

ANSGAR

DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

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Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church is a truly blessed place to be. As the pastor of Ansgar, I can witness that my family and I have been met here with such care and love that has genuinely been touching and compelling to all five of us. Here at the entrance into 2020, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for everything the Ansgar Congregation has been and done for us over the past almost 4 years.

We fell in love with this congregation at first sight, and we have been working and praying hard to help this congregation to grow and to open itself up to the communities around us while keeping a firm connection to our very roots, our Danish traditions and our Lutheran faith. Our love for this truly blessed place has just grown, and we have made so many meaningful connections in the congregation that have affected our lives profoundly. It is amazing that this little Church is still here and still thriving, and we are thankful for every day that we have spent here with you.

I hope that you also treasure this little Church as it is incredible and unbelievable that it is still flying. This Church is almost too small to exist. So, how can it really thrive? Reason would say, it couldn't, but it can. Ansgar is indeed still a spirit filled place to be.

In this way, it seems that our Church is like a Bumble Bee. It's a well known saying that Bumble Bees can't fly, but they do it anyway, because they don't know they can't. However, I don't think it is true that Bumble Bees don't know they can't fly. Of course, I have never heard what Bumble Bees are thinking. But I would rather believe that Bumble Bees do know they can't fly, but that they nevertheless believe they can. That they believe their wings can carry, though they may seem way too small to catch the air. Yes, that they can fly because they have faith in the Almighty God, that he will carry them when they fail. Sure, Bumble Bees work hard to fly. You

can tell from the sound they make when they fly. It is not the effortless flight of the butterfly or the soaring of the eagle on the upwind. Bumble Bees are really fighting hard for every

Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church: A Bumble Bee



"Everything is possible for one who believes."

Mark 9, 23



inch they get above the ground. However, they still must believe that they can do it. They must take the leap of faith and trust into the open air to fly.

And so it is for Ansgar. Since the 1920s, for almost 100 years, this congregation has believed not only in Jesus Christ, but also in the future of this Church. The congregation has worked hard and kept the place of worship in immaculate condition. Parishioners have cared for each other and helped wherever needed. They have struggled to keep Danish traditions and our Lutheran faith alive and called pastors from Denmark and for sure they have succeeded! The spirit is still alive. Ansgar is still thriving and growing because of its faith.

I, the Pastor of Ansgar, genuinely hope and pray for this congregation that it will keep its faith for many years to come and that the congregation will continue to believe in its real purpose. And that each of you, the members of the congregation, will keep on taking care of our little Ansgar Church as a blessed place to be in any life situation. I hope that you will treasure it, work hard for it and support it generously for many years to come. Don't forget what Jesus said to us: "Everything is possible for one who believes."

*Welcome in Church to yet another year at Ansgar,
Pastor Lasse*





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Deadline for March/April 2020 News is February 10, 2020

Email submissions to
ansgarnews@gmail.com

From the Church Records:

Funerals:

October 26
Mette & Børge Hansen
November 27
Paul Fisker

Memorial Donations
have been received in memory of

Joan Jacobsen
Mette & Børge Hansen
Paul Fisker



Visitations

Home visits for those who are housebound or in the hospital can be scheduled by contacting the Pastor or any member of the Board, for prayer, fellowship and communion, depending on the needs of the individual.

Birthday Dollars

are collected by
Johanne Nicolajsen



TILLYKKE!

All donations to the Birthday Dollar fund will receive a tax receipt.

From the Treasurer:

October 2019

Income	\$	14,536.16
Expenses	(\$	13,766.83)
Surplus	\$	769.33

November 2019

Income	\$	22,080.79
Expenses	(\$	13,187.41)
Surplus	\$	8,893.38

2019 BUDGET

January 1, 2019
- December 31, 2019

This chart indicates how much income we have collected towards our goal of **\$165,000.00**

which was approved at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

This works out to \$13,750.00 per month.

As of November 30, 2019 we have collected **\$89,303.54** towards our goal.

