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## FROM A YEAR OF HOPE TO A YEAR OF LIFE

*In this hope  
we were saved.  
But hope is that  
is seen*

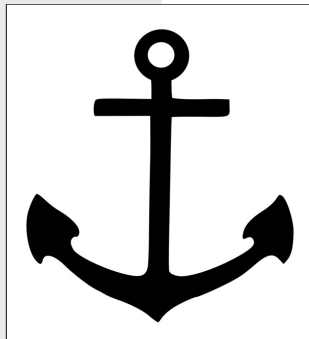
*is no hope at all.*

*Who hopes for*

*what they already have?*

*For if we hope for what we do not  
yet have, we wait for it patiently.*

Romans 8, 24-25



While writing this in early June, I am very aware that everything in July and August may be much different from what I expect it to be right now.

For the past 16 months, I have told myself that this pandemic cannot last that much longer. The refrain for me during this pandemic has been *"next month...next month...next month and everything will be freer and we will all get together again for real."*

Alas, during the last 12 months, all my predictions of a quick re-opening have failed. We have been restricted and closed down for so long. Has it been foolish of me to hope for a quick resolution of the pandemic? If I had been wiser and stuck to my sense of reality, I would soon have concluded that we could not predict the course of this virus and that we better not hope for any quick

solutions. At least not a quick re-opening. After all, we never know the future and maybe we should be prepared to settle for less. Maybe we should equip ourselves with patience and perseverance and perhaps even expect the worst, which would be a fourth wave.

However, I don't believe that I would have survived mentally if I hadn't kept my spirits up and hoped for next month to be better. I really do believe that hope has saved me through many tough moments, even if I at times couldn't realistically see an end to the pandemic in the near future. Hope gave me strength to wait

patiently for the freedom and togetherness that we have not had for such long time.

I would have despaired, I would have become depressed, I would have stopped renewing my life, if I had not hoped for a better tomorrow. Of course, to hope was perhaps not seen as the wisest and most reasonable thing to do, but it was the right thing to do.

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**Deadline for**  
September/October 2021 News  
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### **From the Church Records:**

#### **Funerals/Memorials:**

May 14  
Gerda Olsen

Memorial Donations  
have been received in memory of

Gerda Olsen  
Inger Landsberg  
Terry Senum



### **Birthday Dollars**

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### **FUNERALS BAPTISMS VISITATIONS**

We expect the Church  
to be fully opened from the  
end of June/ beginning of July.

Please contact the Pastor  
for visitations or  
any other pastoral need.

### **From the Treasurer:**

#### **April 2021**

Income	\$	8,501.22
Expenses	(\$	10,062.94)
Deficit	(\$	1,561.72)

#### **May 2021**

Income	\$	14,555.02
Expenses	(\$	11,122.75)
Surplus	\$	3,432.27

## **2021 BUDGET**

January 1, 2021  
- December 31, 2021

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

which was approved  
at the 2020 Annual  
General Meeting.

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

As of May 31, 2021  
we have collected  
**\$41,809.24**  
towards our goal.

**\$41,809.24**



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## ***A Message from the Board***

### **Ansgar Legacy Survey**

In mid-May, the Ansgar Board decided to send out a survey with questions, to get an idea of congregational support for our church. With COVID, we have not been able to actually meet and have a conversation about the future of our church.

Out of 210 questionnaires sent out to church "members" on the church membership list, only 44 people replied. Thank you very much" for the feedback from those who did respond! But, if you have not sent your answers back yet, it is not too late. Feel free to leave out any questions you are not comfortable with, but do send us a response. Please use the pre-paid postage envelope and let us know your thoughts.

For many of us, our Danish church plays an important role, so please let us know how you feel.

Enjoy the beautiful summer. It's so good to get outside and enjoy the good weather, isn't it!!

*On behalf of the Ansgar Board,  
Kirsten Olsen  
President*

## **MENIGHEDSRAADET**

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## **Church Owls Playgroup**

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

**We hope to see  
you soon!**

## **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.*

*Although we are no longer able to  
serve the meal during the pandemic,  
your financial support is always welcome.*

*This means you can, in an easy way,  
support this outreach program  
and still get a tax receipt.*

*A suggested donation could be  
\$10.00 per month.*

*Thank you for your caring and help!*

**Esther Sørensen  
at 780-452-3678**

## **Regular Activities at Ansgar**

*Danish Women's Group, Hyggeklubben, Men's Breakfast  
Club and the Ansgar Singers have all suspended their  
regular activities until further notice.*

*As restrictions are being lifted over the next couple of  
months, we will hopefully be able to resume our group  
activities after the summer break.*

*We look forward to seeing everyone back at Ansgar!*

## **Ansgar Church Sunday Services ONLINE**

You can access any of our Sunday services from the  
past year at your convenience:

### **FACEBOOK:**

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### **OUR WEB PAGE: [www.ansgar.ca](http://www.ansgar.ca)**

Click on the "Videos" tab and view any of the videos  
from YouTube

### **OUR YouTube CHANNEL:**

**Ansgar Church** on youtube.com

## **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 during these trying times.*

**Contact Bent Skousbol at 780-458-7695**

In the fall of 2023  
Ansgar Church will be celebrating the

## 100th Anniversary

of our congregations' first service,  
which was held before the church  
was officially incorporated.

