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With this picture I would like to send greetings to Ansgar Church, with best wishes for the coming year. We are looking forward to seeing Edmonton again in the new year (after 16 years!) and to meet the congregation. I am sure there will be some new faces, but we will try to get familiar with you, although it is in a limited time period. There must be a pastor in a church!

Since 2008 I have been a substitute pastor in some parishes in the Northern Jutland and I have been busy with studying church history, writing a book and articles. In 2012, I served in Toronto in the Danish church for half a year.

Our children blame us for not having realized that we are retired!

*See you in January - God bless you all.
Henriette and C.C.*



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Deadline for submissions for the

March/April 2025 Newsletter is **February 10, 2025**

Email submissions to ansgarnews@gmail.com

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

**February 23, 2025
12:15 pm**

There are upcoming changes that will require amendments to the constitution & bylaws.

Remember you must register to vote every year.

Voter registration cards will be available at the church.

Any volunteers?

- We have been blessed with many donated books for the Lending Library. We need a hand sorting through these
- The deacons could use a hand getting ready for the services, ie: hoisting the flags, cleaning up the kitchen after coffee

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Memorial Donations have been received in memory of

Konrad Hansen



I would like to thank everyone for their visits and greetings during my hospital stay.

It was very much appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Johanne Nicolajsen*

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A Message from the Board

We are grateful to Pastor Svend Faarvang for filling in for the last four months while DKU searches for a new Danish Pastor for us. Thank you to Svend and Birgit for their service and kindness to all of us. We enjoyed singing Svend's songs and we cherished the many visits from their dog, Teddy. We welcome Pastor CC (Carl Christian) Jessen and his wife Henriette, who have joined us to serve as interim Pastor for January and February 2025. Pastor CC filled in at Ansgar 16 years ago.

Our friends at **St. John's** will continue to join us for service on the third Sunday of each month.

Lot update – we have hired Clarity Development Advisory to perform a feasibility study evaluating zoning requirements, propose development options, and outline a clear path forward for use of the lot for parking.

Parking - The signs across the street from Ansgar (south side of 108A Ave) read "No parking except residents with valid permits during major stadium events", so it is ok to park there on Sundays providing there is no event on at Clark Stadium.

The **Ansgar Lending Library** has both Danish books and movie DVDs available to borrow.

Danish Chat (Morgenkaffe på Dansk) continues. This is an opportunity to speak Danish no matter what your skill level. Check the calendar or website for dates.

Ansgar Board Members needed – we encourage you to become a board member or a back-up in case a board member cannot fulfil their duty. We meet once per month (excluding July). New members can bring a new perspective or have skills that would be beneficial to the board. If you'd like to observe a meeting, please join us - the next two are scheduled on Sunday, January 12 at 12:30 pm and Sunday, February 9 at 12:30 pm. Our Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, February 23 at 12:15 pm. Monthly meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the Church basement. One of the most important board positions is Treasurer. We are looking for a member to be a treasurer-in-training who can assist Bent Skousbøl with the Treasurer's duties and eventually take it over. Bent will provide training and support as needed. Please contact Bent for more information on this job.

Thank you to all of you who volunteer your time for Ansgar. You are greatly appreciated.

Happy New Year!

Dorrit Morrow

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Ansgar Group Activities

DANISH WOMEN'S GROUP

As Christmas approaches, we can look back with satisfaction to another successful Christmas Bazaar. Despite the first real snowfall that morning and a somewhat reduced attendance, the atmosphere at the German Cultural Centre was warm and welcoming. People joined friends and family for a delicious Smørrebrød and Kringle lunch, emptied the homemade baking table, bought Christmas crafts and enjoyed bidding on raffle and silent auction items. The lucky winner of the Kransekage raffle this year was Inge Fenger-Andersen and Karl Victor Wildenhoff scooped up almost \$250.00 on the 50/50 draw. It was a good day and we were able to contribute almost \$12,000.00 towards the ongoing maintenance of our little Church. Thank you to the many who shared their talents and energy to make this event a success!!

Upcoming events to watch for in the New Year:

- Frikadeller Contest and Supper: February 21
- Fastelavn: March 2
- Marzipan Easter Eggs and Danish baking On-line sale: April 14-17

Our first get-together in the New Year will be a Smørrebrød invitational lunch Birgit Wildenhoff's at 11:00 am on January 21st. In February, we will have our regular meeting on the 18th.

