

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

for the year 2015

**February 28, 2016**



**Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church**

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ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 28, 2016, 12:30 pm**  
**AGENDA**

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Opening Hymn: "Day by Day" - # 259

1. Opening Prayer: Pastor Jørgen Flensted-Jensen.
2. Election of Chairperson: Nominations from the floor.
3. Approval of Agenda.
4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of February 22, 2015. Already approved. Included with the Annual Report
5. Business arising from the minutes of meeting February 22, 2015.
  - Status of Elevator Proposal
6. Reports:
  - Birthday Dollars
  - Men's Breakfast
  - Danish Women's Club
  - Camp Kuriakos
  - Coffee Fund
  - Hyggeklubben
7. Pastor's Report
8. President's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Income and Expenses January 01, 2015 to December 31 2015
  - Statistical Reports – Church activities 2015 and yearly comparisons
  - Proposed Budget for January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016
11. Election of the Church Board Members

Outgoing	President	Kirsten Olsen	Term ending February 2016
	Board Member	Marina Allemanno	Term ending February 2016
	Board Member	Jette Badre	Term ending February 2016
	Board Member	Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2016
Returning	Board Member	Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2017
	Board Member	Inge Andersen	Term ending February 2017
	Board Member	Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2017
	Board Member	Gunnar K. Jensen	Term ending February 2018
	Board Member	Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018
12. Election of Auditors.

Returning	Jeanna Baty	Term ending February 2017
Outgoing	Valerie Sørensen	Term ending February 2016
	Birgit Wildenhoff, alternate	Term ending February 2016
13. Election of Pastoral Selection Committee.

Returning	Birgit Wildenhoff	Term ending February 2018
	Maria Guiney	Term ending February 2017
Outgoing	Diane Uzelman	Term ending February 2016
14. Election of Kuriakos Representative

Outgoing	Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2016
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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 28, 2016**
18. Adjournment and Closing Hymn: "Altid Fredig" - #784

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 22, 2015 12:30 pm

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## MINUTES

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25 voting members were present.

1. **Call to order.** Meeting was called to order at 13:17 p.m. by President Kaj Nicolajsen. The President recognized a quorum of voting members.
2. **Opening Hymn.** No. 259 "Day By Day."
3. **Opening Prayer** by Pastor Carl-Gustav Christensen.
4. **Election of Chairperson to the Annual General Meeting – Nominations from the floor.** Jette Badre nominated Jeanna Baty who accepted. Jeanna Baty was elected by acclamation.
5. **Approval of Agenda.** The following items were corrected: Item 7a was deleted and deferred to item 16a. Under item 13, two names and one date were added/corrected; the dates under item 14 were corrected; and item 16c was added.  
***Motion: Jette Badre moved to accept the agenda as amended. Bent Skousbøl seconded. Motion was carried.***
6. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting, February 23, 2014.**  
There were no questions or corrections. The minutes were for information only.
7. **Business arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, February 23, 2014.**
  - a. **Basement Renovation Report by Valerie Sorensen.** Valerie Sorensen reported that the renovations have been completed, but the a reimbursement of approx. \$10,000.00 from Service Master is still outstanding.
8. **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.
  - Men's Breakfast.** The report was prepared by Kaj Nicolajsen and Pastor Gus.
  - Birthday Dollars.** The report was prepared by Johanne Nicolajsen and Valerie Sørensen.
  - Camp Kuriakos.** The printed report from Camp Kuriakos to Congregational Annual Meetings in 2014 had been prepared by Laureen Wray, Interim 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. The reports were accepted by general approval.***
9. **Pastor's Report.** The report for the year 2014 was prepared and presented by Pastor Gus. No questions arose.
10. **President's Report.** The report for the year 2014 was prepared and presented by Kaj Nicolajsen. No questions arose.
11. **Treasurer's Report.**  
The 'Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014,' and the statistical report for the same period were presented as prepared by Bent Skousbøl.

Jeanna Baty inquired about the deficit; Bent Skousbøl explained that it will be covered under general operating expenses. Valerie Sørensen concurred. Bent Skousbøl pointed out that the property value of Ansgar Church is not included in the calculations. Bent Skousbøl also noted that the average attendance has dropped from 27 to 19, and that there were no baptisms or confirmations in 2014.

***Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to accept the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements 2014. Erik Wildenhoff seconded. The motion was carried.***

**12. Proposed Budget for January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015.**

The proposed budget was presented as prepared by Bent Skousbøl who noted that expenses to be incurred in connection with the employment of a new pastor are not included. Valerie Sørensen inquired about the increase of the insurance premium. Bent Skousbøl replied that the Church Board of Directors had decided to upgrade the insurance coverage in keeping with today's rising costs of claims. He further added that the insurance company has requested an appraisal of the property value. Esther Sørensen asked about Operation Friendship and its current budget; Bent Skousbøl confirmed that the budget is in order.

