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ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 12, 2017, 12:30 pm
AGENDA

Opening Hymn: "Day by Day" - # 259

1. Opening Prayer: Pastor Lasse Hultberg
2. Election of Chairperson: Nominations from the floor.
3. Approval of Agenda.
4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of February 28, 2016. Already approved. Included with the Annual Report
5. Business arising from the minutes of meeting February 28, 2016.
 - Fund Raising: *Ansgar Membership fee*: a closed issue
Bequests: Marilyn Withage, an Investment Manager with Raymond James, Calgary, will be speaking to the congregation about the possibilities for making sound individual investment decisions in a will, after the English service, on March 24, 2017
6. Reports:
 - Danish Women's Club
 - Men's Breakfast
 - Birthday Dollars
 - Camp Kuriakos
 - Hyggeklubben
 - Coffee Fund
7. Pastor's Report
8. President's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Income and Expenses January 01, 2016 to December 31 2016
 - Statistical Reports – Church activities 2016 and yearly comparisons
 - Proposed Budget for January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
11. Election of the Church Board Members

Outgoing	President	Kirsten Olsen	Term ending February 2017
	Board Member	Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2017
	Board Member	Inge Andersen	Term ending February 2017
	Board Member	Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2017
Returning	Board Member	Gunnar K. Jensen	Term ending February 2018
	Board Member	Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018
	Board Member	Marina Allemano	Term ending February 2019
	Board Member	Jette Badre	Term ending February 2019
	Board Member	Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2019
12. Election of Auditors

Returning	Valerie Sørensen	Term ending February 2018
Outgoing	Jeanna Baty	Term ending February 2017
	Birgit Wildenhoff, alternate	Term ending February 2017
13. Election of Pastoral Selection Committee.

Returning	Birgit Wildenhoff	3-year term	Term ending February 2018
Outgoing	Maria Hjort Guiney	2-year term	Term ending February 2017
	Diane Uzelman	1-year term	Term ending February 2017
14. Election of Kuriakos Representative

Outgoing	Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2017
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15. New Business
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16. Coffee Break
17. Reading and Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 12, 2017
18. Adjournment and Closing Hymn: "Altid Fredig" - #784

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 28, 2016 12:30 pm

MINUTES

25 voting members were present

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Kirsten Olsen. The president recognized a quorum of voting members.

1. **Opening hymn** no. 259 "Day by Day" and opening prayer by Pastor Jørgen Flensted-Jensen.

2. **Election of chairperson to the Annual General Meeting – nominations from the floor.** Jeanna Baty was nominated by the Board. Jeanna Baty accepted and was elected by acclamation.

3. **Approval of agenda.** There were no corrections or additions.

Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to adopt the agenda. Ellinor Gleerup seconded. Motion was carried.

4. **The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on February 22, 2015.**

There were no questions or corrections. The minutes were for information only and accepted as presented.

5. **Business arising from the Annual General Meeting on February 22, 2015.**

a. **Elevator proposal.** A Special General Meeting will be held on April 13, 2016, at 7 pm. to discuss and decide on an elevator installation. The meeting has been set later in the season due to several congregational members being away presently. President Kirsten Olsen acknowledged that questions had been received from congregational members regarding the building of an elevator.

On behalf of the Elevator Committee, Christopher Sørensen noted that a building permit has been applied for, and that contractors have been sourced. Construction can go forward pending the approval of the congregation in April.

Question by Edith Rasmussen: If you at last year's AGM had voted for (or against) an elevator construction, can that vote stand if you are unable to attend the Special General Meeting on April 13, 2016?

Jeanna Baty answered that the bylaws do not allow for proxy votes. Bent Skousbøl added that the bylaws require a Special General Meeting due to the expenditure (expenses that exceed \$10,000).

6. **Reports presented in the printed handout.**

Danish Women's Club. The report was prepared by Else Andersen, and the financial statement was prepared by Hanne Roemer.

Ansgar Men's Breakfast. The report was prepared by Kaj Nicolajsen and Pastor Carl-Gustav Christensen.

Birthday Dollars. The report was prepared by Johanne Nicolajsen and audited by Kirsten Olsen. Johanne Nicolajsen added that the "Birthday Dollars" are no longer deposited in its own designated account; however, she will continue collecting the "Birthday Dollars" and pass them on to the Church. Charitable tax receipts will be issued.

Camp Kuriakos. The printed report from Camp Kuriakos to Congregational Annual Meetings in 2015 had been prepared by Rev. Art Weiss, Executive Director of Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association.

Hyggeklubben. The report was prepared by Randi Mark.

Coffee Fund. The report was prepared by Birgit Wildenhoff.

There were no objections, corrections or additions to be made to the reports.

Motion: Valerie Sørensen moved to accept the reports. Kirsten Olsen seconded. Motion was carried.

7. **Pastor's Report.** The report for the year 2015 was accepted as prepared and presented by Pastor Jørgen Flensted-Jensen. No questions arose.

8. **President's Report.** The report for the year 2015 was accepted as prepared and presented by Kirsten Olsen. No questions arose.

9. **Treasurer's Report.**

The 'Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015,' and the statistical report for the same period were presented as prepared by Bent Skousbøl.

Bent Skousbøl pointed out that collections are up from previous year, but that revenues are generally down. Fundraisers have not generated as much income as in 2014.

