

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for the year 2017

February 25, 2018



Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church

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ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 25, 2018, 12:30 pm
AGENDA

Opening Hymn: "Day by Day" - # 259

1. Opening Prayer: Pastor Lasse Hultberg
2. Election of Chairperson: Nominations from the floor.
3. Approval of Agenda.
4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of February 12, 2017. Already approved. Included with the Annual Report
5. Business arising from the minutes of meeting February 12, 2017.
 - Organ
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, 2017 to December 31, 2017
 - Statistical Reports – Church activities 2017 and yearly comparisons
 - Proposed Budget for January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
11. Election of the Church Board Members

Outgoing	President	Kirsten Olsen	Term ending February 2018
	Board Member	Gunnar K. Jensen	Term ending February 2018
	Board Member	Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018
Returning	Board Member	Marina Allemanno	Term ending February 2019
	Board Member	Jette Badre	Term ending February 2019
	Board Member	Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2019
	Board Member	Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2020
	Board Member	Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2020
	Board Member	Valerie Sørensen	Term ending February 2020
	Board Member	Mette Rasmussen	Term ending February 2020
12. Election of Auditors.

Returning	Margith Hansen	Term ending February 2019
Outgoing	Dorrit Morrow	Term ending February 2018
	Jeanna Baty, alternate	Term ending February 2018
13. Election of Pastoral Selection Committee.

Returning	Maria Hjort Guiney 2-year term	Term ending February 2019
Outgoing	Birgit Wildenhoff 3-year term	Term ending February 2018
	Diane Uzelman 1-year term	Term ending February 2018
14. Election of Kuriakos Representative

Outgoing	Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018
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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 25, 2018
18. Adjournment and Closing Hymn: "Altid Fredig" - #784

**Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
February 12th, 2017 at 12:00 pm
Minutes**

28 voting members were present

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by vice-president Brian Mogensen. The president recognized a quorum of voting members.

1. **Opening hymn** no. 259 "Day by Day" and opening prayer by Pastor Lasse Hultberg.
2. **Election of chairperson to the Annual General Meeting – nominations from the floor.**
Alice Nickel was nominated by Dorrit Morrow. Alice Nickel accepted and was elected by acclamation.
3. **Approval of agenda.** Marina Allemanno noted that there was an error in item 5, "Business arising from the minutes of February 28, 2016": The meeting regarding bequests will be held on March 26, 2017, and not on March 24, 2017.
Motion: Birgit Wildenhoff moved to adopt the agenda. Jette Badre seconded. Motion was carried.
4. **The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on February 28, 2016.**
There were no questions or corrections. The minutes were for information only and accepted as presented.
5. **Business arising from the Annual General Meeting on February 28, 2016.**
 - a. **Fund raising:**
Ansgar Church Membership fee: a closed issue.
Bequests: Marilyn Withage, an investment manager with Raymond James, Calgary, will be speaking to the Congregation about the possibilities for making sound individual investment decisions in a will. The meeting will take place after the English service on March 26, 2017.
6. **Reports presented in the printed AGM handout.**
 - Danish Women's Club.** The report was prepared by Jeanna Baty, and the financial statement was prepared by Bent Skousbøl.
 - Ansgar Men's Breakfast.** The report was prepared by Kaj Nicolajsen.
 - Birthday Dollars.** The report was prepared by Johanne Nicolajsen and audited by Kirsten Olsen. (Johanne Nicolajsen added that the "Birthday Dollars" are no longer deposited in its own designated account; however, she will continue collecting the "Birthday Dollars" and pass them on to the Church. Charitable tax receipts will be issued.)
 - Camp Kuriakos.** The printed report from Camp Kuriakos to Congregational Annual Meetings in 2016 had been prepared by Rev. Art Weiss, 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.

Marina Allemanno noted that the Coffee Fund report was prepared by Birgit Wildenhoff; her name did not appear on the report.

Motion: Valerie Sørensen moved to accept the reports. Kirsten Thorup seconded. Motion was carried.
7. **Pastor's Report.** The report for the year 2016 was accepted as prepared and presented by Pastor Lasse Hultberg. No questions arose.
8. **President's Report.** The report for the year 2016 was accepted as prepared and presented by Kirsten Olsen. No questions arose.