***Motion: Jette Badre moved to accept the Proposed Budget 2015, and Valerie Sørensen seconded. The motion was carried.***

**13. Election of Church Board Members.**

Jette Badre and Christopher Sørensen volunteered to be scrutineers in the case of votes by secret ballot.

**Outgoing members:**

Kaj Nicolajsen, President	Term ending February 2015
Bjarne Madsen	Term ending February 2015
Gunnar Kjær Jensen	Term ending February 2015

Jeanna Baty, chairperson of the AGM, thanked the outgoing members for their service on the Board.

**Returning members:**

Kirsten Olsen	Term ending February 2017
Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2017
Inge Andersen	Term ending February 2017
Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2017
Marina Allemano	Term ending February 2016
Jette Badre	Term ending February 2016
Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2016

**Election of President.**

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

**Election of Board Members**

Birgit Wildenhoff nominated Gunnar K. Jensen who accepted.

Bent Skousbøl nominated Valerie Sørensen who declined.

Jette Badre nominated Niels Hansen who accepted.

Christopher Sørensen nominated Morten Sørensen who declined.

Niels Hansen nominated Erik Wildenhoff who declined.

Bent Skousbøl nominated Birgit Wildenhoff who declined.

Jette Badre nominated Kaj Nicolajsen who declined.

Kaj Nicolajsen nominated Randi Mark who declined.

Birgit Wildenhoff nominated Laila Taylor who declined.

***Motion: Johanne Nicolajsen moved to close nominations. Brian Mogensen seconded. The motion was carried.***

Gunnar K. Jensen and Niels Hansen were elected to the Board of Directors. Three members in total, including the President, were elected.

New Board of Directors as of February 22, 2015:

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

**14. Election of Auditors.**

Returning: Valerie Sørensen	Term ending February 2016
Outgoing: Lis Christensen	Term ending February 2015
Outgoing alternate: Lise Van der Vaart	Term ending February 2015

Kaj Nicolajsen nominated Jeanna Baty who accepted.

Jette Badre nominated Birgit Wildenhoff (as an alternate) who accepted.

***Motion: Valerie Sørensen moved to close nominations. Inge Andersen seconded. The motion was carried.***

Auditors as of February 22, 2015:

Valerie Sørensen	Term ending February 2016
Jeanna Baty	Term ending February 2017
Birgit Wildenhoff, alternate	Term ending February 2016

**15. Election of Kuriakos Representative.**

Outgoing: Jeanna Baty	Term ending February 2015
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Niels Hansen nominated himself to stand for election. As there were no contenders, Niels Hansen was elected for a one-year term by acclamation.

Kuriakos Representative as of February 22, 2015:

Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2016
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**16. New Business**

**a. Elevator proposal.**

On behalf of the Elevator Committee, Christopher Sørensen presented a progress report. Option 1 recommended by the Committee was shown in drawings made by Erik Jacobsen. According to the recommendations, an installation in the north-west corner of the church building is the most viable with an estimated cost of \$150,000.00 in construction expenses, which is the amount that was allocated to the project as of the AGM, February 23, 2014. Option 2 that entails the demolition and reconstruction of the front entrance has not been explored further by the Committee, as it would exceed the allocated amount by a considerable sum.

Jette Badre inquired whether the front entrance needs extensive repairs in any case, and if an elevator installation in that location would then prove to be a cost-saving project in the long view. Christopher Sørensen responded that the front entrance suffers from normal wear and tear, but that the structure is not in need of urgent repairs.

***Motion: Christopher Sørensen moved to accept option 1 of the proposal as a way of proceeding with the complete construction of a north-west entrance, vestibule and lift. Gunnar K. Jensen seconded.***

**Discussion:**

- Birgit Wildenhoff wished to know in which direction the entrance would face; Christopher Sørensen explained that the entrance door will face 96<sup>th</sup> Street, and that the access to the lift will be from the sidewalk on 96<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Pastor Gus asked if the cost estimate of \$150,000 would be lowered if volunteer work came into consideration; Christopher Sørensen was not able to confirm this without precise numbers.
- Morten Sørensen asked how the Church would pay for the construction of an elevator; Bent Skousbøl responded that some payout from GIC investments as well as funds from the chequing account would be used.
- Birgit Wildenhoff was concerned that other congregational members who were not present at the AGM would object to the proposal; Valerie Sørensen pointed out that everyone in the congregation has the right to participate and voice his/her opinion at the AGM.
- Morten Sørensen was concerned with the fact that the church attendance is dropping off and that the need for an elevator might be less urgent in the future; Jeanna Baty noted that the congregation is ageing and will most likely need elevator accessibility in the time ahead; Pastor Gus added that at weddings, baptisms and funerals, there are frequently guests who need assistance to negotiate the stairs.
- Bent Skousbøl reminded the members who were present that donations are still needed from the congregation in spite of the investments in GICs; Pastor Gus concurred and mentioned that the extra funding is due to bequests in the past; Kaj Nicolajsen added that the elevator is meant for the congregation, as are the bequests; Kaj Nicolajsen also stated that he will continue sitting on the Elevator Committee.
- Edith Rasmussen asked if the structure will include a ramp, a lift or and elevator; Christopher Sørensen explained that it will be a lift to accommodate a person in a wheelchair plus another person; Edith Rasmussen further asked what the maintenance cost of the lift would be, to which Christopher Sørensen had no concrete numbers at this stage of the proposal.
- Morten Sørensen pointed out that the exact location of the structure can still be changed by the construction company. He also mentioned that a lift to accommodate caskets might be considered.

