in June and 80 people participated in work weekends.
- Rental Use 2013: Kuriakos served 60 groups over 181 days of use. These groups represent 2984 individuals.

**FINANCES:** The 2013 financial review will be completed and ready for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2 pm, March 15, 2014 @ Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (40 Holmes Street, Red Deer). The budget for 2013 proposed an annual operational revenue of \$538,010.00 and an additional \$63,985.00 in capital revenue via grants and the sale of our docks.

A total of \$57,985.00 in capital grants was received late in 2012, though it was spent on Summit construction during 2013. An additional, unbudgeted capital grant of \$17,339.00 was received in May 2013 and used to purchase a new dock system, which increases safety and accessibility of our waterfront.

#### **Percentage of Operating Revenue (as reflected in the 2013 Budget)**

Donations + Fundraising 28%

Programs 44% (this will be approximately \$30 000 behind budget in 2013)

Rental Groups 18%                      Property Income 8%

Operational Grants 2%                Memberships/Miscellaneous 1%

#### ***Programs for the whole Congregation!***

***Please encourage your congregation to consider attending a Kuriakos program event. Publishing these dates in congregational newsletters and Sunday bulletins is a simple way to support the camp and your congregation.***

#### ***2014 Program Dates***

***Men's Retreat: Feb 7-9***

***Confirmation Retreat I: Feb 21-23***

***Confirmation Retreat II: Feb 28- March 2***

***Confirmation Retreat III: March 21-23***

***Lead the Way Youth Retreat: March 28-30***

***Family May Days: May 16-19***

***Bike.Walk.Run: June 7***

***Kuriakos Open House: June 8***

***Prime Time: June 29-July 2***

***Kid's I: July 2-4***

***Week in the Woods I: July 2-4***

***Junior Youth: July 6-11***

***Family I: July 13- 18***

***Kid's II: July 20-25***

***MAD/Soccer/Dance: July 27-Aug 1***

***Week in the Woods II: July 27-Aug 1***

***Kid's III: August 4-8***

***Family II: August 10-15***

***Senior Youth: August 17-22***

***Thanksgiving @ the Lake: October 10-13***

***SOULspace Adult Retreat: October 24-26***

***Fall Youth Retreat: October 31-Nov 2***

***Women's Retreat: November 7-9***

***Confirmation Retreat IV: November 14-16***

***Confirmation Retreat V: November 28-30***

<b>Kuriakos Debt Load</b>	<b>Dec. 31/2013</b>	<b>Dec.31/2012</b>	<b>Dec.31/2011</b>
Farm Mortgage #1:	\$28,216.89	\$29,264.63	\$30,266.00
Farm Mortgage #2:	\$182,001.02	\$190,354.11	\$197,458.00
Acreage Mortgage:	\$84,145.15	\$90,371.34	\$96,299.00
Bank Acct/Credit Line:	-\$27,647.43	\$53,421.42	\$13,187.00
<b>Total Debt Load:</b>	<b>\$296,620.49</b>	<b>\$256,568.66</b>	<b>\$310,836.00</b>

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 2013 – March 2014)**

In June 2013, the Board adopted a new structure of committees to more efficiently facilitate needed work at the Board level. The positions outlined below indicate the assignments under the new structure.

**Chairperson:** Wayne Hoff (Calgary)      **Vice-Chair:** Janelle Heise (Calgary)  
**Treasurer:** Andrew Kemp (Airdrie)      **Secretary:** Barb Balogh (Sylvan Lake)  
**Vision Committee:** Mike Hoff (Calgary); Joel Berg (Edmonton); Rev. Scott Peterson (Calgary); Janelle Heise (Calgary)

**Risk Management Committee:** David Christiansen (Rocky Mtn. House); Kim Severson (Sherwood Park); Barb Balogh (Sylvan Lake)

**Sustainability Committee:** Barb Stolee (Calgary); Charlynn Odedgard (Edmonton), Tom Marstaller (Red Deer); Andrew Kemp (Airdrie)

Additional working groups are established to assist staff with duties. Most groups exist to implement a particular project and have a defined timeline.

**Looking ahead to 2014**

- **19th Annual Bike.Walk.Run** is planned for June 7.
- **New Programs: The SOULspace Retreat, October 24-26**, is an opportunity for adults age 18+ to engage a weekend of intentional quiet. Guided meditation, Holy Yoga and more are planned for this reflective weekend.
- **SHOUT OUT Program for Congregations benefits your members and Kuriakos!** See the attached News for the Pews 2014 brochure, or visit [www.kuriakos.ab.ca/#/welcome/for-churches](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca/#/welcome/for-churches)
- **Keep Our Programs Working:** summer staff, SITS (age 14-18), GAPS (age 16+), Internship Program, spring and fall programmers, nurses, soccer coach and a few more. Applications are available online.
- **ONE WAY is the exciting new program theme for 2014.**
- **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](http://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

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## **Hyggeklubben Report 2013**

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.