9. Treasurer's Report.

The 'Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016,' and the statistical report for the same period were presented as prepared by Bent Skousbøl.

Bent Skousbøl explained the financial activities around the now completed elevator project. In order to finance the project, the Church Board obtained a line of credit with Ansgar Church's bank BMO. This step was taken to avoid cashing in the GIC investment which would have resulted in a considerable penalty. However, the line of credit was not put to use because an anonymous donation was given to Ansgar Church to cover all expenses associated with the elevator project.

The treasurer also pointed out that collections are not strong. A fundraising committee has been established to correct the revenue problem, as Ansgar Church cannot rely solely on large donations and bequests. New ways of dealing with collections and donations, e.g. pre-authorized payments or online payments, will be explored.

Regarding the disbursements, Bent Skousbøl explained the increased GST expense and also mentioned that the insurance premium went down after the elevator was installed.

The statistical report 2016 shows that attendance is generally on the rise.

Questions from the floor:

- Johanne Nicolajsen asked under which heading the Birthday Dollars are placed in the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. Bent Skousbøl replied that they are included with donations.
- Valerie Sørensen asked if the Treasurer could explain the details of the Enbridge Shares and their book value (\$41,351.35) listed in the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. Bent Skousbøl explained that the shares were bequeathed to the Church, and that their book value goes up and down with the market. The Church Board has decided to keep the shares for the time being and sell them at a future date.

Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report 2016. Edith Rasmussen seconded. The motion was carried.

10. Proposed Budget for January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017.

The proposed budget was presented as prepared by Bent Skousbøl.

Question from the floor:

- Niels Hansen inquired about the increase in program expenses. Bent Skousbøl clarified that \$5,000 have been set aside for the upcoming Kuriakos Camp, July 14-16, 2017, the reason being that the bequest of approx. \$40,000 (Enbridge shares) has been earmarked for youth programs by the bequeather. The Church Board has decided that the \$5,000 should be used for camp activities this summer.

Motion: Ellinor Gleerup moved to accept the Proposed Budget 2017, and Birgit Wildenhoff seconded. The motion was carried.

11. Election of Church Board Members.

Alice Nickel thanked outgoing and existing members for their service on the Church Board.

Outgoing members:

Kirsten Olsen, President	Term ending February 2017
Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2017
Inge Andersen	Term ending February 2017
Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2017

Returning members:

Gunnar K. Jensen	Term ending February 2018
Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018
Marina Allemano	Term ending February 2019
Jette Badre	Term ending February 2019
Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2019

Election of President.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Kirsten Olsen who had accepted the nomination in writing in advance of the meeting. Edith Rasmussen seconded. As there were no contenders, Kirsten Olsen was elected as president by acclamation.

Election of Church Board Members

Birgit Wildenhoff nominated Valerie Sørensen who accepted.
 Inge Andersen nominated Mette Rasmussen who accepted.
 Jette Badre nominated Bent Skousbøl who accepted.
 Valerie Sørensen nominated Brian Mogensen who accepted.
 Johanne Nicolajsen nominated Inge Andersen who declined.

Nominations were closed.

Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to accept the nominations. Dorrit Morrow seconded. The motion was carried.

Four Church Board members plus the president were elected.

New Church Board of Directors as of February 12, 2017:

Kirsten Olsen, President	Term ending February 2018
Gunnar Kjær Jensen	Term ending February 2018
Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018
Marina Allemano	Term ending February 2019
Jette Badre	Term ending February 2019
Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2019
Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2020
Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2020
Valerie Sørensen	Term ending February 2020
Mette Rasmussen	Term ending February 2020

12. Election of Auditors.

Returning: Valerie Sørensen	Term ending February 2018
Outgoing: Jeanna Baty	Term ending February 2017
Outgoing alternate: Birgit Wildenhoff	Term ending February 2017

The Church Board accepted Valerie Sørensen's resignation from the position as auditor.

The Church Board nominated Margith Hansen who had accepted the nomination in writing in advance of the meeting.

Valerie Sørensen's nominated Dorrit Morrow who accepted.

The Church Board nominated Jeanna Baty (as an alternate) who had accepted the nomination in writing in advance of the meeting.

Nominations were closed.

Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to accept the nominations. Edith Rasmussen seconded. The motion was carried.