**The discussion concluded.**

***The motion was put to a vote. All were in favour. The motion was carried.***

**b. Pastoral Selection Committee: 3 members to be elected for a 1-year term, a 2-year term and a 3-year term, respectively.**

Jeanna Baty referred to article 4.1, "Calling of the pastor", of the Church bylaws which outlines the duty of members who sit on the Pastoral Selection Committee. Three candidates, Birgit Wildenhoff, Diane Uzelman and Maria Guiney, were nominated by the Board and had accepted their nominations in advance of the AGM. No further nominations from the floor were made.

***Motion: Morten Sørensen moved to accept the nominations. Laila Taylor seconded.***

**Discussion:**

- Valerie Sørensen asked how the three different terms would be distributed among the three nominees; Kirsten Olsen suggested that the alphabetical order of last names could be employed.

- Kaj Nicolajsen explained that having a standing committee – as opposed to an ad hoc committee at the scheduled time of choosing a new pastor – will facilitate the selection procedures in case of extraordinary circumstances (e.g. illness).

**The discussion concluded.**

***The motion was put to a vote. All were in favour. The motion was carried.***

**c. Adjustment to the required quorum for the AGM.**

- Birgit Wildenhoff brought up the problem of establishing a quorum of 25 members and suggested that a change to article 5.7 of the bylaws be made to reduce the number.
- Kaj Nicolajsen pointed out that at a subsequent meeting, one week from the scheduled meeting where a quorum was not met, a quorum of 25 is not needed.
- Morten Sørensen was concerned that a group of less than 25 members would be too small to conduct business.
- Pastor Gus suggested that the meetings be made more attractive, and that the nomination process be done in advance of the meeting so members would not feel pressured when attending the meeting.
- Niels Hansen observed that the majority of the members present were women. He suggested that an effort be made to encourage more men, e.g. the frequenters of Men's Breakfast meetings, to participate.
- Pastor Gus concurred that more members in general be encouraged to attend the AGM.
- Marina Allemano suggested that instead of using the telephone-soliciting model when contacting potential members to stand for election, a more personal approach be employed during the course of the year in order to find people who might be interested in serving on the board and on committees.

**Conclusion: It was agreed that a change of article 5.7.i of the bylaws concerning a quorum of 25 members will not be pursued.**

**17. Coffee Break**

**18. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 22, 2015.** The minutes were taken and read by the Secretary, Marina Allemano.

***Motion: Morten Sørensen moved to accept the minutes as read. Valerie Sørensen seconded. The motion was carried.***

**19. Closing Hymn "Altid frejdig" and adjournment at 3:30 PM.**

Kirsten Olsen, Incoming President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Marina Allemano, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Danish Women's Club Report to the Annual Meeting 2015**

Thank you for the generous support of the Church members and friends of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church during the past year. Attached is our financial statement from which you will note that our primary function as an auxiliary group to our church is fund raising.

The events during this past year included:

- The annual Frikadelle competition dinner held in our church basement on January 23/15.
- The Spring Supper and Bingo held at the North Glenora Community Hall on April 11/15
- Participation in the Christmas Bazaar held at the Calder Community Hall with the sale of baked goods, liver paste, rye bread and crafts.

As a result of these events we were able to make a donation to our church of \$3,500.00 plus proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar of \$2,785.50 which were deposited directly to the Church Bank Account, for a total donation of \$6,285.50 for the year 2015.

We look forward to everyone's continued support during the upcoming season in our fundraising efforts. Thank you again to everyone who participated.

Please note, we are an aging group of volunteers and some have been volunteering with the group in excess of sixty years, since its inception in the early fifties. We would like to encourage participation of a few new members to our group so that we may continue with this worthwhile effort.