The Board is asking our members for  
suggestions of how we could  
celebrate and mark this milestone  
in the history of our church.

*Please give your suggestions to any  
member of the board or send an email to  
[ansgar@telus.net](mailto:ansgar@telus.net)*

## OPPORTUNITY POSITION

*The Ansgar Board seeking a volunteer  
to spearhead an import venture  
which will be part of our  
fundraising program.*

*This person will be importing goods  
from Denmark ranging from cheese to  
Christmas decorations and will also be  
learning distribution of goods.*

*This is a great opportunity for someone  
to gain experience that will be an asset  
on future personal resumes.*

*For further details, please contact  
any board member or  
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# JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SPECIAL THIS MONTH:</b> July 18 <b>No Service at Ansgar</b>				<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY CANADA DAY</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:30 am <b>DANSK</b> 5. søndag efter trinitatis Lukas 5, 1-11	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm Ansgar Board Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:30 am <b>ENGLISH</b> 6th Sunday after Trinity Matthew 5, 20-26	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>NO SERVICE</b> <b>at Ansgar</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:30 am <b>ENGLISH</b> 8th Sunday after Trinity Matthew 7, 15-21	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 10:30 am <b>DANSK</b> 9.søndag efter trinitatis Lukas 19,6, 1-9	<b>2</b> <b>HERITAGE DAY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> NOON <b>ENGLISH</b> 10th Sunday after Trinity Luke 19, 41-48  <b>SERVICE HELD AT            CAMP KURIAKOS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30 am <b>ENGLISH</b> 11th Sunday after Trinity Luke 18, 9-14	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:30 am <b>ENGLISH</b> 12th Sunday after Trinity Mark 7, 31-37	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>NO SERVICE            at Ansgar</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 			<b>SPECIAL THIS MONTH:</b> August 6-8 <b>Camp Kuriakos Family Camp</b> August 8 NOON <b>Service held at Camp Kuriakos</b> August 29 <b>No Service at Ansgar</b> September 12 <b>Visit from DSUK and the Bishop</b>	

## DANISH COMMUNITY NEWS

★★★

The Scandinavian Heritage Society of Edmonton is the victim of a theft.

The small trailer that contained the newly refurbished Viking Ship cold drinks bar and the SHSE's dance floor has been stolen from the Dutch Canadian Centre parking lot.

Police have been contacted.

If anyone has any information or any sightings of the trailer, please call Roger Bruce, President SHSE at 780-436-7286 or email [rsbruce@shaw.ca](mailto:rsbruce@shaw.ca) or Marv Weiss, Treasurer [mrweiss@telusplanet.net](mailto:mrweiss@telusplanet.net)

### ***The Ansgar DVD collection***

*Ansgar is in possession of a collection of DVDs with 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 find in the Church Basement together with the collection.*

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It kept my mind positive even when I was constantly dissappointed with the prolonged restrictions over the past many months.

Right now, as you are reading this, I fully expect that we are more or less back to freedom, and that we will be getting together again for real, in this our wonderful but short Alberta summer. I assume that you are not sitting alone hoping for better times. I do hope, and will keep on hoping, that you are enjoying the precious gifts of life right now - the sunshine, the rain and the apple seed. Yes, the Lord is good to you and me!

I expect this summer, and the rest of the year for that matter, to be a time for life and not only for hope, but I must say: Thank God for hope, because in this hope we were saved and came through these last many months with our sanity intact. Hopefully, we will be able to keep Ansgar Church open from now on.

See you at church and see you out there in our wonderful summer

*Pastor Lasse*

*PS: I would like to thank Maria Hjort Guiney for her exceptional help and work with the technical side of our online services. Her assistance has been vital to the church's online presence. TAK!*

### ***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!***





## Phone your friends ... and many more!

An important mission of the Church is to create among us, a sense of community and belonging. You are always welcome at Church, and you instantly become a part of the fellowship when you enter here. You feel at home right away and a member of our Church family.

The previous more than 13 months, however, we have had only a few opportunities to congregate, and many of us see very few people.