Auditors as of February 12, 2017:

Dorrit Morrow	Term ending February 2018
Margith Hansen	Term ending February 2019
Jeanna Baty, alternate	Term ending February 2018

13. Election of Pastoral Selection Committee.

Returning: Birgit Wildenhoff	3-year term	Term ending February 2018
Outgoing: Maria Hjort Guiney	2-year term	Term ending February 2017
Outgoing: Diane Uzelman	1-year term	Term ending February 2017

Marina Allemanno nominated Diane Uzelman (for a 1-year term) who had accepted the nomination in writing in advance of the meeting.

Alice Nickel nominated Maria Hjort Guiney (for a 2-year term) who had accepted the nomination in writing in advance of the meeting.

Nominations were closed.

Motion: Jette Badre moved to accept the nominations. Inge Andersen seconded. The motion was carried.

Pastor Selection Committee as of February 12, 2017:

Birgit Wildenhoff	3-year term	Term ending February 2018
Maria Guiney	2-year term	Term ending February 2019
Diane Uzelman	1-year term	Term ending February 2018

14. Election of Kuriakos Representative.

Outgoing: Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2017
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Alice Nickel nominated Niels Hansen who accepted.

Nominations were closed.

Kuriakos Representative as of February 12, 2017.

Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2018
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15. New Business: Comments from the floor.

- Bruno Knudskov inquired whether the AGM Report booklet had been made available to the Congregation two weeks in advance of the meeting as he, regrettably, had not noticed it. Alice Nickel responded that the AGM Report booklet had been ready two and a half weeks before the meeting and had been placed in clear sight on the "Newsletter table" in the basement.
- Bruno Knudskov further suggested that the AGM Report be placed on the website and emailed out to the members two weeks in advance. Alice Nickel agreed that it would be a good idea to make the AGM Report available electronically in advance of the meeting; she forwarded the request to the new Church Board.
- Bruno Knudskov also asked if it would be possible to have Pastor Hultberg's sermons posted on the website which would help those members of the Congregation who are hearing impaired and who find it difficult to hear what is said on the pulpit. Alice Nickel replied that she would forward the request to the new Church Board.
- Bent Skousbøl mentioned that the Church needs to replace the organ, and that a new organ will exceed the amount (\$10,000) that the Church Board has the power to authorize for any one capital expenditure. Valerie Sørensen answered that an expenditure in excess of

\$10,000 shall be authorized by Special Resolution of the Church, and that the Congregation must have at least fourteen days notice.

- Mette Rasmussen spoke to the question of fundraising and mentioned that United Way will donate to a church, and that the amount can be matched by a company.

16. Coffee Break.

17. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 12, 2017. The minutes were taken and read by Marina Allemano.

Motion: Brian Mogensen moved to accept the minutes as read. Kirsten Thorup seconded. The motion was carried.

18. Closing Hymn "Altid frejdig" and adjournment at 1:26 pm.

Kirsten Olsen, Incoming President _____ Date _____

Marina Allemano, Secretary _____ Date _____

Danish Women's Club Report to the Annual Meeting 2017

Once again, the Women's Club has enjoyed a busy and productive year. This year, we hosted:

- The annual Frikadelle competition in the church basement in February. There were many delicious and different entries, but Birgit Wildenhoff took top honours this year.
- The Spring Supper in April was a bit different this past year, as in addition to the pork dinner, we enjoyed a singer rather than the usual bingo.
- Instead of a Fall Turkey Dinner this year, the Church decided to try a Duck Dinner for St. Morten's Aften in October, and many of the women in the Women's Club contributed ducks and helped put this event on. It was an unqualified success.
- We also helped put on the Christmas Bazaar again at Calder Community Hall in late November, and it was more successful than ever. Almost all the sandwiches and food sales were sold out.

Thank you to all the volunteers who spent so much time and energy putting these events together. Because of the generous support of the Danish Lutheran Church members and their friends and families during the past year, the Women's Group was able to raise **\$15,436.26** to contribute to the church.

We have been fortunate to gain a few more volunteers over the past year, but we can always use more help. Please join us for one of our monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We look forward to everyone's continued support of our fundraising efforts in the coming year. Thanks again for all your help in 2017.