Submitted by:

*Else Andersen,  
President*

# Financial Statement for the Danish Women's Club of Ansgar Church January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

## INCOME

	Cash	Income	Balance
January 23, 2015 Frikadelle Supper		\$ 791.94	
April 11, 2015 Spring Supper		\$ 5,089.50	
September 26, 2015 Stjerneskuksaften		\$ 506.00	
		<b>\$ 6,387.44</b>	
Bank Balance Dec.31/14	\$ 1,274.74	\$ 1,274.74	
<b>Balance</b>			<b>\$ 7,662.18</b>

## EXPENSES

	Cash	Expenses	Balance
January 23, 2015 Frikadelle Supper		\$ 71.56	
April 11, 2015 Spring Supper		\$ 1,555.10	
June 6, 2015 Else Andersen - Postage/Thank you cards		\$ 75.00	
June 15, 2015 North Glenora Community Hall Deposit		\$ 50.00	
September 26, 2015 Stjerneskuksaften		\$ 229.00	
Donation to Ansgar Church		\$ 3,500.00	
Bank Charges		\$ 33.05	
		<b>\$ 5,513.71</b>	<b>\$ 5,513.71</b>
Cash Float	\$ 11.37		
Bank Balance as of Dec.31/15	\$ 2,137.10		<b>\$ 2,148.47</b>
			<b>\$ 7,662.18</b>

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Hanne Roemer, January 26, 2016*

## Christmas Bazaar, Calder Community Hall, November 28, 2015

Bake Table	\$ 1,817.50
Craft Table	\$ 247.75
Kirsten Thorup's Table	\$ 720.25
	<b>\$ 2,785.50</b>
Overall total income for event	<b>\$ 9,530.51</b>

*Deposit taken by the Treasurer of Ansgar Church*

## **Ansgar Men's Breakfast Report to the Annual Meeting 2015**

This year was with good participation with regular meetings, March month had to be cancelled for Pastor Holger Madsen's Funeral, but was carried on into May due to popular demand. We enjoyed slideshows from Jasha and Bent's trip, Gus and Kirsten's vacation to BC, Kaj's pictures from Denmark, we sailed the islands south of Sealand Denmark and we have seen DVD's Denmark's early agriculture development, and last, but not least, welcomed Pastor Jørgen Flinsted- Jensen og fru Kirsten who entertained with their interesting life-stories. We had meetings in January, February, April, May, September, October and November with attendance from 15 to 23, average attendance was 18.

### **Financial Statement**

<b>January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015</b>		<b>Comparison 2014</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 1,134.21	\$1,132.25
7 meetings		
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 836.02	\$638.91
Cost of food		
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<b>Surplus 2015</b>	<b>\$ 298.19</b>	<b>\$493.34</b>
December 31, 2014 Cash on hand	\$ 1,149.75	
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<b>TOTAL</b>		
Cash on hand December 31, 2015	<b>\$ 1,447.94</b>	

As cost of food has increased and more yet is predicted,  
I recommend the minimum charge per person to be raised to \$10.00

*And thanks a lot to Pastor Gus for his participation.*

*Submitted by  
Kaj Nicolajsen and Pastor (Gus) Carl Gustav Christensen*

## **Birthday Dollars Report to the Annual Meeting 2015**

### **Revenue**

Birthday Dollars collected	\$ 218.00
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Total Revenue	\$ 218.00
Bank Balance. January 1, 2015	\$ 1,889.75

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Balance	\$ 2,107.75
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<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
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Submitted to Ansgar Church	\$ 2,107.75
Bank Balance. Dec. 31, 2015	\$ 0.00

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Balance	\$ 0.00
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*Submitted by  
Johanne Nicolajsen*

*Audited by  
Kirsten Olsen*

# Camp Kuriakos Report to the Annual Meeting 2015



*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 2016

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](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca).

### 2015 in REVIEW:

2015 has seen many changes, and we're excited to bring new projects to life. We were sad to say farewell to Laureen, and thank her for her many years of service. However, we have appreciated having Charlotte and Sarah join our full-time team, as they have helped host a crew of construction volunteers for many months. Our most exciting project has been the near-completion of our Dana Lodge renovations, and we're grateful to the many volunteers who have given in excess of 2000 hours to this ministry. This updated facility is perfect for groups up to 25 people, with space for meetings, meals, and 3 washrooms/2 showers.

This year has seen an increase in Family and Adult program participation, and the launch of the new SHIFT Young Adult Retreat. Many more new programs are on the way for this summer, including a Grandparents/Kids Family Camp, a Dad+Kids Camping Retreat, Junior and Senior Adventure Weeks (with overnight canoe options), and a Leaders In Training program for preparing youth to lead at camp, at church, and in their community. We look forward to working with ever more congregations to see as many people as possible have the chance to create lifelong memories at camp.

Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association had 13 Partner congregations and 7 Member congregations.