DSUK expenses have increased for the 2016 budget due to the change of pastors: interviews for potential pastors and moving expenses for pastors moving back to Denmark and moving here from Denmark. Total moving expenses for both pastors totalled \$30,000.

The treasurer also expressed the need for new ideas on how to raise funds for the daily operation of the Church. He suggested that we might consider membership fees. Jeanna Baty commented that contributions and donations would likely diminish in that case.

Bent Skousbøl mentioned that time is limited for the Church if we are not getting continuous support. Valerie Sørensen commented that a large portion of one of the Church's bank accounts is earmarked for the elevator project. Our deficits are being covered by the bequests that were designated for improvement of the Church.

Maintenance costs are up due to the renovations of parsonage in the fall of 2015.

The statistical report 2015 shows that attendance is generally up although attendance is down at Danish services.

Motion: Niels Hansen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report 2015. Kirsten Thorup seconded. The motion was carried.

10. **Proposed Budget for January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016.**

The proposed budget was presented as prepared by Bent Skousbøl who pointed out that expenses to DSUK have increased, while the dollar value has gone down.

Because of the low exchange rate, the annual amount payed to DSUK has gone up.

Valerie Sørensen asked why there is no value item included for the elevator project in the operating budget for 2016. Bent Skousbøl replied that the elevator project has to be ratified by the Special General Meeting. If approved, costs will be brought forward for this project.

Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to accept the Proposed Budget 2016, and Christopher Sørensen seconded. The motion was carried.

11. **Election of Church Board Members.**

Jeanna Baty thanked outgoing and existing members for their service on the board.

Outgoing members:

Kirsten Olsen, President	Term ending February 2016
Jette Badre	Term ending February 2016
Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2016
Marina Allemano	Term ending February 2016

Returning members:

Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2017
Inge Andersen	Term ending February 2017
Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2017
Gunnar K. Jensen	Term ending February 2018
Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018

Election of President

Johanne Nicolajsen nominated Kirsten Olsen who accepted. Kirsten Thorup seconded. As there were no contenders, Kirsten Olsen was elected as president by acclamation.

Election of Board Members

Kirsten Olsen reported that there were no nominations from the board. Several persons had been approached and had initially accepted but had later reconsidered.

Bent Skousbøl nominated Marina Allemanno who accepted.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Christopher Sørensen who accepted.

Kirsten Thorup nominated Jette Badre who accepted.

Ellinor Gleerup nominated Lene Dybdahl Nielsen who declined.

Bent Skousbøl nominated Valerie Sørensen who declined.

Nominations were closed. Three board members plus the president were elected.

New Board of Directors as of February 28, 2016:

Kirsten Olsen, President	Term ending February 2017
Marina Allemanno	Term ending February 2019
Jette Badre	Term ending February 2019
Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2019
Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2017
Inge Fenger Andersen	Term ending February 2017
Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2017
Gunnar Kjær Jensen	Term ending February 2018
Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018

12. Election of Auditors

Returning: Jeanna Baty Term ending February 2017

Outgoing: Valerie Sørensen Term ending February 2016

Outgoing alternate: Birgit Wildenhoff Term ending February 2016

The Board nominated Valerie Sørensen who accepted.

The Board nominated Birgit Wildenhoff (as an alternate) who accepted.

Nominations were closed.

Motion: Niels Hansen moved to accept the nominations. Kaj Nicolajsen seconded. The motion was carried.

Auditors as of February 28, 2016:

Valerie Sørensen	Term ending February 2018
Jeanna Baty	Term ending February 2017
Birgit Wildenhoff, alternate	Term ending February 2017

13. Election of Pastoral Selection Committee

Returning: Birgit Wildenhoff 3-year term Term ending February 2018

Maria Hjort Guiney 2-year term Term ending February 2017

Outgoing: Diane Uzelman 1-year term Term ending February 2016

The Board nominated Diane Uzelman (for a 1-year term) who accepted.

Nominations were closed.

Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to accept the nominations. Kirsten Thorup seconded. The motion was carried.

Pastor Selection Committee as of February 28, 2016:

Birgit Wildenhoff	3-year term	Term ending February 2018
Maria Guiney	2-year term	Term ending February 2017
Diane Uzelman	1-year term	Term ending February 2017

14. Election of Kuriakos Representative

Outgoing: Niels Hansen Term ending February 2016

Brian Mogensen nominated Niels Hansen who accepted.
Nominations were closed.

Kuriakos Representative as of February 28, 2016.

Niels Hansen

Term ending February 2017

15. New Business: Comments from the floor

Raising of funds (see suggestions put forward under item 9): Kaj Nicolajsen was of the opinion that membership fees are unfair as some members will not have the means. He added that any person who is confirmed in Ansgar Church is automatically a member.

Bequest program: Jeanna Baty suggested that we look into starting an active bequest program.

Membership list: Kirsten Olsen reminded members that the membership list is an ongoing project, and that the board needs help from the congregation with keeping the list current.

16. Coffee Break

17. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 28, 2016. The minutes were taken and read by Trustee Inge Andersen and typed by Marina Allemano.

Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to accept the minutes as read. Bent Skousbøl seconded. The motion was carried.