The Women's Group is open to anyone who is interested. We enjoy each others company and

plan activities to help raise funds to support the Church. Come join us on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am, and remember to bring a lunch. We take turns providing the cake.

We encourage any woman who is interested in this group to bring a lunch and join us in the Church basement on the fourth Tuesday morning of the month

THE ANSGAR SINGERS

There will be a meeting for all members of the Ansgar Singers at Kirsten and Jeanna's home on **Saturday, January 11th at 2:00 pm.**

The focus of the meeting will be to present any concerns/commendations and create a plan that supports the choir going forward. Your participation is important and it's going to be fun!

As well, a choir workshop is being organized to prepare for our upcoming church season. The date is yet to be confirmed but please mark **February 1st** as a possible date in your calendar!

If you are interested in joining the choir or have any questions, please contact Amelia Kaminski at ameliakaminski@gmail.com

HYGGEKLUBBEN

I am wishing you all the best in 2025. I can hardly keep up with the times, but I feel a lot of good things will be on the calendar for the coming year. We will meet on January 15th and again on February 19th.

We meet at the church on the third Wednesday of every month at 12 noon. Everyone brings something light to share for lunch. We sing from Højskole Sangbogen. The main thing on the menu is Hygge. Hope to see you there! Randi Mark

EASIEST WAY TO DONATE

You can donate to our church on a regular monthly basis by simply contacting the treasurer. Bent will set you up to have a charge put on your credit card. Remember that we get no financial support from any government. We rely completely upon our members. We appreciate your support.

Contact our treasurer Bent Skousbøl at 780-458-7695 or email ansgartreasurer@gmail.com



The Ansgar Singers participated in the service December 15th



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>SPECIAL THIS MONTH:</i></p> <p>January 5 Welcome Pastor CC</p> <p>January 12 Morgenkaffe paa Dansk</p> <p>January 8 Craft'n'Chat</p>			1 NEW YEARS' DAY	2	3	4
<p>5 10:30 am DANSK</p> <p>HELLIGTREKONGERS SØNDAG Mattæus 2, 1-12 Welcome Pastor CC!</p>	6	7	<p>8 1:30 pm Craft'n'Chat Afternoon</p>	<p>9 11:00 am Operation Friendship (see pg 11)</p>	10	<p>11 2:00 pm Ansgar Singers Meeting (see pg 4)</p>
<p>12 10:30 am ENGLISH</p> <p>First Sunday after Epiphany Luke 2, 41-52</p> <p>9 am Morgenkaffe på Dansk </p> <p>12:30 pm Board Meeting</p>	13	14	<p>15 12 noon Hyggeklubben</p>	16	17	18
<p>19 10:30 am ENGLISH</p> <p>Second Sunday after Epiphany John 2, 1-11</p>	20	<p>21 11:00 am Danish Women's Group Luncheon (see pg 4)</p>	22	23	24	25
<p>26 10:30 am ENGLISH</p> <p>Third Sunday after Epiphany Matthew 8, 1-13</p>	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY 2025

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<p>2 10:30 am DANSK 4.søndag efter helligtrekoners Mattæus 8, 23-27</p>	3	4	<p>5 1:30 pm Craft'n'Chat Afternoon</p>	6	7	8
<p>9 10:30 am ENGLISH Last Sunday after Epiphany Matthew 17, 1-9</p> <p>9 am Morgenkaffe på Dansk </p> <p>12:30 pm Board Meeting</p>	10	11	12	<p>13 11 am Operation Friendship (see pg 11)</p>	14	15
<p>16 10:30 am ENGLISH Septuagesima Sunday Matthew 20, 1-16</p>	17 FAMILY DAY	<p>18 10:00 am Danish Women's Group Meeting</p>	<p>19 12 noon Hyggeklubben</p>	20	<p>21 6:30 pm Frikadelle SUPPER & CONTEST (see pg 12)</p>	22
<p>23 10:30 am ENGLISH Sexagesima Sunday Mark 4, 1-20</p> <p>12:15 pm ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</p>	24	25	26	27	28	

DANISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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Scandinavian Folk Dance

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Why not have fun, learn about Scandinavian culture and get some exercise?

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The Ansgar DVD collection

Ansgar is in possession of a collection of DVDs of Danish movies and TV-series. The collection covers all kinds of genres and there are old as well as newer movies and TV-series.