Many congregations continue to provide financial support as part of their annual budgets or through special gifts. Program revenue covers roughly 50% 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 2015: Kuriakos served 573 campers for a total of 3170 camper days.
- Retreats 2015: Including Youth, Young Adults, Men's, Women's and Confirmation Retreats, we served 236 campers, for a total of 708 camper days.
- Kuriakos Outdoor School (KOS) programs 2015: Serving 16 groups for a total of 433 students and 733 camper days.
- Service events 2015: 32 people participated in our Bike.Walk.Run. fundraiser in June and 101 people participated in work weekends.
- Rental Use 2015: Kuriakos served 67 groups over 196 days of use. These groups represent 2979 individuals.



**FINANCES:** The 2015 financial review will be completed and ready for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2 pm, March 19, 2016 @ Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (40 Holmes Street, Red Deer). The tentative budget for 2016 proposes an annual operational revenue of \$578,475.

Programs for the whole Congregation!  
Please encourage your congregation to consider  
attending a Kuriakos program event.

### 2016 Program Dates

#### Winter

Confirmation Retreat I	February 19-21
Confirmation Retreat II	March 4-6
Lead the Way Youth Retreat	March 18-20

#### Spring

Gather Together Fundraiser	April 30
Family May Days	May 20-22
Kuriakos Open House	June 12

#### Summer

Adults Only	July 3-6
Leaders In Training	July 3-6
Kids' Camp I	July 6-8
Sr. Adventure Week	July 6-8
Junior Youth	July 10-15
Family I	July 17-22
Kids' Camp II	July 24-29
Kids' Camp III	August 1-5
MAD Camp	August 7-12
Jr. Adventure Week	August 7-12
Grandparents/Kids Camp	August 7-12
Family II	August 14-19
Senior Youth	August 21-26

#### Fall

Men's Retreat	September 23-25
Thanksgiving at the Lake	October 7-9
Fall Youth Retreat	October 28-30
Women's Retreat	November 4-6
Confirmation Retreat III	November 25-27
SHIFT Young Adult Retreat	December 2-4

Publishing these dates in congregational  
newsletters and Sunday bulletins is a simple  
way to support the camp and your  
congregation.

**Percentage of Operating Revenue** (as reflected in the 2015 preliminary statements)

Donations + Fundraising 28%	Programs 41%
Rental Groups 20%	Property Income 4%
Operational Grants 6%	Memberships/Miscellaneous 1%

Kuriakos Debt Load	Dec 31/2015	Dec 31/2014	Dec. 31/2013
Farm Mortgage #1:	<i>consolidated</i>	\$27,123.83	\$28,216.89
Farm Mortgage #2:	<i>consolidated</i>	\$174,781.65	\$182,001.02
Acreage Mortgage:	<i>consolidated</i>	\$77,630.83	\$84,145.15
Credit Extension:	<i>consolidated</i>	\$11,702.61	N/A
Bank Acct/Credit Line:	\$0	\$2,917.72	-\$27,647.43
Consolidated Mortgage	\$340 000.00	N/A	N/A
Total Debt Load:	\$340,000.00	288,651.20	\$296,620.49

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 2015 – March 2016)

**Chairperson:** Barb Stolee (Calgary)      **Vice-Chair:** Mike Hoff (Calgary)  
**Treasurer:** Andrew Kemp (Airdrie)      **Secretary:** Joel Berg (Edmonton)  
**Vision Committee:** Charlynn Odegard (Edmonton), Katrina Dick (Calgary)  
**Risk Management Committee:** David Christiansen (Rocky Mtn. House); Kim Severson (Sherwood Park), Kathy Anderson (Edmonton)  
**Sustainability Committee:** Michelle Sorenson (Olds), Tom Marstaller (Red Deer)

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. We're kicking it off with an orientation event at Kuriakos on May 22 (1pm), and look forward to working with our ambassadors throughout the province. Know someone who would make a good ambassador? Invite them to attend the orientation, and encourage them to get in touch with us.

## Looking ahead to 2016

- **NEW Kuriakos Gathers Together Fundraising Dinner.** Join us in Sylvan Lake on April 30<sup>th</sup> for an evening of entertainment, dinner, and auction.
- **Partner and Member Congregation** benefits. Visit [www.kuriakos.ab.ca/#/welcome/for-churches](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca/#/welcome/for-churches)
- **New Dana Lodge**, and planned renovations to the ARC, farm site, and acreage site.
- **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 2015**

It was a great year for Hyggeklubben once again. We enjoy the camaraderie and the friendly and warm feelings among us. We had some folks share parts of their life and travels with us as well as watched some videos.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 o'clock, with everyone bringing something light to share for lunch. These afternoons are very entertaining. We share stories, sometimes watch a video, laugh a lot, sing and of course we drink coffee.