18. Closing Hymn "Altid frejdig" and adjournment at 1:45 pm.

Kirsten Olsen, Incoming President _____ Date _____

Marina Allemano, Secretary _____ Date _____

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
 Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 7:00 PM
 Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church, 9554 – 108A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

Voting members present:

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Marina Allemano | 12. Eva Christensen | 22. Alice Kristensen | 33. Bendt Nielsen | 43. Kirsten Thorup |
| 2. Inge Andersen | 13. Preben Christensen | 23. Kris Kristensen | 34. Svend Nielsen | 44. Margith J. |
| 3. Flemming Andersen | 14. Inger Clausen | 24. Randi Mark | 35. Kirsten Olsen | Vinther |
| 4. Kirsten Andersen | 15. Kenneth Dam | 25. Frode Mogensen | 36. Edith Rasmussen | 45. Birgit |
| 5. Jette Badre | 16. Hanne Dam | 26. Brian Mogensen | 37. Mette Rasmussen | Wildenhoff |
| 6. Jeanna Baty | 17. Ellinor Gleeurup | 27. Dorrit Morrow | 38. Bent Skousbøl | 46. Erik Wildenhoff |
| 7. Bent Bruhn | 18. Niels Hansen | 28. Alice Nickel | 39. Christopher | 47. Jens Woller |
| 8. Lis Christensen | 19. Lilli Hansen | 29. Johanne Nicolajsen | Sørensen | |
| 9. Villy Christensen | 20. Erik Jacobsen | 30. Kaj Nicolajsen | 40. Esther Sørensen | |
| 10. Bitten Christensen | 21. Gunnar Kjær | 31. Kenneth Nielsen | 41. Morten Sørensen | |
| 11. Helge Christensen | Jensen | 32. Lene Nielsen | 42. Valerie Sørensen | |

1. President Kirsten Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Opening Hymn no. 117 in *Grant Me God*.
3. Opening Prayer by Pastor Lasse Hultberg.
4. Election of chairperson. The Board nominated Jeanna Baty who accepted the nomination. Jeanna Baty was elected by acclamation. The chairperson proceeded with a clarification of the agenda and explained that two scrutineers would oversee the counting of the ballots.
5. Approval of Agenda.
Kirsten Thorup moved to accept the agenda, Hanne Dam seconded. The motion was carried.
6. Approval to begin construction and installation of an elevator lift.
 President Kirsten Olsen briefed the voting members on the reasons for having called the meeting as well as on the purpose of constructing an elevator lift. On behalf of the Board, Kirsten Olsen proceeded to read the following resolution:
The Board of Directors of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church is authorized to proceed with the project to procure and install an elevator lift with a budget not exceeding \$150,000.00.

Brian Mogensen moved to adopt the resolution. Inge Andersen seconded. All were in favour.

Christopher Sørensen, member of the Board as well as member of the Elevator Committee, briefed the congregational members on the history of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church's Elevator Project and referred to the estimates received by Abris Construction Edmonton Inc. and Petrocom Construction Ltd., respectively. A third company, Lorac Construction, had also been approached, but the company withdrew from the bidding process halfway through. On behalf of the Elevator Committee, Christopher Sørensen recommended that the Church accept the estimate by Petrocom Construction Ltd. of approximately \$123,000.00 which is the lowest of the two and also the best suited for the purposes of the Church.

Discussion:

- Erik Jacobsen inquired about the other estimate. Christopher Sørensen answered that the difference was within \$10,000.
- Bendt Nielsen wished to know whether the lift would be electric. Christopher Sørensen confirmed that it would be electric.
- Kenneth Dam asked how many pews would be removed at the back of the church. Christopher Sørensen explained the proposed layout of the north-west corner of the church sanctuary.
- Bendt Nielsen inquired about the outside entrance to the lift and the handicap parking zone. It was explained that the entrance would be from 96th Street and that the handicap zone would likewise be on 96th Street.
- Mette Rasmussen wished to know whether the work to be done on the sidewalk was included in the bid. The answer was yes.
- Alice Kristensen asked if an alternative elevator structure at the Church's front entrance had been considered. Christopher Sørensen explained that the cost would exceed what is reasonable.
- Kirsten Andersen inquired about the annual operation expenses. Christopher Sørensen responded that it would be about \$300 yearly.

- Kenneth Dam further inquired about maintenance expenses. Christopher Sørensen did not have any numbers available regarding potential maintenance expenses beyond the yearly \$300.
- Bent Skousbøl reported that the insurance premium would only have a minimum increase.
- Flemming Andersen wanted to know about the proposed entrance to the elevator lift. Morten Sørensen, who is also a member of the Elevator Committee, explained that the entrance will be an outside structure with no hydraulics. The elevator will give access to both the church sanctuary and the basement.
- Flemming Andersen also asked how many people would need the use of an elevator. Kirsten Olsen responded that it is difficult to answer since the people who need the access are not able to attend the Church in its present state. Kirsten Olsen added that the access is not only intended for the congregation at Sunday services but for anyone who might want to attend, for instance at funerals or weddings. She furthermore pointed out that we should think of the Church's future and potential new activities.
- Flemming Andersen wanted to know if any members had requested access. Kirsten Olsen mentioned that Gertrud McDougall for one is not able to attend without wheelchair access, and that the need for access will increase with an ageing congregation.
- Valerie Sørensen pointed out that Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church is open to anyone, not only to Danes.
- Randi Mark supported Kirsten Olsen's arguments and added that an elevator would boost the value of the church. The response was that the property value would likely not increase because of an elevator.
- Mette Rasmussen noted that all public buildings should have handicap access, not only for old people but also for younger people with mobility issues – for instance, even young people might break a leg and be in need of special access. An elevator would also facilitate easier access for strollers.
- Flemming Andersen expressed his concern about the affordability of an elevator and whether we would be able to make ends meet. Kirsten Olsen replied that thanks to bequests that were intended to benefit the Church, we would be able to afford it. She went on to say that we need to have a vision of the future, of new projects that might attract new and more people. At this point, Kirsten Olsen introduced the new pastor Lasse Hultberg whom some of the members had not had the opportunity to meet yet. Pastor Hultberg, she continued, is eager to try new activities that will enrich the life of the Church.
- Helge Christensen inquired about the placement and measurements of the entrance to the elevator structure. Christopher Sørensen clarified the matter.
- Jens Woller related that at a wedding in the Church, the wheelchair in which his mother-in-law was sitting slipped on the stairs and that she fell as a result. Kirsten Olsen responded that this kind of incident is inexcusable and that an elevator access would give more dignity to people who have mobility problems.

