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MARCH/APRIL 2020

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March is usually the time of Lent. For 40 days before Easter, we are supposed to abstain from those things that are not necessary. Many don't eat meat, alcohol and sugar among other things. I know that most of you in this congregation probably don't observe lent. And rightly so, as there are enough burdens in this life to carry and enough sacrifices to make. We don't need to observe Lent, do penance and add self-punishment to all the challenges in life.

At the time of the reformation, life was even more challenging than today. Life was harsher with less conveniences and more struggles. Nevertheless, many people imposed upon themselves even more hardships, as they believed they could please God with self-inflicted pain. Our reformer, Martin Luther, on the other hand, concluded that people already have enough distress in their lives. We don't have to add to the troubles. No, life was, according to Martin Luther, a penance in its own right, and there was therefore no need for a special time of year for contrition. For that reason, Lent slowly went out of use in the Lutheran world.

To me, though, Lent offers an opportunity to cut back on all the superfluous stuff and conduct in our lives. There is lots of redundant stuff and behaviour in our world today! Of course, we should be mindful of our conduct and our focus every day of our lives. God has given us our days and years to use through meaningful relationships and in the enjoyment of His good creation, not to waste them on unnecessary and pointless behaviour and striving for more stuff. But in our epoch of abundance and affluence, it is perhaps more urgent than ever to become more aware of what is truly important in life and what is not, what we need and what is redundant. That is why the tradition of Lent may help us to a

new focus in life if we use the abstention wisely and don't expect miracles from our own efforts.

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

Galatians 6, 2

I know that many people have enough troubles in their lives. They don't need to impose more challenges on themselves. I meet them every day. People who have lost. People who are sick. People who are confused or in misfortune. They do not need to add to their challenges. No, instead they need our help, attention and support. Fortunately, I know many here in this congregation who do their share of the care - many who visit, help and support those in need. I know many who live by the motto of our Church, **"Bærer Hverandres Byrder"** - "Carry each other's burdens". I am proud to be the pastor of all these supportive parishioners as there are more than enough people to help and enough sacrifices to make just by attending and caring for the many in need. With this care and love for one another, I believe that we vicariously live out the penance and atonement to the entire world.

Therefore, observe Lent if you need more awareness of what is essential in your life. But more important than abstaining from meat, alcohol or sugar, we should try to live by the motto of our Church: "Bærer hverandres byrder"; "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ" in the expectation of a happy Easter, a resurrection to new life and new hope for everyone on this planet.

*Happy Easter to every one of you,  
Pastor Lasse*



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**Deadline for May/June 2020 News is April 10, 2020**

Email submissions to  
[ansgarnews@gmail.com](mailto:ansgarnews@gmail.com)

### **From the Church Records:**

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

February 14  
Bernhard Henriksen

Memorial Donations  
have been received  
in memory of  
**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:**

#### **December 2019**

Income	\$	22,192.11
Expenses	(\$	19,466.58)
Surplus	\$	2,725.53

#### **January 2020**

Income	\$	2,963.95
Expenses	(\$	10,303.79)
Deficit	(\$	7,339.84)

## **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 December 31, 2019 we have collected **\$111,495.65** towards our goal.

\$111,495.65



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## ***A message from the Board***

I invite all of you to the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on March 1, 2020 in the basement after service at 12:15 pm. Fastelavn is being celebrated on Sunday, February 23 and so the ACM was moved one week. I urge you to attend. Members should take this opportunity to have their voices heard in regard to the running of the church. There are several positions coming vacant and we need people to be part of the board. If you have not yet registered to vote, you can do so before the meeting.

It may not seem like it but spring is almost here. Spring is one of the busiest times of the year for many of us, but it's also a time of wonder and joy for Christians as we celebrate Easter with its message of forgiveness, love, resurrection and eternal life in God's kingdom.

Join us for services through the Holy Week. There will be a special treat for children on Easter Sunday, see page 12 for details (also on the calendar).

Spring Supper will be on April 25 (see page 5) - get your tickets early as this is a popular event.