*Submitted by  
Randi Mark*

## **Coffee Fund Report 2015**

**January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Income:</b>		
Funds donated	\$ 112.83	\$ 121.81
Sale of bottles & cans		<u>\$ 50.15</u>
Total	\$ 112.83	\$ 171.96
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Coffee	\$75.98	\$ 96.00
Flowers & cookies	<u>\$163.20</u>	<u>\$ 58.66</u>
Total expenses	\$239.18	\$ 154.66
<b>Balance</b>	<b>(\$126.35)</b>	<b>\$ 17.30</b>
 Beginning Balance	 <u>\$ 217.40</u>	 <u>\$ 91.05</u>
 <b>Balance as of December 31, 2015</b>	 <b><u>\$ 91.05</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 108.35</u></b>



## **Pastor's Report to the Annual Meeting 2015**

*Since I am the interim pastor and have only been at Ansgar since the middle of November 2015, my report will be very brief and will rely on information gathered from others. But I wish to emphasize that these has been some very good and exciting months for myself and my wife Kirsten. We really enjoy our stay among all of you, and we wish to express our gratitude for receiving us with open arms and great hospitality. It is a great pleasure for us to be given the opportunity to serve your congregation.*

The year 2015 was a year where many church activities continued as usual such as Hyggeklubben, Men's Breakfast Club, The Danish Womens' Club, Operation Friendship, movie nights, Danish classes, Teatergruppen and the Christmas workshop. A big thank you to all who have carried out the work to the benefit of both the members of the congregation and others within our reach.

2015 was also the year where some bigger changes took place. Pastor Gus and Kirsten ended their work in Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church at the end of October, and they will be replaced in March this year by a new pastor. During the few weeks without a pastor living in the parsonage, many board members, volunteers and others did a great job renovating the house for the coming pastor and his family. We are lucky to be able to enjoy the result of all their efforts.

Several fundraising events took place this year such as the "Frikadelle" competition, the "Klar suppe med boller" dinner, Spring Supper, Christmas Bazaar – and possibly other events I am unaware of. Many of you have been working hard and contributed in various ways to these events, and everyone deserves a sincere thank you.

The Sunday services have been conducted alternately in Danish and English as usual. Thanks to the deacons who faithfully prepare for the service every Sunday, and thanks to the volunteers who arrange for church-coffee and fellowship after the service in the basement. Also this year we have enjoyed Wendy playing the organ. The number of attendance has varied, but the average is 22 per service. This year we have four confirmands who started their weekly preparation in November. The confirmation will take place in May 2016.

We have conducted 7 baptisms, 1 wedding and 3 funerals in 2015.

Beside the official services, tasks and events, the pastor has paid visits to private homes, nursing homes and hospitals, etc. In addition, the pastor has attended different functions at Ansgar Villa and administered Holy Communion monthly for the Danes living there. Pastoral care branches off in many ways, and a pastor is, in caring for the congregation, dependent on information from the members. So please call the pastor if you or others would like a visit, a prayer or want to receive the Holy Communion.

*Jørgen Flensted-Jensen  
Interim pastor*

## **President's Report to the Annual Meeting 2015**

What is there to report for this past year, 2015? Well, this has been an exciting year for me as your President of the Board, a post which you entrusted to me a year ago.

The year has included lots of regular activities in the church basement such as the Men's Breakfast Club, the Danish Womens' Club, Hyggeklubben and Friday Movie nights. At the McCauley Senior Drop-In Centre, church volunteers serve a hearty meal to seniors-in-need once a month, through Operation Friendship. This work is a worthy contribution to the community from Ansgar.

As a church though, the centre which sustains all other activities is the Sunday services, where we hear the words that send us out to be messengers and caretakers in God's wonderful creation. This year, in spite of occasional disruptions because of pastoral changes we have managed to continue with regular services. Thanks for the considerable help provided by our church friends in Calgary: Pastor Charlotte Berg, Lars Basbøll and Liselotte Basbøll, who stepped up until we got an interim pastor from Denmark. Thanks also to members of the congregation who assisted in delivering a few lay services throughout the year as well.

Last January we began the New Year well by hearing Queen Margrethe's "Nytårs Tale". That event was followed shortly after with the fourth annual Frikadiller contest.... a hotly contested event. All in fun, when Pastor Gus won the contest for the second time, he promised that "That was it" for him as a competitor.... and he proved it by giving away his recipe! Other good meals were shared with the congregation and assembled members throughout the year. In particular, a couple of first time events come to mind: Bent and Jasha Skousbøl's yummy chicken based "Hønsekøds Suppe" last Spring; and a delicious "Stjerneskud" fish supper put on by the Danish Womens Club in late September. We have also enjoyed a delicious beef BBQ in September; an excellent Fall Turkey Dinner, this year in the church basement; an great Spring Supper and fun Bingo, as usual; and a successful Christmas Bazaar, held again this year at Calder Community Centre. Lots of willing hearts and busy hands have been put into organizing these activities. Many thanks to you all!