The discussion came to a close.

Chairperson Jeanna Baty proceeded to call for a vote by secret ballot. Jette Badre and Brian Mogensen were appointed as scrutineers. Jeanna Baty announced the result of the vote:

Of the 47 ballots, 29 were in favour and 18 were not in favour of the resolution.

Valerie Sørensen moved to destroy the ballots. Kirsten Olsen seconded. All were in favour.

Jeanna Baty closed the meeting by thanking Christopher Sørensen, Kaj Nicolajsen, Erik Jacobsen and Morten Sørensen for their work on the Elevator Committee. Also, a letter penned by Kaj Nicolajsen in support of the elevator was read by Jeanna Baty. Jeanna Baty further informed all who were present that the result of the vote and the minutes of the meeting would be published in the May-June newsletter.

Kirsten Olsen thanked and excused Jeanna Baty after which "Altid Frejdig" was sung and all were invited downstairs for coffee.

Adjournment 8:02 p.m.

Kirsten Olsen, President _____

Date _____

Marina Allemanno, Secretary _____

Date _____

Danish Women's Club Report to the Annual Meeting 2016

The primary function of the Danish Women's Club continues to be fundraising for the church. It has been a very productive year for the Danish Women's Club, and as always, we want to thank all those who have contributed their time, talents and so many items to support our annual functions. Our success is a testament to how well we all work together on behalf of our church! You can see the results in the attached financial statement.

This year we produced a successful **Spring Fest** on April 9th, with dinner and bingo at the North Glenora Community League, welcoming our new pastor Lasse Hultberg and his family who had arrived in Edmonton just a month before.

Then on November 26th, we put on the **Ansgar Christmas Bazaar** at Calder Community Hall. This was a rousing success, boasting an even bigger attendance this year. The move to the larger Calder Hall has proved a wise one. After the initial rush to snatch up the assortment of fresh baked Danish Christmas items and other Danish food specialties, we all enjoyed the variety of Danish open-faced sandwiches (smørrebrød) and slices of Kringle, with accompanying beverages! The craft tables, the silent auction and of course if you were the lucky one, the 50/50 draw, all added to the enjoyment. The children that came kept the Fish Pond busy as usual and enjoyed making Advent candles. The Christmas Bazaar is always a good way to begin the Christmas season and a good opportunity to visit with old friends.

As a result of these successful events, we were able to contribute **\$12,175.53** to Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church this year.

This auxiliary group has been meeting almost since the church's inception, and is now sustained by about 9-10 members. We rely on the help of many of the men and women in the congregation of course, but we would love to welcome newcomers to the group. Initially, this group spoke only Danish, but this year, with the addition of one or two new members, English is the primary language. Please join us: "More hands make the work lighter".

Submitted by:
Jeanna Baty, Secretary

**Financial Statement for the Danish Women's Club of Ansgar Church
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016**

INCOME

April Spring Festival	\$ 5,853.00
Christmas Bazaar	\$ 10,064.55
Earmarked Income	\$ 736.31
Total	\$ 16,653.86

EXPENSES

April Spring Festival	\$ 1,295.72
Christmas Bazaar	\$ 2,446.30
Earmarked Expense	\$ 736.31
Total	\$ 4,478.33

Balance **\$ 12,175.53**

Contribution to the Ansgar Church **(\$ 12,175.53)**

Overall balance **\$ 0.00**

Prepared by Bent Skousbøl

Ansgar Men's Breakfast Report to the Annual Meeting 2016

In the year 2016 we had 7 meetings that were well attended. Numbers ranged from 16 to 26, averaging 20, with topics such as Pastor Jørgen's presentation plus his visit at the Ames colony in Ontario. Erik Jacobsen with friends vacation in Peru. DVD: Jørgen Utsen's Opera-house in Sidney. Pastor Lasse old Danish Events in B & W, plus how to history capturing possibilities presented by Karem Matthews.

Funds were used to buy a projector that will be ceiling mounted in a permanent installation with wireless communication, saving setup time and out of the way of floor-space and without clutter of loose wires. The danger of tripping and flipping equipment is eliminated. It provides a better picture and sound from our build-in sound system.