\$89,303.54



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A message from the Board

A new year has begun – a new decade as well! The past few years have been challenging for many of our Ansgar family. The local economy has been less than stellar and we shall all hope for better times ahead. Ansgar Church has struggled with its own challenges. Our membership has been shrinking and financial worries continue... but it's not all doom and gloom. Our wonderful members have stepped up and continue to support Ansgar in every way. We thank all who made Fall Drive donations, and we are especially grateful to those who have arranged to make monthly donations.

We've seen an increase in attendance both at Sunday worship and in our fellowship activities. A beautiful and moving service was held on All Saints Sunday and many lit candles in remembrance of loved ones; Mortens Aften Duck Dinner was sold out; Family Sunday (with Sunday school) and roast pork sandwich lunch was well attended; people snapped up Danish sandwiches and homemade traditional treats at the Danish Lunch & Bake Sale; and little ones gathered for laughter, play and music at Church Owls. The Christmas season was filled with activities. Santa Lucia pageant had the youngsters in white robes in a candle procession followed by a Julestue complete with carols, crafts, risengrød and æbleskiver. Ansgar carolers were out spreading Christmas cheer; and a Sing-a-long, followed by gløgg and brunkage was held in the basement. As always, a truly beautiful Christmas Eve Service celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ was the highlight of the season.

Ansgar Church exists to bring the Christian Faith to the people and Christian Faith is the basis of the Congregation. In a nutshell, our Constitution states: we shall gather regularly for worship in accordance with the traditions and rituals of the Evangelical Church of Denmark; we shall come together in fellowship through communal, recreational, cultural and artistic gatherings; and that our roots are in Danish (and Scandinavian) culture and common tradition. Pastoral care is the responsibility of the Pastor and provided is through his ministry. Dealing with the other stuff is the role of the Church Board. The Board is responsible for the nitty-gritty, everyday maintaining of the church, manse and grounds; paying of bills; keeping membership lists; organizing fellowship gatherings (big and small); keeping our members and friends up-to-date with the happenings; and all the related "business" of the Church. The Board meets once a month.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held in the church basement at 12:15 pm on March 1, 2020. We will hear reports and make the important decisions for the coming year. NEW this year – you will need to register to vote. Registration Forms were mailed with the Fall Drive letter and are also available in the basement. Please complete your registration as soon as possible. Election of the Church Board of Directors is on the ACM agenda and there are a few positions coming open that need to be filled. Ansgar can only continue to exist if there are people to support the Pastor and run the church. I appeal to you - please consider joining the Board and helping Ansgar Church in its mission.

*On behalf of the Board,
Valerie Sørensen*

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Church Owls Playgroup

Play time and music
for the little ones up to
about 5 years
and their parents,
grandparents etc.
in Ansgar Danish
Lutheran Church

Thursday
January 23
February 6 & 20
10 am to 12 noon

Operation Friendship

Ansgar Church continues to support
Operation Friendship at the McCauley
Senior's Drop-In Centre.

We sponsor a nutritious meal
once a month and
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volunteer servers -
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Thank you for your caring and help!

Esther Sørensen
at 780- 452-3678

Regular Activities at Ansgar

The Danish Women's Club

Our first meeting of the new year will be on January 28th and in February we meet on the 25th. See you there!

Come and join our group on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am in the church basement and assist us in our work and activities throughout the year. You will be welcome!

Hyggeklubben

Hyggeklubben in January is on Wednesday the 15th and in February it will be on the 19th. In January we look forward to the Pastors family sharing their great summer vacation with us.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 12 noon in the church. Everyone brings something light to share for lunch. We "hygger" us with sharing stories, singing from Højskole Sangbogen and laugh a lot. Sometimes we have a speaker or watch a video and of course we drink coffee. See you there. Randi Mark

Men's Breakfast Club

We will be meeting on January 18th and on February 8th.