One Sunday in May, we enjoyed a real treat! The internationally renowned choirs of Kokopelli visited four McCauley churches and we were delighted to open our doors for performances by the youngest childrens' choir, "Kikimasu". Audiences rotated between the churches to hear four different choirs and "our" choir performed three times to the delight of the audiences. This was a good chance for us to invite people in and answer lots of questions about our little church. We would certainly welcome Kokpelli back! The day ended with all four choirs singing together over at Sacred Heart Catholic Church across the street. A really enjoyable day!

Again this year, we visited the Danish Museum in Dickson in late June and in celebration of the fine summer weather last year, we attended an outdoor service on the Museum grounds, just in front of the miniature church. Both the Calgary and the Edmonton pastors and members of their congregations were there, along with members of Bethany Lutheran in Dickson. The service was followed by a picnic lunch and musical entertainment.

Unfortunately, the weekend camping outing to Camp Kuriakos at Sylvan Lake, in early July, was cancelled due to insufficient interest.

In October, Pastor Gus Christensen and Kirsten Venø concluded their assignment in Edmonton and returned to Denmark to take up the position of pastor in Frederiks, near Viborg in Denmark. After seven good years here, we were sad to see them go, but they were fortunate to get a good position in Denmark quite quickly, so we wish them well. Then the work began for the Board. Hiring a new pastor takes the time and effort of many, but were assisted well in the procedure by DSUK. Fortunately, we had four applications, resulting in us shortlisting two fine applicants. With the inclusion of the DSUK Hiring Committee in Copenhagen, the two initial interviews took place with the Ansgar Board and the three members elected for our Pastoral Selection Committee at the last AGM, over Skype. Following this, the two applicants and their spouses travelled to Edmonton for a few days each, to check out the city and the situation here and to meet us in person. We hosted

them for a brief city tour, an inspection of the parsonage, and dinner and informal conversations. Each candidate gave a test sermon for the Committee and the Board before they left. Thanks to those who hosted these candidates in their homes! Both candidates were excellent, but the overwhelming choice was Pastor Lasse Hultberg. The Pastor and his wife Frederikke and their three children will arrive in early March. We are certainly looking forward to welcoming and working with the new pastor and his family!

Meanwhile, we have been most fortunate to receive Pastor Jørgen Flensted-Jensen and his wife Kirsten from Denmark, to help fill the interim period between pastors, for almost four months. They have been most enthusiastic and Jørgen started working as soon as the plane landed! He began confirmation classes right away with the four young people taking instruction this year, though he will no longer be here for their confirmation on May 15th.

Of course in the midst of all this important activity, the parsonage needed to be cleaned and renovated after seven years habitation, in preparation for the new pastor's family.... but all before the arrival of the interim pastor and his wife in November. It was some pressure, but thanks to Gunnar, Kai, Erik, Birgit and Bent: the parsonage was cleaned completely and painted; new carpet was put in upstairs; the kitchen was upgraded with new stove, dishwasher, microwave and countertop; bathrooms were upgraded with new toilets and sinks. It was a short turnaround time and Gunnar was practically living there and working non-stop to make the deadline. Whew! Thank you all for the time and skill that you contributed!

In the middle of all this, a call came from the Danish Embassy in Ottawa, announcing that the Danish Ambassador to Canada was going to be coming to Edmonton for a visit, and could we arrange an opportunity for him to meet "some Danes". The result was that we hosted a brief meet and greet of about 17 individuals in the church basement in mid-November, at which we served snacks and drinks. Thanks to everyone who showed up at such short notice for this event.

At about the same time we had another guest, but an unwanted one. The church has been broken into, not once but three times. Fortunately, the objective seems only to be a search for cash, as there has been no vandalism. Little cash has been lost. We do have some expense for repairs to the windows, doors and safe however.

We have been working for several years on a project to bring the church up to standard and make it accessible to all, regardless of mobility. At the last AGM, we agreed to proceed with the project for installing an elevator on the western side of the church, and directed the Board to come up with a solid plan with real costs attached, for consideration by the congregation. This plan will be presented to church members at a Special General Meeting in the church basement, on April 13th. Hopefully, after that, construction can begin.

In other news, in late August DSUK invited Ansgar representatives to the "Americas Conference" in Vancouver. Pastor Gus, Kirsten, Jeanna and I took part. It was very inspiring to hear and learn about other Danish congregations and their successes and struggles. There were representatives from all across Canada, Los Angeles in the USA, and several churches in Argentina. Our realities are quite different, though many of our problems are similar. One of things we discussed was: "What does being a Lutheran really mean for Danish churches abroad?" There were few decisions made at this conference, but the talk was stimulating and the ideas varied.

In 2017, the Reformation Jubilee will be celebrated in Lutheran Churches all over the world. It marks 500 years since Luther posted his reformation "Theses" in Wittenberg in 1517. This provides an opportunity for our congregation to become inspired about what it means to be a member of a Lutheran Church today. Perhaps it could also lead to a mutual celebration with other churches on our Church Street?