*Submitted by:
Jeanna Baty, Secretary*

Financial Statement for the Danish Women's Club of Ansgar Church

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

INCOME

Earmarked Donations

Spring Fest	\$	100.22
Christmas Bazaar	\$	485.63
TOTAL Earmarked Donations	\$	585.85

Fundraising

Christmas Bazaar

50/50 tickets	\$	262.00
Bake Table	\$	2,149.25
Coffe & Lunch Table	\$	4,773.00
Craft Table	\$	2,047.25
Fish Pond	\$	66.00
Kirsten Thorup Table	\$	441.75
Silent Auction	\$	1,455.00
Snaps Bar	\$	192.00

TOTAL Christmas Bazaar	\$	11,386.25
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Frikadelle Contest	\$	941.00
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Spring Fest	\$	5,947.00
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St. Mortens Aften	\$	1,777.00
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TOTAL Fundraising	\$	20,051.25
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TOTAL INCOME	\$	20,637.10
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EXPENSES

Charitable Activities Expenses

Fundraising Expenses:

Christmas Bazaar Expenses	\$	1,363.76
Coffee & Lunch Table	\$	572.24
Fish Pond Expenses	\$	72.41

TOTAL Christmas Bazaar expenses	\$	2,008.41
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Frikadelle Contest Expenses	\$	399.12
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Spring Fest Expenses	\$	2,157.35
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St Mortens Aften Expenses	\$	196.92
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TOTAL Fundraising Expenses	\$	4,761.80
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TOTAL Charitable Activities Expenses	\$	4,761.80
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Earmarked expenses:

Earmarked Expenses	\$	410.10
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Frikadelle Contest Expenses	\$	38.82
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Spring Fest Expenses	\$	100.22
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TOTAL Earmarked Expenses	\$	549.14
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	5,310.94
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OVERALL TOTAL	\$	15,326.16
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Prepared by Bent Skousbøl

Ansgar Men's Breakfast Report to the Annual Meeting 2017

We had a total of 7 meetings on Saturdays with an average of 19 participants.

A delicious breakfast put together with joint efforts was enjoyed by all. Thanks to your participation. Some brought their favorite supplies to share with each other, too much to note in detail.

Topics for the meetings varied:

Greg Mortensen's speech, Three Cups of Tea, DVD about how he met and learned the culture and life in Afghanistan to promote equal life conditions there.

The Nielsen musical orchestra and choir sing-along.

The DVD, "Kongen bød", about the conditions that led up to the reformation of governing in Denmark and the constitution, (Grundloven).

Leif Gregersen's presentation on his bipolar disorder, how to live with it and mental problems in a broader scale.

A DVD about modern development on the small island of Læsø in Denmark, with an idea to become energy self sufficient to the point of trading power with the mainland.

A presentation about overcoming hearing disorders, how to go about getting a hearing aid and to improve facilities with system Loop and T-coil, an installation presently installed on a trial basis in our Church.

Breakfast meetings has been well received in this way at a charge of \$10.00 and a little profit gained as a fundraiser, with some ones extra generosity has grown in amount as shown in following statement.

Financial Statement

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Income

7 meetings	\$ 1,127.00
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Expenses

HDMI cable	\$ (71.17)
Cost of food	\$ (674.11)

January 1, 2017 Cash on hand	\$ 372.39
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TOTAL

Cash on hand December 31, 2016	\$ 754.11
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*Submitted by
Kaj Nicolajsen*

Camp Kuriakos Report to the Annual Meeting 2017



*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.*

SYLVAN LAKE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP ASSOCIATION

Report to Congregational Annual Meetings - January 2018

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/welcome/congregations

2017 in REVIEW:

Summer programs saw the addition of 3 Adventure Weeks, with overnight canoe trips, for kids and youth. This has provided an exciting alternative to our on-site programming, and has expanded the options for all age groups.

For our on-site programs, 2017 saw the creation of 4 new Camp-Out sites. Each week on Tuesday night, all our cabin groups participated in a Camp-Out, including supper and breakfast on the fire. Between this program and our new Archery Range, we have made more use of the soccer field property.

The last addition was a Day Camp program, offered in partnership with a congregation in Airdrie. We're looking forward to supporting congregational ministry through this new off-site program. Contact us to discuss hosting a program!