Come and be a part of our "early morning" group in the church at 9:00 am. We enjoy singing and the program of the morning. We serve a substantial breakfast for the price of \$10.00 and we even raise funds for the church in this way! For further information contact the pastor at ansgar@telusplanet.net or 780-422-8777.

Ansgar Singers - Our church choir

Rehearsals on January 13 and January 26 after the service and coffee. We will rehearse for Candlemas on February 2.

Please join us to learn some new hymns and try some part singing. The only requirement is the joy of singing. Email or call Pastor Lasse for more information: 780.422.8777 or ansgar@telusplanet.net



Going my way..?

When you make plans to attend Sunday services or other Ansgar events, please keep in mind those members of our congregation who live near the route you will be taking. Some are no longer able to participate without a ride to and from the event. Please offer a ride to these faithful members, so that they can continue to participate in our Ansgar community activities.

Thank you!



Hellig Tre Kongers søndag
**Sunday, January 5,
 10:30 am**

Ved den første gudstjeneste i året fejrer vi den sidste dag i julen. Ryd op efter julen, tøm dit køkkenskab for julegodter og bring dem til Ansgar for at dele dem med menigheden. Gør den sidste dag i julen til en festdag!



4th century sarcophagus, Rome



Candlemas

**Sunday, February 2,
 4:30 pm**

Candlemas is an ancient tradition. It celebrates the 40th day after the birth of Jesus when Mary according to the Mosaic Law went to the

synagogue to take part in a cleansing ritual. The day marks as well that we are half way through winter and that the light has returned to this part of the world. Therefore, in the Church it was also traditionally the day where all the new candles for the coming year were consecrated, thus the name Candlemas.

At Ansgar we will mark the day with candles in the Church at an English Afternoon Service with the Ansgar Singers.



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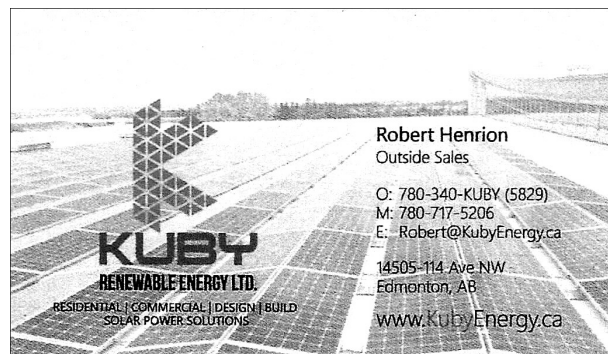
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JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL THIS MONTH: January 26 Family Friendly Service			1 NEW YEARS DAY 	2	3 	4
5 10:30 am DANSK Hellig Tre Kongers Søndag Mattæus 2, 1-12	6	7 7:00 pm Ansgar Board Meeting	8	9 Operation Friendship (See pg 4)	10	11
12 10:30 am ENGLISH 1st Sunday after Epiphany Mark 10, 13-16  Ansgar Singers Rehearsal	13	14	15 <u>12 noon</u> Hyggeklubben (see pg 4)	16	17	18 <u>9:00 am</u> Men's Breakfast (see pg 4)
19 10:30 am DANSK 2.søndag efter Hellig Tre Konger Johannes 4, 5-26	20	21 <u>10:30 am</u> Study Group (see pg 9)	22	23 <u>10 am - Noon</u> Church Owls Playgroup (see pg 4) 	24	25 
26 10:30 am ENGLISH 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Luke 17, 5-10 FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL Pork Roast Sandwich Lunch Ansgar Singers Rehearsal	27	28 <u>11:00 am</u> Danish Women's Club (see pg 4)	29	30	31 	