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone on the Board of Directors, for their help and support during this very busy year. Also, I'd like to acknowledge our appreciation to Alice Nickel for all her work on church publications, particularly editing the bi-monthly Ansgar Newsletter and producing the reports

for the AGM. And, what would we do without Wendy Jensen?! Thanks Wendy for all the time you take making music on our organ and piano.

It's been a busy but a rewarding year for me. It is especially heartwarming to work together with so many dedicated friends in the church and to know we all are part of the Ansgar family.

Respectfully submitted by

*Kirsten Olsen*

*President, Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church*

# Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting 2015

## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

Balance forward December 31, 2014

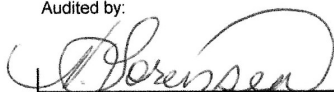
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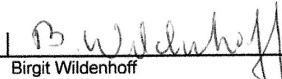
Receipts:	2014	2015	
Auxiliary	12,000.00	3,500.00	
Bequests	24,913.20	775.70	
Collect	25,071.00	32,763.30	
Donations	5,464.00	10,501.05	
Donations- Fall Drive	9,500.00	8,240.00	
Donations- Newsletter	2,370.00	1,495.00	
Donations- Memorial		3,608.65	
Donations-Operation Friendship	905.00	2,430.00	
Earmarked Donations	7,211.84	1,062.21	
Fees-Memorial & Wedding	4,845.00	450.00	
Fundraising Inc	3,000.25	4,510.96	
X-mas Bazaar	9,439.90	7,758.80	
Fundraising Inc-Spring Festival	4,800.70	4,358.25	
Grant	0.00	0.00	
GST Rebate	1,228.11	3,373.90	
Interest Inc	3,716.24	4,450.96	
Misc INC	0.00	0.00	
Newsletter Advertisements	490.00	780.00	
Programs -Inc	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>114,955.24</b>	<b>90,058.78</b>	<b>90,058.78</b>

Disbursements:	2014	2015	
Bank Charge	406.87	301.29	
DSUK	68,400.00	86,400.00	
Earmarked Exp	7,211.84	1,062.21	
Automotive Expense	0.00	1,774.74	
Elevator Installation Expense	0.00	1,575.00	
Fundraising Expense	655.00	3,404.51	
Fundraising Exp- Spring Festival	574.38	0.00	
Fundraising Exp-Xmas Bazar	794.35	1,096.94	
GST Expense	3386.05	1,196.95	
Insurance	6,145.00	6,381.00	
Insurance Claim Expense	0.00		
Maintenance & Supply	13,480.69	22,992.84	
Membership	125.00	1,090.50	
Miscellaneous	40.00	40.00	
Newsletter Expense	1,832.74	2,292.63	
Organist	4,125.00	4,525.00	
Programs Exp	6,500.20	328.00	
Programs Exp-Operation Friendship	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Property Tax	1,774.70	1,659.84	
Renovation Expense	49,355.07	-2,521.79	
Utilities	5,681.63	5,786.56	
Visiting Pastor	775	1,209.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>173,663.52</b>	<b>142,995.22</b>	<b>142,995.22</b>
<b>Deficit for the Year 2015</b>	<b>-58,708.28</b>	<b>-52,936.44</b>	

Bank Balance December 31, 2015:	90,973.81	
Cash Account	875.00	
Vehicle Asset	6,000.00	
GIC	211,628.21	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>309,477.02</b>	<b>309,477.02</b>

Audited by:

  
Valerie Sorensen  
January 5, 2016

  
Birgit Wildenhoff

## **Proposed Budget for 2016**

	<b>PROPOSED 2015</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2015</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2016</b>
Automotive Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,774.74	\$ 2,000.00
Bank Charges	\$ 400.00	\$ 301.29	\$ 400.00
DSUK	\$ 78,500.00	\$ 86,400.00	\$ 95,000.00
Elevator Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,575.00	\$ -
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,404.51	\$ 4,000.00
Gst Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,196.95	\$ 2,000.00
Insurance	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,381.00	\$ 6,500.00
Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 22,992.84	\$ 13,000.00
Memberships	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,090.50	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 500.00
Newsletter.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,292.63	\$ 2,500.00
Organist	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,525.00	\$ 4,600.00
Programs Expense	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,390.21	\$ 2,000.00
Operation Friendship	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Christmas Bazaar Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,096.94	\$ 2,000.00
Property Taxes	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,659.84	\$ 1,800.00
Renovations	\$ -	\$ (2,521.79)	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,786.56	\$ 6,500.00
Visiting Pastor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,209.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$130,500.00</b>	<b>\$142,995.22</b>	<b>\$146,400.00</b>

*Approved by the Board January 5, 2016*

## Statistical Report 2015

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

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2017  
February 2017  
February 2017



## **New Business**