Our staff team has some new faces, with the hiring of Madi Alexandriuk as Hospitality Manager and Rudy Lange as Property Manager. A huge thank-you to Ken and Carol Bell, who have retired to Regina to spend time with their family, and to Anita Balogh, who has returned to school.

Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association had 9 Partner congregations and 10 Member congregations. The board of SLLBCA has begun consultations with Lutheran and Anglican congregations in Alberta (current and potential members). Board and staff members have attended council meetings at many congregations, and these partnerships continue to find ways for camp to be involved more directly in congregational life. **Please contact us if you are interested in joining this discussion.**

Many congregations continue to provide financial support as part of their annual budgets or through special gifts. Program revenue covers roughly 40% 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 or finance a local Campership Fund, please contact the camp office.

Camp Use:

- Summer: Kuriakos served 564 campers for a total of 3137 days.
- Retreats: Including Youth (LOGOS), Dad+Kids, Women's, Advent, SHIFT, and Confirmation Retreats, we served 165 campers, for a total of 495 days.
- Kuriakos Outdoor School (KOS) programs: Serving 12 groups for a total of 441 students and 1222 camper days.
- Service events: 250 attendees at our fundraiser in April and 140 people participated in service projects at our Work Weekends and Work Weeks.
- Rentals: Kuriakos served 82 groups over 261 days of use. These groups represent 3261 individuals and 9490 camper days.



AGM: The 2017 financial review will be completed and ready for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2:30 pm, March 24, 2018 @ Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (40 Holmes Street, Red Deer).

KURIAKOS

Programs for the whole Congregation!

Please encourage your congregation to consider attending a Kuriakos program event. The Family Advent Retreat is intended for congregations to attend together.

2018 Program Dates

Winter

Confirmation Retreat I	February 9-11
NEW Elementary Retreat	February 16-18
Confirmation Retreat II	March 2-4
Youth Retreat	March 23-25
Renew Retreat (women)	April 6-8

Spring

Kuriakos Gathers Together	April 28
Spring Work Week	May 14-18
Family May Days	May 18-20
Kuriakos Open House	June 24

Summer

Prime Time	July 1-4
Leaders In Training	July 1-6
Kids' Camp I	July 4-6
Junior Youth	July 8-13
Kids' Adventure Week	July 8-13
Family Camp I	July 15-20
Day Camp I*	July 16-20
Kids' Camp II	July 22-27
Jr. Adventure I	July 22-27
MAD Camp	July 30 - Aug 3
Sports Camp	July 30 - Aug 3
Sr. Adventure Week	July 30 - Aug 4
Kids' Camp III	August 6-10
Jr. Adventure II	August 6-10
Family Getaways	Aug 6-8, 8-10
Family Camp II	August 12-17
Day Camp II*	August 13-17
Senior Youth	August 19-24
Day Camp III*	August 20-24

**partnership opportunity!*

Fall

Dad + Kids Camping	September 14-16
Fall Work Week	October 1-5
Thanksgiving at the Lake	October 5-7
Men's Retreat	October 26-28
Women's Retreat	November 2-4
Family Advent Retreat	November 9-11
Confirmation Retreat III	November 23-25
SHIFT Retreat	Nov 30 - Dec 2

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

NEW! Visit our website for complete program and rental calendars.
www.kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/calendar

FINANCES: The tentative budget for 2018 proposes an annual operational revenue of \$689,000.00.

Percentage of Operating Revenue (as reflected in the 2017 preliminary statements)

Donations + Fundraising	25%	Programs	38%
Rental Groups	29%	Property Income	2%
Operational Grants	6%		

Kuriakos Debt Load	Dec 31/2017	Dec 31/2016	Dec 31/2015
Total Debt Load:	\$309,718.00	\$325,600.00	\$340,000.00

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 2017 – March 2018)

Chairperson: David Christiansen (Rocky Mountain House) **Vice-Chair:** Marilla Farries (Red Deer)

Treasurer: Michelle Sorenson (Millet)

Secretary: Joel Berg (Edmonton)

Vision Committee: Al Molzan (Drumheller), Ingrid Parker (Edmonton)

Risk Management Committee: Scott Brown (Thorsby), Marty Winchell (Rocky Mountain House)

Sustainability Committee: Ron Bjorge (Red Deer), Debbie Kemp (Airdrie)

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. **Each congregation is asked to name an ambassador, who will be the Kuriakos contact person for their congregation.**

This person will receive regular emails from Kuriakos with information to share within their congregation, through bulletin inserts, posters and making announcements. They will also be a channel through which the congregation can share ideas and needs with Kuriakos.