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL THIS MONTH: February 2 Afternoon Candlemas Service at 4:30 pm February 23 Fastelavn Service & Fun March 1 Annual Congregational Meeting						1
2 4:30 pm ENGLISH Last Sunday after Epiphany John 12, 23-33 CANDLEMAS (see pg 5) 	3	4 <u>10:30 am</u> Study Group (see pg 9) <u>7:00 pm</u> Ansgar Board Meeting	5	6 <u>10 am - Noon</u> Church Owls Playgroup (See pg 4) 	7	8 <u>9:00 am</u> Men's Breakfast (see pg 4)
9 10:30 am ENGLISH/DANSK Septuagesima Matthew 25, 14-30 	10	11	12	13 Operation Friendship (See pg 4)	14 	15
16 10:30 am ENGLISH Sexuagesima Mark 4, 26-32 	17	18	19 <u>12 noon</u> Hyggeklubben (see pg 4)	20 <u>10 am - Noon</u> Church Owls Playgroup (see pg 4) 	21	22
23 10:30 am ENGLISH FASTELAVN FAMILY SERVICE Luke 18, 31-43  (see pg 12)	24	25 <u>11:00 am</u> Danish Women's Club (see pg 4)	26	27 	28	29 REMEMBER: Sunday, March 1 10:30 am English Service 1st Sunday in Lent Luke 22, 24-32 ACM Meeting to follow



Danish Community Events



CARL NIELSEN CONCERT *at the WINSPEAR*

The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra will perform
"Nielsen's Inextinguishable" Symphony no. 4, Op. 29

March 6 and 7, 2020, at 7:30 pm

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Det Danske Bibliotek

Stedet vi mødes

Danish Library

A meeting place

15212-117 Avenue

We will open on Saturday, January 11, 2020
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

These opening hours will be in effect through January
and into April every Saturday morning. We are into a
transition period and contemplating what to do with
our books at the library in 2020 - any good ideas are
welcome!

Please come to visit and give us your opinions.

We can be reached at:

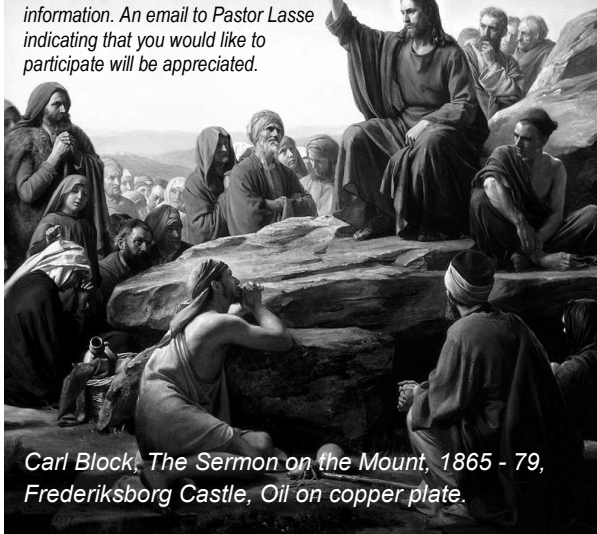
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Study Group

January 21 & February 4 at 10:30 am

This year we will follow the lectionary of the Church year and study selections of the Gospels. We will also practice our reading skills for the Church Services if you would like to become a reader at our services. No previous knowledge is required for the study, but interest and the ability to listen and learn from each other. New participants are more than welcome!

Please contact Pastor Lasse for more information. An email to Pastor Lasse indicating that you would like to participate will be appreciated.



Carl Bloch, *The Sermon on the Mount*, 1865 - 79, Frederiksborg Castle, Oil on copper plate.

Church Sundays for Families

SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 26

**Story time, crafts,
play and fun for
the kids during the
Sunday Service.**

**Afterwards
Pork Roast
Sandwich
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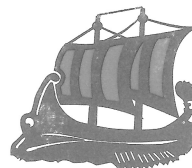
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Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

*The Annual Congregational Meeting for
Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church
will be held on*

Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 12:15 pm
following the service. A light lunch will be served.

Come and let your voice be heard!
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VOTING MEMBER REGISTRATION

*In order to vote at the ACM
members must now
register. Please return to
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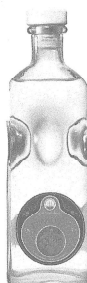
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Thank you

to all who came out to the
Annual Christmas Bazaar!