Some of us have done a great job keeping us in contact - such as John, who sits on the Church board. He has phoned many members who are registered with the Church to check in and to remind them that we are still active and accessible on the phone and online. His calls have been very well received. And John himself says: "It is very rewarding for me, too!" This great work by John has made the Church board realize that we need to facilitate the connections between the members of our Church.

We would like you to become a part of this way to connect:

If you have time...  
If you have a phone...  
If you like to talk...  
Call your friends...  
Those you know from the Church...  
and many more...

Just call the pastor and get some phone numbers and a script that may help you start a conversation and create among us a greater sense of community and belonging.

*Remember the phone is also open to the Pastor.  
Please let the Pastor know about anyone who  
you think may need pastoral care.*

## Summer Sunday at Sylvan Lake

**Join us for Sunday Service  
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Sunday, August 8th  
at Noon**



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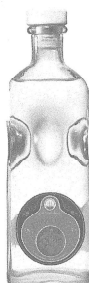
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## *Getting to know the members of your Church Board*

Hello

My name is Dorrit Morrow. I joined the board this year for the second time (I previously served on the board over 20 years ago). We have challenges now that we didn't have back then, money is tight and volunteers are few. Our board is working hard trying to find ways to keep our Church alive.

My parents, Knud & Misse Holm-Pedersen, immigrated to Edmonton from Denmark in 1951 along with my brother Torben. Canada was looking for skilled construction workers and my parents looked forward to an exciting adventure in Canada. When they arrived in Edmonton and saw the state of Immigration Hall, my mother said if they had the money she would have gone right back to Denmark! That was before Pastor Overgaard-Thomsen picked them up and helped them get settled in an apartment and introduced them to Ansgar Church.

Ansgar became their home-away-from-home. They attended Sunday services and other group activities and made life-long friends. My mom played the organ in the church for many years and my father loved to sing. My siblings Torben, Karin, Alice, myself, my niece (Maria) & my boys (Erik, Adam & Kristian) were all baptized and confirmed at Ansgar. In recent years, my great-nephews Mackenzie, Morgan and my granddaughter Miranda were baptized here. Memorial services for both of our parents were held at Ansgar. The comfort that Ansgar Church brings when we need a lift to our spirit is undeniable. Our family has been a part of Ansgar for almost 70 years and I hope it will be here for many more.

Soon COVID restrictions will be lifted and we can once again meet at Ansgar. I look forward to seeing you all then!

Best regards,  
Dorrit

June 20, 2021



## Ansgar Church service at Bear Gulch Ranch

*It turned out to be a beautiful day for the first Ansgar in-person service in many months. Over 25 people gathered for an outdoor service and picnic. There were lawn games, gator rides and hikes in the beautiful surroundings. It was so wonderful to see members of our congregation once again. All current health guidelines were adhered to.*



The  
"Dessert Café"  
was run  
by the kids



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## Friday August 6 to Sunday August 8

*Join the Ansgar Family Camp at Sylvan Lake for everyone of all ages...*

### Be a part of the fellowship!

This year we dare plan for our Church Camp to enjoy the unique fellowship we share at our Church.

The weekend will have programmed activities for the kids. The adults may participate in the discussion during the bible hour as well as enjoy the lakeside and activities on the property. We will celebrate the Ansgar Sunday service at the camp.

Many factors are still very uncertain due to the Covid-19 situation. We will follow the restrictions in place and stay safe. In case of a cancellation, you can either choose to donate the fee to Ansgar or get reimbursed.

Our base will be the KC Lodge, but you will also be able to pitch a tent or bring our own RV. We will have all our activities outside if possible.

Most meals will be provided for you, but each participant will sign up for one or two chores and bring a snack for all to share.

*Family room in the lodge:*

*Only \$170 for the entire family (meals included)*

*One person in a double room: \$75 (meals included)*

### Programme for the Camp

*(subject to change)*

#### Friday, August 6:

5-7 pm: Arrival at Camp

8 pm All: Welcome at the bonfire

#### Saturday, August 7:

9 am All: Breakfast

10 - 12 am Adults: Bible hour "What is Christian fellowship?"

10 am - 3/4 pm Children:

Activities (canoeing, low ropes, archer, games and waterfront fun with lifeguards)

12 noon All: Lunch

1 - 4/5 pm Adults: Time to socialize, swim, canoeing, sauna etc

4 - 5 pm All: Family games

6 pm All: Dinner

7 pm All: Family games, dance

9 pm All: Bonfire

#### Sunday, August 8:

9 am All: Brunch and clean up

12 noon All: The Ansgar Sunday Service

1 pm: Goodbye

**Register with Pastor Lasse:**

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