There will be Family Friendly service with a light lunch on March 22, and a Family Friendly service on April 26 at 4 pm followed by a light supper.

Please check the calendar for these and more events and plan to join us, we're looking forward to seeing you.

*On behalf of the board,  
Valerie Sorensen*

### **MENIGHEDSRAADET**

#### **The Church Board 2019/2020**

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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

**Thursdays**  
**10 am to 12 noon**  
**March 5, March 19**  
**April 2, 16 & 30**

## 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  
help with the serving of the meal.

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

A suggested donation could be  
\$10.00 per month.

You can also help support this cause  
by contacting Esther Sørensen  
and adding your name to the list of  
volunteer servers -  
it's only one hour, once a month.

Thank you for your caring and help!

**Esther Sørensen**  
**at 780- 452-3678**

## Regular Activities at Ansgar

### The Danish Women's Club

Join us on Tuesday, March 24th and Tuesday, April 28th.

*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 March is on Wednesday the 18th and in April it will be on the 15th.

*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 at 9 am on March 14th and April 18th.

*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](mailto:ansgar@telusplanet.net) or 780-422-8777.*

### Ansgar Singers - Our church choir

On March 22nd and 29th, after the service and coffee,  
we will rehearse for Easter Sunday.

*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](mailto: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!**





# Spring Supper and FunBingo

**Saturday, April 25  
at 6:00 pm**

## **North Glenora Community League 13535 – 109A Avenue**

Adults: \$35.00

Children under 10 years of age: \$10.00

The seating capacity at North Glenora Community League is 150. Please make your reservations early by phoning Else Andersen at 780-476-1679, but not later than April 21, 2020.

***Absolutely no tickets will be sold after the deadline, due to ordering supplies.***

The traditional roast pork dinner with crackling and all the accompaniments, as well as dessert will be served.

We look forward to seeing you at this upcoming and ***always*** entertaining event!



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# MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 10:30 am ENGLISH Luke 22, 24-32  <b>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b> at 12:15 following the service and a light lunch	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Ansgar Board Meeting	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Study Group (see pg 9)	<b>5</b> 10 am - Noon Church Owls Playgroup (see pg 4) 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:30 am ENGLISH 2nd Sunday in Lent Mark 9, 14-29	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Operation Friendship (See pg 4)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (see pg 4)
<b>15</b> 10:30 am DANSK 3.søndag i fasten John 8, 42-51	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12 noon Hyggeklubben (see pg 4)	<b>19</b> 10 am - Noon Church Owls Playgroup (see pg 4) 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:30 am ENGLISH Laetare Sunday John 6, 24-36  <b>FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE</b> followed by a light lunch Ansgar Singers Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:00 am Danish Women's Club (see pg 4)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:30 am ENGLISH The Annunciation Luke 1, 48-55  Ansgar Singers Rehearsal	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			<b>SPECIAL THIS MONTH:</b> March 1 <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> after the service & lunch  March 22 <b>Family Friendly Service</b> Light lunch	

# APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SPECIAL THIS MONTH:</b> April 10 <b>Langfredag</b> <b>Meditationsgudstjeneste</b> April 12 <b>Easter Sunday</b> April 25 <b>Spring Supper</b>			<b>1</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Study Group (see pg 9)	<b>2</b> <u>10 am - Noon</u> Church Owls Playgroup (see pg 4) 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Celebration of our Baptism Mark 14, 3-9  Ansgar Singers Rehearsal 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Ansgar Board Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Operation Friendship (See pg 4)	<b>10</b> <u>10:30 am</u> <b>LANGFREDAG</b> <b>Dansk</b> Meditations- gudstjeneste Luke 23, 26-48 	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Matthew 28, 1-8  Church lunch Easter Egg Hunt 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <u>12 noon</u> Hyggeklubben (see pg 4)	<b>16</b> <u>10 am - Noon</u> Church Owls Playgroup (see pg 4) 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Men's Breakfast (see pg 4)
<b>19</b> <u>10:30 am</u> <b>DANSK</b> Hvide søndag Johannes 21, 15-19	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Study Group (see pg 9)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <u>6:00 pm</u> <b>SPRING SUPPER</b> (see pg 5) 
<b>26</b> <u>4:00 pm</u> <b>ENGLISH</b> 2nd Sunday after Easter John 10, 22-30  FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE followed by a light supper	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <u>11:00 am</u> Danish Women's Club (see pg 4)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <u>10 am - Noon</u> Church Owls Playgroup (see pg 4) 		