Financial Statement

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Income

7 meetings \$ 1,316.75

Expenses

Projector equipment \$ (1,819.25)

Cost of food \$ (583.18)

December 31, 2015 Cash on hand \$ 1,458.07

TOTAL

Cash on hand December 31, 2016 \$ 372.39

*Submitted by
Kaj Nicolajsen*

Birthday Dollars Report to the Annual Meeting 2016

Revenue

Birthday Dollars collected \$ 105.00

Total Revenue \$ 105.00

Bank Balance. January 1, 2016 \$ 0.00

Balance \$ 105.00

Expenditures \$ 0.00

Balance \$ 105.00

*Submitted by
Johanne Nicolajsen*

*Audited by
Kirsten Olsen*

Camp Kuriakos Report to the Annual Meeting 2016



Kuriakos exists to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, encourage and disciple. Kuriakos is a place set apart for all people to grow together in Christ.

KURIAKOS

SYLVAN LAKE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP ASSOCIATION Report to Congregational Annual Meetings - January 2017

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/welcome/join-our-association

2016 in REVIEW:

2016 has been an opportunity to review our program offerings, and to try several new partnerships. Successes include the new Junior Adventure Week (with an overnight canoe trip), our Leaders In Training program, GrandFamily Camp, and the LOGOS Youth Leadership Weekend. We also launched our new annual Fundraiser, Kuriakos Gathers Together, and raised in excess of \$35,000, all while garnering rave reviews.

KOS programming has also seen an increase. We hosted a large school group at the end of September, and they have chosen to return in 2017. Additionally, single-day programming was provided to several local day camps.

Our staff team has been restructured, with the hiring of our first full-time Program Director (Kendra Freeland) and Hospitality Manager (Anita Balogh). We thank Charlotte Tweed (former office manager) and Sarah McCrae (former Program Coordinator) for their service, and are excited to have Kendra and Anita join our team.

Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association had 12 Partner congregations and 11 Member congregations.

Many congregations continue to provide financial support as part of their annual budgets or through special gifts. Program revenue covers roughly 40% of the cost of hosting campers. This is a wonderful opportunity to bless kids and families in need, giving them the best week of their year. If your congregation is able to make a donation, please contact the camp office.

Camp Use:

- Summer 2016: Kuriakos served 521 campers for a total of 2921 days.
- Retreats 2016: Including Youth, Young Adults, Women's and Confirmation Retreats, we served 186 campers, for a total of 558 camper days.
- Kuriakos Outdoor School (KOS) programs 2016: Serving 19 groups for a total of 541 students and 1191 camper days.
- Service events 2016: 300 attendees at our new fundraiser in April and 107 people participated in work weekends and week.
- Rental Use 2016: Kuriakos served 69 groups over 227 days of use. These groups represent 2971 individuals.

AGM: The 2016 financial review will be completed and ready for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2 pm, March 18, 2016 @ Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (40 Holmes Street, Red Deer).



Programs for the whole Congregation!

Please encourage your congregation to consider attending a Kuriakos program event. The Family Advent Retreat is intended for congregations to attend together.

2017 Program Dates

Winter	
Confirmation Retreat I	February 10-12
NEW Elementary Retreat	February 17-19
Confirmation Retreat II	March 3-5
LOGOS Youth Weekend	March 17-19
Spring	
Gather Together Fundraiser	April 29
ELCIC Synod Youth Gathering	May 5-7
Kuriakos Work Week	May 15-19
Family May Days	May 19-21
Kuriakos Open House	June 18
Summer	
Prime Time	July 2-5
Leaders In Training	July 2-5
Kids' Camp I	July 5-7
Sr. Adventure I	July 5-7
Junior Youth	July 9-14
Kids' Adventure Week	July 9-14
Family Camp I	July 16-21
Day Camp I*	July 16-21
Kids' Camp II	July 23-28
Jr. Adventure I	July 23-28
MAD Camp	July 30 - Aug 4
Sr. Adventure II	July 30 - Aug 4
GrandFamily Camp	July 30 - Aug 4
Kids' Camp III	August 7-11
Jr. Adventure II	August 7-11
Family Camp II	August 13-18
Day Camp II*	August 13-18
Senior Youth	August 20-25
<i>*partnership opportunity!</i>	
Fall	
Dad + Kids Camping	September 15-17
LOGOS Youth Weekend	Sep 29 - Oct 1
Thanksgiving at the Lake	October 6-8
Men's Retreat	October 27-29
Women's Retreat	November 3-5
Confirmation Retreat III	November 24-26
SHIFT Young Adult Retreat	December 1-3

Publishing these dates in congregational newsletters and Sunday bulletins is a simple

FINANCES: The tentative budget for 2017 proposes an annual operational revenue of \$630,685.00

Percentage of Operating Revenue (as reflected in the 2016 preliminary statements)

Donations + Fundraising 21%	Programs 38%
Rental Groups 25%	Property Income 2%
Operational Grants 12%	Memberships/Miscellaneous 2%

Kuriakos Debt Load	Dec 31/2016	Dec 31/2015	Dec 31/2014
Bank Acct/Credit Line:	\$0	\$0	\$2,917.72
Consolidated Mortgage	\$325,600.00	\$340,000.00	\$285,733.45
Total Debt Load:	\$325,600.00	\$340,000.00	\$288,651.20

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

CURRENT CAMP BOARD (Term: March 2016 – March 2017)

Chairperson: Barb Stolee (Calgary) **Vice-Chair:** Marilla Farries (Red Deer)
Treasurer: Michelle Sorenson (Millet) **Secretary:** Joel Berg (Eckville)
Vision Committee: Katrina Dick (Calgary), Mary Tuer (Lacombe)
Risk Management Committee: Mike Hoff (Calgary), Kathy Anderson (Edmonton)
Sustainability Committee: Marty Winchell (Rocky Mtn House), Ingrid Parker (Edmonton)

Board-level volunteer opportunities include the Camp Board, the Vision, Sustainability, or Risk Management Committees.