*Lots of fun for the kids and
a great time to reconnect
with old friends and support
Ansgar
Church!*



The winner of this years 50/50 draw was
Valerie Sorensen

A thank you note to Ansgar Church

I just wanted to thank you. This church has been one of the few consistent factors in my life and I need to express to you how much I appreciate it. I recently learned how the church helped my grandparents, my father and my aunt when they arrived here from Denmark in the 1950s. This is the church where my parents were married in May of 1980 and where I was baptized in 1981. My sister and two of my cousins were also baptized here as well. I have been to every English Christmas service I could and I look forward to them every year. I have also been thrilled to find other people in my life are members of the same congregation. First, a girl at my school and then my boot-camp instructor! It felt like an extended family. I am so thankful the church was able to recently host a celebration of life for my grandparents, Borge and Mette Hansen, in November. I often take for granted how important institutions are but was reminded this weekend at the Christmas Bazaar. I purchased some buns because they looked like the ones my grandma used to make for me. Due to her dementia it has been over a decade since I last tasted them. I did not expect these ones I bought to be the same, but I bought some anyway, just in case. I almost cried as I tried them. While, (sorry) not as good as hers, they tasted a lot like hers, and for a couple seconds, I had her back. Last night I even had a dream where I heard her voice, clear as day. Thank you to the church and all its members for respecting and continuing Danish traditions. I wish everyone involved with the Church a God Jul and hope you all treasure the Church for the special gift that it is.

Sarah Hansen



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Membership

How does one get to be a member of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church? Membership is a broad term as anyone who attends a church service is a member of the congregation at the time. An official Member of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church of Edmonton is more defined than that and is:

- 1) A person who has been baptized or confirmed at ADLC is a member,
- 2) A person who
 - a) has been baptized in the name of God
 - b) accepts this Constitution and Bylaws
 - c) has requested (to the current or previous pastor or Board) to be a member, and has been accepted is a member.

Members are entitled to vote on Church matters. A Member of ADLC cannot be a registered member of another Congregation. Of course, anyone can attend service at another church any time. The Societies Act of Alberta 2000 requires Membership Register including the full name and street address of the member be kept. It is a big job to keep up with address changes and it isn't at the top of the list for people to inform the church when they move, so every few years, the Board sends out questionnaires to keep our Register up to date.

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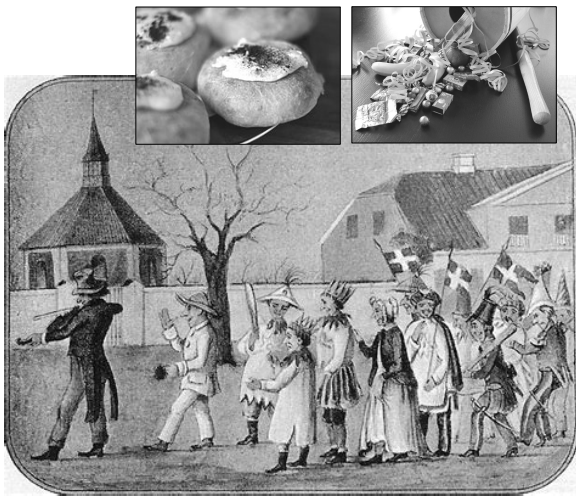
Santa Lucia at Ansgar

The Ansgar Singers voices soared and the children put on a lovely Santa Lucia pageant at the annual Family Yule Service and Julestue on Sunday, December 15th.

The church was filled with Christmas music from the Ansgar singers during the service and the basement was filled afterwards with lots of Christmas goodies æbleskiver and risengrød.



Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church
**Sunday,
February 23,
10:30 am**



Family Service and traditional Danish Shrove-tide traditions Fastelavn is the old, Danish way to prepare for Lent. It's tradition to dress up in costumes, though not required, it is encouraged!

KURIAKOS At Sylvan Lake

The Family Camp for everybody ...
Save these dates for this year's Church Camp:

July 3 - 5, 2020