Looking ahead to 2018

- **NEW Family Getaways** (August 6-8, 8-10). This is a shorter version of our Family Camps, for folks who have limited time. Perfect for Grandparents or large/busy families.
- **NEW Elementary Retreat** (February 16-18), **Youth Retreat** (March 23-25), **Women's Spiritual Retreat** (April 6-8). We're expanding our retreat offerings, with programs for all ages.
- **Day Camp Programs.** We're looking for congregations to partner with us in this local initiative. Contact us if you'd like to talk about opportunities for camp programming in your community. We'll provide the staff and activities, you help with recruitment and hosting staff.
- **Adventure Programs.** With expanded offerings at the Wilderness Site, we have canoe trips for all ages.
- **Kuriakos Gathers Together Fundraiser.** Join us in Bentley on April 28th for an evening of entertainment, dinner, and auction.
- **Increased marketing efforts** to reach a broader audience with our programs and rental facilities.
- **Partner and Member Congregation** support. Visit www.kuriakos.ab.ca/welcome/join-our-association. Consider promoting a Kuriakos retreat as a congregational event.
- **ARC Youth Dorms** and new ARC field. Also, new camp out spots and an archery range at the soccer field.
- **Keep Our Programs Working:** summer staff, SITs (age 16-18), GAPS (age 14+), 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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Phone: 403.746.2702

Website: www.kuriakos.ab.ca



Hyggeklubben Report 2017

Welcome back and best wishes for 2018.

Again, we had a good year at Hyggeklubben, with a number of friends sharing their travel experiences and trips to different parts of the world.

We always enjoy our afternoons at Hyggeklubben, with old and new friends, sharing a light meal that mostly turns into a regular banquet, the singing of old Danish songs, the cheapest medicine – ***laughter*** – and of course there is plenty of coffee.

Check the newsletter for dates and times.

*Submitted by
Randi Mark*

Coffee Fund Report 2017

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income:		
Funds donated	\$ 147.81	\$ 204.15
Sale of bottles & cans	\$ 25.16	\$ 64.05
Stamps	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$ 202.97	\$ 268.20
 Expenses:		
Coffee, Flowers & Cookies	\$ 212.82	\$ 212.18
Cleaning supplies	<u>\$ 11.30</u>	<u>\$ 92.85</u>
Total expenses	\$ 224.12	\$ 305.03
 Balance	(\$ 21.15)	(\$ 36.83)
 Add Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 108.35</u>	<u>\$ 87.20</u>
 Balance as of December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 87.20</u>	<u>\$ 50.37</u>

Submitted by Kirsten Olsen

Pastor's Report to the Annual Meeting 2017

2017 was a fantastic year for Ansgar Lutheran Church. New life has floated into our little congregation in many ways, with a renewed hope that has given us new energy to work even harder for the growth of this beautiful, little Church.

Many of the initiatives in 2017 have successfully grown not only in quantity, in numbers of participants, but even more in quality, in the spiritual growth. The choir has grown in numbers of singer as well as in quality. We have been blessed by a steady commitment of the singers at rehearsals, Church Services, at the reformation celebration and especially at the Christmas Evening Song, December 8. Some of the singers have been singing for years and have lots of experience, others are beginners, trying out their voices and part singing for the first time, but everyone has done a great job and has been valuable to the ensemble. Well done to all the singers!

A highlight in 2017 was the Summer Church Camp at Kuriakos. After a few years without camp it seems as if Ansgar was ready for a weekend full of fun, fellowship and worship. 42 participated in the camp 2017, 19 of which were kids. The weather was perfect and the atmosphere even better! Everybody got along so well. I won't hesitate to say that we all had a wonderful time. Everybody helped each other, and we simply became one big family for the weekend. I feel this camp has helped us build up a solid foundation for this congregation, and I cannot wait to get back to camp again in 2018, to solidify the foundation of our Church fellowship.