Additional working groups are established to assist staff with duties, including Program, Property, and Fundraising Work Groups. These committees are generally short-term and focused on a specific task or event.

Help Kuriakos SHOUT IT OUT!

As part of our plan for congregational involvement, we are seeking *Congregational Ambassadors* who will help us spread the love of camp. **Each congregation is asked to name an ambassador, who will be the Kuriakos contact person for their congregation.** We're kicking it off with an orientation event at Kuriakos on May 21 (1pm), and look forward to working with our ambassadors throughout the province.

Looking ahead to 2017

- **NEW Day Camp Programs.** We're looking for congregations to partner with us in this local initiative. Contact us if you'd like to talk about opportunities for camp programming in your community. We'll provide the staff and activities, you help with recruitment and hosting staff.
- **NEW Adventure Programs.** With expanded offerings at the Wilderness Site, we have canoe trips for all ages.
- **Kuriakos Gathers Together Fundraiser.** Join us in Bentley on April 29th for an evening of entertainment, dinner, and auction.
- **Increased marketing efforts** to reach a broader audience with our programs and rental facilities.
- **Partner and Member Congregation** support. Visit www.kuriakos.ab.ca/welcome/join-our-association. Consider promoting a Kuriakos retreat as a congregational event.
- **ARC Youth Dorms** and new ARC field. Also, new camp out spots and an archery range at the soccer field.
- **Keep Our Programs Working:** summer staff, SITS (age 14-18), GAPS (age 16+), Internship Program, spring and fall programmers, nurses, and a few more. Applications are available online.

God's Blessings,

Rev. Art Weiss Executive Director

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Hyggeklubben Report 2016

Once again we had a great year at Hyggeklubben. We had a number of people come to share some of their life experiences, their trips to different parts of the world and as always we enjoy getting together with new and old friends for a meal and the warm camaraderie each of us treasure.

We already have some speakers lined up for 2017, so watch for the newsletter.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 o'clock, with everyone bringing something light to share for lunch.

These afternoons are very hyggelige. We share stories, sing, sometimes watch a video. We laugh a lot and of course we drink Coffee.

*Submitted by
Randi Mark*

Coffee Fund Report 2016

January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Income:		
Funds donated	\$ 121.81	\$ 147.81
Sale of bottles & cans	\$ 50.15	\$ 25.16
Stamps		<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Total	\$ 171.96	\$ 202.97
Expenses:		
Coffee	\$ 96.00	\$ 138.38
Flowers & cookies	\$ 58.66	\$ 74.44
Cleaning supplies		<u>\$ 11.30</u>
Total expenses	\$ 154.66	\$ 224.12
Balance	\$ 17.30	(\$ 21.15)
Add Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 91.05</u>	<u>\$ 108.35</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 108.35</u>	<u>\$ 87.20</u>

Pastor's Report to the Annual Meeting 2016

It is a great pleasure for me to give my first Pastor's report to the Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church. Coming here in March 2016, my family and I have been welcomed by so many warm and amazing people. We are very grateful and touched by all that you have done for us. I believe that this church must be full of God's spirit, as well as good people with remarkable energy or, as some of our new, very good friends here in Canada said to me not long ago, though they have only attended this church for a few months: "Ansgar is full of so many wonderful and warm people who really work for this church! It is incredible to experience." I can only agree with this statement.

This year has been very busy for me. There have been so many new things to learn, so many new people to get to know, and so many new initiatives to embark on. My highest priority for the year 2016, as well as for the years to come, has been and will be to nurture the sense of joy and hope in this church. As a pastor, my main focus is obviously the preaching of the Gospel, but music, children's activities, fellowship and visits to members of the congregation as well as many other things have been and will continue to be almost as important in my work at Ansgar.

I have formed a Singer Group that I lead and conduct. We rehearse and perform about once a month. It has been, I think, a success, but we are still looking for people who will enjoy singing with us in a relaxed and friendly environment; we especially need more male voices. It has been a great experience for me to take up an old skill that I learned many years ago, but it has been even more fantastic for me to sing together with so many happy and joyful people.

I have also initiated the so-called Family Friendly Services. On these Sundays, the services begin with a children's story or sermon, and during the regular sermon my wife, Frederikke, runs a Sunday School downstairs. Pork roast sandwiches and fellowship are enjoyed in the basement after these services. We hope this initiative will grow and develop in the coming years, encouraging more families to attend the Church. Ansgar is filled with such a spiritual presence that I firmly believe that new generations ought to learn about the Church and about our God, who provides us with this life-giving spirit...not only to learn about it but to feel it in their hearts and minds.