# Danish Community Events



## CARL NIELSEN CONCERT

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

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

<https://www.winspearcentre.com/tickets/events/eso/2020/nielsens-inextinguishable-2/>

FREE EVENT FOR DANIA MEMBERS:

## MOVIE NIGHT

**Tuesday, March 10, 7 pm**

at the Dutch Canadian Centre - Nordic Room

Ole Japp's movie:  
***Jens Munk: Northwest Expedition***

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## DANIA

Dances - Camp outs - Children's Events - Newsletter

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## Det Danske Bibliotek

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## Danish Library

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We will open on Saturday mornings through April  
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*We can be reached at:*

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## Scandinavian Folk Dance

**Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm**

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## Study Group

**March 4, April 2 & April 22 at 7 pm**

*Luke, the Gospel to all the people*

Every year at Christmas we read about the birth of Christ our Saviour from the Gospel of Luke. In this pericope, we hear the Angel announcing to the poor shepherds: "I bring you good news of great joy to all the people." This spring we will study the Gospel of Luke searching for this message of inclusiveness and tolerance to all the people.

The study is designed as open discussion group where we will explore the Gospel together in an open and prejudice free environment.

No previous knowledge is required 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.

*The inspiration of Saint Luke, from the Lukasaltar in Lubeck (1484) by Herman Rode*



## Church Sundays for Families

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

**March 22  
at 10:30 am**

**April 26  
at 4:00 pm  
NOTE!**

**A lentil  
meal  
for lent!**

Story time,  
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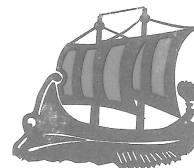
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### VOTING MEMBER REGISTRATION

In order to vote at the ACM members must now register. Please return to the Church the registration form previously sent.

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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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### **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.*

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

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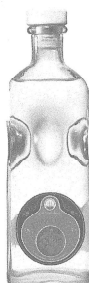
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### **HOLY HUMOUR**



A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Biblical times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out "Aces!"

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- 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.

Thank you!

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful hard-working members of the Danish Women's Club who plan, organize and execute some of our favourite events throughout the year and raise much needed funds for Ansgar Church.

Thank you ladies!!!



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# The Holy Week

## PALM SUNDAY

**April 5, 10:30 am**

Celebration of our Baptism Palm Sunday will also be a celebration of our baptism and of the relationship between godparents and godchildren.

Invite your godchildren to Church or bring your own child

to Church in remembrance of his or her baptism! After the Service we will share some treats in the Church basement.

## GOOD FRIDAY

**April 9, 10:30 am**

Dansk meditativ gudstjeneste.

Kom og mærk freden og roen i vores stille kirke. Synk helt ind i Jesu gerning på korset for os igennem krop og sind.

Danish Meditative Worship Service.

Feel the peace and serenity of our quiet Church. Emerge yourself through body and mind in Jesus' merit on the cross for us.

You can still meditate and feel the peace and quiet in Church even if you don't understand Danish.



*Hans Maler af Randers, Crucifixion scene from Sulsted Kirke, Denmark 1548*

## EASTER SUNDAY

Service & Lunch

**Sunday April 12, 10:30 am**

Easter is the peak of the church year and the most festive day in the Church. The Ansgar singers will participate at the Service.

To make the day even more cheerful we invite you for fellowship and Easter Lunch in the church basement after the Service.

Our "church hen", Samsine, will hide some chocolate eggs in the sanctuary while we eat.

After the lunch, all children may go in the sanctuary and search for them.