Another highlight in 2017 was the Reformation Celebration. 500 years ago, October 31, 1517, Martin Luther publicized his criticism of the Catholic Church. This event led to the foundation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which Ansgar is a part. On June 11, Trinity Sunday, we planted a combination apple tree west of the Church in the memory of Martin Luther and the Reformation. The tree has been grafted with 5 different apple varieties in the recognition of the different Church denominations - that we are all different branches in Christ, living and growing together. The study group has studied Martin Luther this year, and the choir has been singing some of his hymns. The Danish Women's Club organized a Morten's Aften, Saint Martin's Eve, Duck Dinner on the birthday of Martin Luther, November 10. However, the pinnacle of the celebration was the Church Walk on October 29. On this day we started at the New Life Edmonton Chinese Lutheran Church with a short service. Then we walked to Ansgar for another short service. We visited the Sacred Heart Catholic Church across from Ansgar and ended in Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church for a short service and a wonderful lunch in the Church hall. Martin Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God" was sung in Danish, Cantonese and German, and the choirs from Ansgar and Saint John sang two Luther hymns together. It was an awesome day!

There are so many other things to mention. Here just a few: the Julestue followed by Christmas Evening Song on December 8 was a success with more than 70 participants; the Family Badminton; the Soup Night; the Frikadelle Contest; the Spring Supper; the Christmas Bazaar and all different group activities in the Church. It has been a busy, but fantastic year!

But nothing would have been possible if not for you, the members of the congregation, participants in the Church activities and services, the board members, and all the hard working and committed volunteers. From my heart: a big thank you to all of you. The Church would be nothing without you as well as the hands, minds and souls of all those who feel at home in this wonderful Church. I feel the spirit and fellowship is growing in Ansgar, and I only have one petition with you for the new year, 2018: keep on with the good work and why not invite your friends, neighbours or family to join us at Ansgar! And bring your young ones to Church also for the Family Services and Sunday School, or why not volunteer for the Sunday School and become a part of the growth of this Church in attendance and in spirit!

Pastor Lasse

President's Report to the Annual Meeting 2017

2017 is already gone, so it's time to look back at an exciting year at Ansgar.

It has been great to see more people joining our little community at Ansgar during the past year. The future for Ansgar depends on having younger people wanting to be part of the congregation, and we are glad to see more young families taking part in the family friendly services, the pre-school Play Group or even swinging racquets at the Friday Badminton sessions. Welcoming and including everyone, whether young or old, is our most important job as a congregation. We are so fortunate to have received so many blessings that we want to share the good message of God's unconditional love with others. The Ansgar family has room for anyone who wants to be a part of our church.

This year, Camp Kuriakos was a great success! There was a good age mix with something for everyone. We enjoyed fine weather (for a change), but also campfires, canoeing, bible discussions, swimming (!), sweating in a real Finnish Sauna, going for walks, preparing meals together, folk dancing, playing games, and just being together. It was a most "hyggelig" time to meet new friends. Check out the little photo album in the basement that one of the participants put together after the camp.

In 2017, we celebrated 500 years since the Reformation. Pastor Lasse introduced Luther and the people around him during several sessions. These study groups will continue in the new year (dates to be announced). We planted a "reformation apple tree" beside the church, to commemorate the event. Reformation Sunday itself was celebrated with a walk to two of our neighbouring Lutheran churches, as well as a visit to Sacred Heart Catholic Church across the street from Ansgar. In each church, reference was made in a short service to the impact of the Reformation on our lives. At the conclusion of the walk, we all gathered for lunch and fellowship in St John's German Lutheran Church down the street.

Thanks to Frederikke, the young ones who take part in the family friendly services meet for Sunday School in the basement during part of the service. It's so good to have the little ones be part of our fellowship again. They enjoy lots of fun activities and after the family friendly services, we all enjoy delicious roast pork sandwiches for lunch.

We had four young people confirmed in May 2016, and again once again, we are pleased to have four young people preparing for confirmation this spring. The confirmation will be celebrated on June 17, 2018. I hope you will join us on this special day.