*Submitted by  
Randi Mark*

## Coffee Fund Report 2013

January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Income:</b>		
Funds donated	\$233.93	\$ 68.96
Sale of bottles & cans	<u>\$ 5.95</u>	
Total	\$239.88	\$
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Coffee, cookies, flowers	<u>\$202.29</u>	<u>\$119.26</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 37.59</b>	<b>(\$50.30)</b>
Beginning Balance	<u>\$230.11</u>	<u>\$267.70</u>
<b>Balance as of December 31</b>	<b><u>\$267.70</u></b>	<b><u>\$217.40</u></b>

## **Pastor's Report to the Annual Meeting 2013**

How are things at the church? That is a question I often get when I'm visiting people. Things are going well – of course, something could be better, but in general things are going well, I usually answer.

We have services in either Danish or English every Sunday morning. On some Sundays we have higher attendance than on others. Every Sunday one of the deacons – Brian, Kirsten or Jette – prepares the church for service; the organist Wendy plays the music; and the pastor leads the worship. Every Sunday the door is open for everyone who wants to participate. Every Sunday, some parishioners gather for worship and do their part in making this a living congregation. We would not have a congregation or a church if we didn't have regular Sunday services. Sunday services are only truly alive because there are people who make attending them, a priority in their lives. The Sunday worship is the core activity in every church.

Ansgar Church only exists because people support it with prayers, helping hands and money. We have different fundraising events put on by many people. Some people have been doing it for many years, others have helped out when needed. THANK YOU! The way we organize these events is slowly changing in order to adapt to the way people volunteer today. The fundraising events are meant to raise funds, and fortunately they are also good occasions for people in the Danish community to meet and catch up.

We also have some regular activities with socializing as the only purpose. "Hyggeklubben" is coordinated by Randi Mark and the Theatre Group is organized by Bruno Knudskov. Thank you to both!

An important outreach from our church goes through Operation Friendship with the help of a group of loyal volunteers. Thank you to Ester for coordinating this for decades!

A provincial grant has also made it possible for the church to give financial support to different community activities and also in that the church is a visible part of the McCauley Community.

Sometimes interruptions occur, and we have to stop and rethink things. Such an interruption was the flooding that hit the church basement in August due to sewage backup. It challenged the church board to rethink things and make good out of something bad. Fortunately the church has the means to invest in the future. A few people have donated most of the materials and labour needed to bring the basement up to where it is today. THANK YOU! Our president Valerie has done a great job keeping all the threads together as well as keeping the paid contractors on schedule. Our on-site project manager and all-odd-jobs-man Gunner has had his second home in the basement for months. THANK YOU!

Not having the church basement available has had an impact on life in our church. I think most people would agree with me that the socializing after service has been hit the hardest. Fortunately many of our regular meetings and activities have had a temporary home at the Danish Library. A big thank you to Lissi, Birgit and Gunner for assisting with all the practical things at that location.

Our new basement is going to be a very nice and "hyggelig" setting for our gatherings and activities in the years to come. I hope and believe that people will find our renovated basement inviting – perhaps it will even encourage new and more activities that will enrich our congregational life.

Yes, there is great hope for the future!

*Pastor Gus*

## **President's Report to the Annual Meeting 2013**

The Board was very busy in 2013. The year in review: In January, ADLC held its second annual frikadeller competition which was won by none other than Pastor Gus. His trophy is currently displayed in the parsonage. The Danish Women's Club celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary –Congratulations to all of you. The Annual General Meeting was on February 24. We enjoyed a light luncheon prepared by the Ladies Aid before receiving reports from the various groups and holding elections. The Ladies Aid, sadly, decided to disband in February. March included the Annual Spring Festival. Mother Nature did not co-operate and we were hit by inclement weather; March in Alberta can be so variable! The turn-out was a little disappointing but those that did brave the weather enjoyed delicious open-faced sandwiches. The Spring Supper and Bingo was well-attended and everyone had a lot of fun.

In May, Kris Kristensen made a presentation about Camp Kuriakos. 5 young people were welcomed to the membership when they were confirmed in June. A special service was held at Bethany Church in Dickson on the last Sunday in June. Service was followed by an old-fashioned and picnic. It was wonderful to see so many friends from all over Alberta. In July, camp Kuriakos was at the Dana Lodge at Sylvan Lake. We had good participation, wonderful fellowship and interesting discussions. The city of Edmonton held a Church Street festival in July and many local Houses of Worship were open to the public. Ansgar had lots of visitors and many of the congregation took time to visit the neighbours.

ADLC received the Community Spirit Grant from the Province. It was used to purchase: clothing and food for seniors through Operation Friendship; guitars for the Boys & Girls Club; equipment for McCauley Rink; supplies for Youth Emergency Shelter; and to support Danish Language Class. The grant will not be available after this year.