Lots of other things have taken up my time here at Ansgar: confirmation, a wedding, a baptism, funerals, concerts, lectures, fundraising events and many, many other things. The church's wide range of events and activities have only been possible because Ansgar is blessed with a group of very dedicated and skilled people who have worked hard in the church: the organist, the deacons, the cooks and cleaners in the kitchen during events, the people who maintain the church and the parsonage in good order, and many other volunteers. Thank you all for that. Your work is appreciated by me as well as by the entire congregation. And finally thank you to every one of you for a marvelous year together with you in this beautiful little church.

God bless Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church!

Pastor Lasse Hultberg

President's Report to the Annual Meeting 2016

We have had a very interesting year. Lots of things have happened since the last AGM. We started the year with Jørgen Flensted Jensen arriving to act as our interim pastor. Jørgen and his wife Kirsten helped us over the period between pastors, giving us amongst other things a fresh taste of "højskole evenings" with singing, storytelling and showing films of their work in Africa and Brussels. Jørgen Flensted started the Confirmation class engaging the young people with the congregation in several ways, such as reading scriptures during services and carrying in candles for the Candlemass. Jørgen and Kirsten sent "greetings" recently and report that they have fond memories of their time here at Ansgar.

February is a good month for eating warm soup. Again this year, Bent and Jasha put on a great spread. Klar suppe, tarteletter, and later æblekage with coffee was served in the basement. This was a lovely evening where we enjoyed fellowship and good food as we raised funds for the church.

On March 6th, we formally welcomed the Hultberg family at the Installation Service. Three pastors from Calgary were in attendance to celebrate the occasion: Charlotte Berg, Lars Basbøll and Liselotte Basbøll. Charlotte presided at the service.

A Special General Meeting was held in April to make a final decision about the construction of an elevator to connect the three floors of the church. The meeting had a significant turnout and a good discussion ensued. The result was an agreement to proceed with construction and it was built during the summer. The official opening was finally held on Advent Sunday, but long before that, the elevator has been in use every Sunday since the City inspected and approved it's use.

The year has been marked by several special events: Bella Baroque performed a fine concert on old instruments in the sanctuary in April. It was a festive occasion marked with canapes and wine. On Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, four confirmands were confirmed...the first class in a couple of years. The Spring Supper and Fun Bingo in April was another fundraising social event, sponsored by the Danish Women's Club and a host of volunteers. It was fun, provided a delicious meal and was a productive fundraiser as well. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in its success.

Again, this summer, we were invited to a service in Dickson, shared by Danes from around the province. There was a large crowd and both Pastor Berg from Calgary and Pastor Hultberg from Edmonton officiated outside the miniature church on the museum grounds. After a picnic lunch served by the Museum, we enjoyed a special musical performance by the Vejengarden Marching Band from Denmark, who were on their way to compete in the Calgary Stampede Parade.

We started the Fall season once again with a barbecue lunch following the service. It was a good time to reconnect with friends and relive summer adventures. Once a month this Fall, we have been trying Family Friendly services, featuring a children's story before the little ones leave the service for Sunday School downstairs. Afterwards we, all reunite for a delicious flæskesteg sandwich lunch. Which reminds me.... we held the Turkey dinner again in the fall, in the basement of the church, to a full house. It was a festive and cozy evening. Thanks for all those baked turkeys and yummy desserts ladies!

In the fall, Pastor Lasse gave a lecture after the service as a preview to the upcoming celebration of the Luther Year and the Reformation in 2017. He introduced us to Jan Hus who was a forerunner to the Reformation. Keep posted for upcoming events during 2017.

Once more, the Christmas Bazaar was a success. Our attendance exceeded previous years and in addition to the usual melee around the baking table, the variety of crafts to examine, and the excitement of the 50-50 draw, the "smørrebrød" sandwiches and "kringle" tasted better than ever! Thanks to the Danish Women's Club and all the many dedicated volunteers who put this event together again!

The Advent time pointing towards Christmas featured several special activities. First came Julestue, where we made many Danish decorations, decorated the Christmas tree downstairs, baked æbleskiver and decorated cookies. On another day, carollers started at Ansgar Villa and travelled around the city to sing to older and housebound people from the congregation. In addition, this year for the first time we made a special Christmas collection to purchase pairs of goats for families in Africa. We were very pleased to be able to send more than double our collection from last year to Canadian Lutheran World Relief, to purchase more than six pairs of goats! Good work Ansgar!

There's more: Once a month, more than 100 seniors at The Friendship Centre in our neighbourhood are served a hearty, hot lunch by Operation Friendship volunteers from Ansgar. Hyggeklubben is an opportunity for anyone to bring a lunch, sing Danish songs, talk a lot and sometimes enjoy a speaker or a travel story. Men's Breakfast is apparently just great: a big group of men attend once a month, eat a hearty breakfast and share programs with topical subjects.....I don't qualify to be a part of this, but I am curious.

The congregation has received a welcome boost with the arrival of the Hultberg family: an increase in attendance at both services and social functions, and an increase in musical enjoyment as the whole family have musical talents which they are happy to share with us. Once again, we have started a "Singers" group, and this time the small numbers have been compensated for by hearty singing enthusiasm at several services. We are hoping that more singers will come forward to join us.

Finally, the Fall Drive campaign this year was quite successful. Thanks so much to all those who put their support behind our church. It is heartening to know how many members, new and old, still consider Ansgar an important part of their lives.