If you want to get more involved in church activities, please talk with Pastor Lasse or one of the Board members. We have many activities, volunteer opportunities and different services in which you can become involved. There is always need for helping hands and hearts. As a congregation, we need to continue to work together, both on practical tasks and contributing to the financial health of our church. We continue to, offer both English and Danish services on alternate Sundays. Like a welcoming family, there is a place here for everyone.

As always, I am most grateful for everyone's ongoing support. We are so blessed that the family Hultberg chose to come to Canada to minister to us. All five of them contribute to helping our congregation grow and thrive. Thank you so much to Lasse, Frederikke, Cordelius, Ambrosius and Thaddæus. And thank you to all the individuals and groups who contribute to our community life in the church throughout the year, in so many ways!

Respectfully submitted by

Kirsten Olsen

President, Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting 2017

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

Balance forward December 31, 2016 917,327.19


Receipts:	2016	2017	
Donations Tax Receiptable	224,253.85	52,147.70	
Earmarked Donations	2,162.77	2,189.54	
Church Service Fees	750.00	350.00	
Fund Raising Events	22,808.33	24,797.85	
Interest and Investment	7,469.57	5,698.43	
GST Recovered Rebates	1,851.92	2,756.05	
Miscellaneous	430.00	1,470.00	
TOTAL INCOME	259,726.44	89,409.57	89,409.57

Disbursements:			
Fund Raising Expenses	5,715.95	6,522.71	
Charitable Activities Expense	3,681.00	5,488.71	
Earmarked Expenses	2,162.77	2,189.54	
Management & Administration Expense	36,524.40	35,265.03	
Professional Expense	96,365.11	97,959.00	
GST Expense	7,427.04	1,124.72	
TOTAL EXPENSES	151,876.27	148,549.71	148,549.71
Deficit for the Year 2017	107,850.17	-59,140.14	

Bank Balance December 31, 2017:	186,181.59	
Cash Account	607.11	
Church, Manse, and Land	500,000.00	
Elevator Asset	127,305.00	
Enbridge Shares(book value)	41,351.35	
Prepaid Expenses	2,742.00	
TOTAL	858,187.05	858,187.05

Audited by:


Margith Hansen


Dorrit Morrow

JANUARY 10, 2018

Proposed Budget for 2018

	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	2017	2017	2018
Charitable Activities	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,522.71	\$ 6,000.00
Program Expenses	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 5,488.71	\$ 7,000.00
Earmarked Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,189.54	\$ 2,000.00
Gst Expense	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,124.72	\$ 2,000.00
Management & Administration Expense	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 35,265.03	\$ 33,000.00
Professional Expense	\$ 97,820.00	\$ 97,959.00	\$ 98,000.00
Extraordinary Improvements & Repairs			\$ 18,500.00
<i>Basement Windows</i>			
<i>(balance remaining 2017)</i>		\$ 7,000.00	
<i>Foyer Repairs & Windows</i>		\$ 4,500.00	
<i>Manse Improvements: Gate</i>		\$ 1,000.00	
<i>Deck Door to Yard</i>		\$ 3,000.00	
<i>New Eave Rain Gutters</i>		\$ 3,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 148,720.00	\$ 148,549.71	\$ 166,500.00

Statistical Report 2017

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Services	56	60	55	54	54	54	53
Total Attendees	1599	1559	1465	1001	1252	1642	1748
Average per Service	28	28	27	19	23	31	33
Danish Services	28	26	25	25	20	24	23
Total Attendees	725	546	488	402	340	693	598
Average per Service	26	21	20	16	17	29	26
English Services	28	32	33	29	34	30	30
Total Attendees	874	1061	977	599	912	949	1150
Average per Service	31	33	33	21	27	32	38
English/Danish Services		2	0	0	0	0	0
Total Attendees		52	0	0	0	0	0
Average per Service		26	0	0	0	0	0
Total Communion	49	56	55	54	54	54	50
Attendees at Communion	611	565	540	396	478	703	819
Average per Communion	12	10	10	8	9	13	16
% Danish Services							34%
% English Services							66%
Baptisms	4	6	13	0	7	1	3
Confirmants	4	0	5	0	0	4	4
Weddings	6	4	1	1	1	1	0
Memorials & Funerals	7	5	5	4	3	4	2

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 4th 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 2019
February 2019
February 2019

New Business