If you are interested in Danish movies and culture, don't hesitate to have a look in the catalogue, which you can find in the Church basement together with the collection.

Please register the DVDs you loan and bring them back in undamaged shape for others to enjoy.

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With the big clean-up over the past year, some space has opened up on our bookshelves in the basement. We are going to use this space for a new Lending Library.

Bring in a book to share and borrow a book you haven't yet read - Danish or English. We will also be adding our DVD library to this offering.

The subject matter can be anything you think someone else will enjoy! All items can be borrowed and returned, or simply kept and passed on for others to enjoy.



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The congregation from St. John's Lutheran Church will continue to join us for service the third Sunday of every month.

St. John's Lutheran Church is pleased to announce Pastor George Friedrich as their new pastor.

Dishes and cutlery are available to take for free in the church basement.

Extra white folding chairs are for sale at \$20 each.



chat'n'craft

A new opportunity for connection!

If you love to knit, crochet, embroider,

do needlework, scrapbook or any other handicraft, and need some help getting going, bring your work along to this informal, monthly gathering.

We'll meet **January 8th** and **February 5th** at 1:30 pm in the church basement.



9 - 10 am
January 12
& February 9

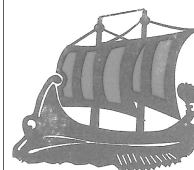
MORNING COFFEE IN DANISH

Are you interested in helping build and maintain Danish language and culture in Edmonton?

Are you fluent, learning or new to Danish?

Join us this spring as we engage in cultural and art-based practices to discover personal connection to the Danish language.

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December 15th

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's pageant. There were last minute recruits but it was enjoyed by all!

Thanks to Angela for putting it all together.

(Little Teddy made his acting debut as a lamb!)



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Operation Friendship has undergone a reorganization and no longer operates a Drop-in Program; it now concentrates its efforts on its 5 Seniors' Lodges.

Ansgar Church has been invited to continue our support in a different setting. We will still be providing a lunch of stew and dessert, but we will now be assigned to McCauley Lodge, located very near Ansgar Church. We will serve around 40 lodge residents and be able to visit and interact with them on a more personal level.

We are looking for volunteers willing to spend about 2 hours on the 2nd Thursday of each month to help with this worthwhile cause.

Please call Valerie Sorensen at 780-973-6526 for more information or to join our group.

Frikadelle SUPPER & CONTEST



Join us for another fun
Frikadeller Contest
and supper on

**Friday,
February 21st
at 6:30 pm**

Always a good time!
Remember to order your
tickets early.

\$30 person or \$15 if you enter
a plate of Frikadeller for the contest.

Call Jasha Skousbøl in advance
to reserve your tickets,
at 780-458-7695

THANK YOU!

It's always good to meet new friends and to be a part of a warm fellowship. That's what we have felt during our stay here at Ansgar. As we now return to our friends and family in Denmark we bring with us a lot of good memories from our four months here in Edmonton.

A warm thank you to all who helped make our time here enjoyable and memorable.

We wish all of you at Ansgar all the best. And let us keep in touch one way or the other. You are welcome to visit us in Munkebo! Warm greetings and best regards – also from Teddy, our little Westie ...

*Birgit and Svend Faarvang:
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A little Ansgar Song

from interim pastor Svend Faarvang - Sept 8, 2024
Melody: En sømand har sin enegang

De kom jo fra det gamle land – en del fra fine Fyn,
de kom fra alle egne – båd' fra landet og fra by'n.
Fra Sjælland og fra Jylland lød det: "Hey, you guys, come on!
Lad os nu sætte kurs mod vest. Vi ses i Edmonton!"

"Der er et yndigt land", they sang – with Denmark left behind –
and probably Alberta was already on their mind.
They saw the land so beautiful. It didn't take them long
to make "O Canada" their new and maybe favourite song.

One hundred years ago – or rather: now one-hundred-one –
a Danish church, a meeting place, was built in Edmonton.
Still Ansgar is a place to meet – just like it was before –
for ev'ry Edmontonian, for Danes and many more.

With prairie all around and with The Rockies to the west,
with North Saskatch'wan flowing by, this city is the best –
so green and beautiful and with a friendly atmosphere.
Maybe there is no better place on earth than simply here.

So many things have changed, but really: don't we all agree,
that Ansgar here in Edmonton is still the place to be,
the place for worship, gatherings and warmth and fellowship.
We pray the Lord will us and Ansgar always bless and keep.