In August, a huge storm that caused a back-up in the sewer system throughout the district. The basement had to be virtually gutted. A General Meeting was held and the board asked the membership for approval to do an extensive renovation to the basement. It was granted and the board has been working to improve the space. In-floor heating has been installed and insulation has been added to the walls which should make it much more comfortable. The bathrooms have been reconfigured and one is to be handicapped accessible and have a child change table. As a result of the flooding, the basement had to be closed and all of the groups have had to meet elsewhere. The Board regrets this hardship and everyone is looking forward to the completion of the project. The project is time-consuming and has required a lot of extra work for the board. I thank the Board for their many hours of work.

Despite the loss of our meeting space, various activities were planned for the membership throughout the fall. The Turkey dinner in October was a great success, and the Danish Women's Club reports that the Christmas Bazaar was as well.

I have enjoyed being a part of the Ansgar Church Board. I have a number of other projects on-going and I will not be returning to the board in 2014. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted by

*Valerie Sorensen*  
*President, Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church*

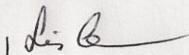
# Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting 2013

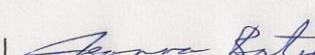
## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

Balance forward December 31, 2013		<b>235,419.30</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Auxiliary	11,770.00	8,356.60
Bequests		237,440.18
Collect	40,480.06	32,442.60
Donations	10,548.50	8,968.16
Donations- Fall Drive	12,575.00	9,145.00
Donations- Newsletter	3,442.00	1,710.00
Donations-Operation Friendship	2,259.77	1,110.00
Earmarked Donations	4,759.41	7,471.26
Fees-Memorial & Wedding	900.00	500.00
Fundraising Inc	2,685.10	6,670.46
Fundraising Inc-Spring Festival	11,706.50	9,756.10
Grant	9,295.95	8,378.94
GST Rebate		443.54
Interest Inc	9,421.88	4,026.11
Misc INC	589.96	
Newsletter Advertisements	575.00	155.00
Programs -Inc		900.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>121,009.13</b>	<b>337,473.95</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Bank Charge	360.34	310.58
DSUK	80,500.00	79,500.00
Earmarked Exp	4,759.41	7,471.26
Fundraising Expense	1,437.10	855.00
Fundraising Exp- Spring Festival	2,590.75	3,140.75
GST Expense		2,456.21
Insurance	3,207.00	3,521.00
Insurance Claim Expense		6,000.00
Maintenance & Supply	11,029.36	6,390.95
Membership	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	351.45	0.00
Newsletter Expense	1,647.83	1,549.14
Organist	4,500.00	4,350.00
Programs Exp	1,125.92	6,538.85
Programs Exp-Operation Friendship	2,400.00	2,400.00
Property Tax	1,603.02	1,615.59
Renovation Expense		19,009.43
Utilities	5,230.22	5,563.25
Visiting Pastor	995	900.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>121,937.40</b>	<b>151,772.01</b>
<b>Surplus for the Year 2013</b>	<b>-928.27</b>	<b>185,701.94</b>
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Bank Balance December 31, 2013:	215,582.77	
Cash Account	1,125.00	
Prepaid Expense	400.00	
GIC	204,013.47	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421,121.24</b>	<b>421,121.24</b>

Audited by:

  
Lis Christensen

  
Jeanna Baty

## Proposed Budget for 2014

	<b>PROPOSED 2013</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2013</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2014</b>
Bank charges	\$ 500.00	\$ 310.58	\$ 500.00
DSUK	\$ 79,500.00	\$ 79,500.00	\$ 68,400.00
Fundraising expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,995.75	\$ 4,000.00
GST Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,456.21	\$ 2,000.00
Insurance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,521.00	\$ 3,850.00
Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,390.95	\$ 10,000.00
Memberships	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Newsletter, Postage & Stationery	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,549.14	\$ 3,000.00
Organist	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,500.00
Programs Expense	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,538.85	\$ 7,000.00
Operation Friendship	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Property Taxes	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,615.59	\$ 1,675.00
Renovation (basement)			\$ 50,000.00
Utilities	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,563.25	\$ 6,500.00
Visiting Pastor	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 122,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 119,291.32</b>	<b>\$ 165,525.00</b>

## Statistical Report 2013

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Services	56	56	56	60	55
Total Attendees	1842	1736	1599	1559	1465
<b>Average per Service</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>
Danish Services	27	26	28	26	25
Total Attendees	776	686	725	546	488
<b>Average per Service</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
English Services	29	30	28	32	33
Total Attendees	1066	1050	874	1061	977
<b>Average per Service</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>
English/Danish Services				2	0
Total Attendees				52	0
<b>Average per Service</b>				<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>
Total Communion	53	53	49	56	55
Attendees at Communion	640	592	611	565	540
<b>Average per Communion</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Baptisms	10	6	4	6	13
Confirmands	4	4	4	0	5
Weddings	1	4	6	4	1
Memorials & Funerals	8	5	7	5	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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**