In addition to the many individuals who work tirelessly to host fundraising functions, the church continues to benefit from generous individual donations as well. To our surprise, this year we received a new piano and the elevator was paid for in full once it was completed. But we could not continue to operate without the countless hours that so many individuals willingly contribute to the upkeep and repair of the church and the fluid functioning of church services and the many social functions. Our congregation is a place where you can reconnect with your friends, meet new people, work and worship together, and celebrate life. I am looking forward to another enriching year sharing new experiences with you all in the Ansgar family.

Respectfully submitted by

Kirsten Olsen

President, Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting 2016

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

Balance forward December 31, 2015

309,477.02

Receipts:	2015	2016	
Auxiliary	3,500.00	0.00	
Bequests	775.70	41,351.35	
Collect	32,763.30	29,691.50	
Donations	10,501.05	131,011.00	
Donations- Fall Drive	8,240.00	12,585.00	
Donations- Newsletter	1,495.00	2,080.00	
Donations- Memorial	3,608.65	5,085.00	
Donations-Operation Friendship	2,430.00	2,450.00	
Earmarked Donations	1,062.21	2,162.77	
Fees-Memorial & Wedding	450.00	750.00	
Fundraising Inc	4,510.96	6,390.78	
X-mas Bazaar	7,758.80	10,064.55	
Fundraising Inc-Spring Festival	4,358.25	6,353.00	
Dividend Income	0.00	800.30	
GST Rebate	3,373.90	1,851.92	
Interest Inc	4,450.96	6,669.27	
Newsletter Advertisements	780.00	430.00	
TOTAL INCOME	90,058.78	259,726.44	259,726.44
Disbursements:			
Bank Charge	301.29	1,149.51	
DSUK	86,400.00	90,654.43	
Earmarked Exp	1,062.21	2,162.77	
Automotive Expense	1,774.74	0.00	
Elevator Installation Expense	1,575.00	0.00	
Fundraising Expense	3,404.51	1,973.93	
Fundraising Exp- Spring Festival	0.00	1,295.72	
Fundraising Exp-Xmas Bazar	1,096.94	2,446.30	
GST Expense	1,196.95	7,427.04	
Insurance	6,381.00	6,313.00	
Maintenance & Supply	22,992.84	19,111.70	
Membership	1,090.50	100.00	
Miscellaneous	40.00	0.00	
Newsletter Expense	2,292.63	1,754.95	
Organist	4,525.00	4,590.00	
Programs Exp	328.00	1,281.00	
Programs Exp-Operation Friendship	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Property Tax	1,659.84	1,930.88	
Renovation Expense	-2,521.79	0.00	
Utilities	5,786.56	6,164.36	
Visiting Pastor	1,209.00	1,120.68	
TOTAL EXPENSES	142,995.22	151,876.27	151,876.27
Surplus for the Year 2016	-52,936.44	107,850.17	
Bank Balance December 31, 2016:	81,666.29		
Cash Account	1,057.07		
Elevator Asset	127,305.00		
GIC	165,647.48		
Enbridge Shares(book value)	41,351.35		
Prepaid Expenses	300.00		
TOTAL	417,327.19		417,327.19

Audited by:


Valerie Sorensen


Jeanna Baty

January 5, 2017

Proposed Budget for 2017

	PROPOSED 2016	ACTUAL 2016	PROPOSED 2017
Automotive Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Charges	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,149.51	\$ 1,000.00
DSUK	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 90,654.43	\$ 92,220.00
Elevator Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,221.65	\$ 4,000.00
Gst Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,427.04	\$ 2,500.00
Insurance	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,313.00	\$ 6,500.00
Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 18,903.64	\$ 13,000.00
Memberships	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 208.06	\$ 500.00
Newsletter.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,754.95	\$ 2,500.00
Organist	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,590.00	\$ 4,600.00
Programs Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,281.00	\$ 7,000.00
Operation Friendship	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
X-mas Bazaar expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,446.30	\$ 2,500.00
Property Taxes	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,930.88	\$ 2,000.00
Utilities	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,164.36	\$ 6,500.00
Visiting Pastor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,120.68	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 146,400.00	\$ 149,665.50	\$ 148,720.00

Approved by the board January 4, 2017

Statistical Report 2016

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Services	56	56	60	55	54	54	54
Total Attendees	1736	1599	1559	1465	1001	1252	1642
Average per Service	31	28	28	27	19	23	31
Danish Services	26	28	26	25	25	20	24
Total Attendees	686	725	546	488	402	340	693
Average per Service	26	26	21	20	16	17	29
English Services	30	28	32	33	29	34	30
Total Attendees	1050	874	1061	977	599	912	949
Average per Service	35	31	33	33	21	27	32
English/Danish Services			2	0	0	0	0
Total Attendees			52	0	0	0	0
Average per Service			26	0	0	0	0
Total Communion	53	49	56	55	54	54	54
Attendees at Communion	592	611	565	540	396	478	703
Average per Communion	11	12	10	10	8	9	13
Baptisms	6	4	6	13	0	7	1
Confirmands	4	4	0	5	0	0	4
Weddings	4	6	4	1	1	1	1
Memorials & Funerals	5	7	5	5	4	3	4

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 – 1 year term
3 board members
2 auditors

Term Expires

February 2018
February 2018
February 2018

New Business