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Church Picnic in Langley

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Pastor's Report

This summer I went on road trip of a lifetime together with my family. 3,900 km through BC and the Rockies. Not to mention the many hours at sea. All traversed in the little blue car – ‘The Smurf’ as we named it – that many of you know from the reserved spot in our parking lot.

I went to places I have always dreamed of visiting. I went to places I did not know of before moving here, but that were recommended to visit. And I discovered places that I had never heard of but that surprised me with their beauty and atmosphere. BC truly is beautiful.

Arriving home, many of you told me that I had probably seen more of BC than many from the congregation had seen in a lifetime. In a way it makes sense. To many, travelling is about exploring new places. Not about driving around one's own backyard. People go south. Or at least they used to. But since I am only here temporarily, BC is not my backyard, and I figured I had to go within the limited time I will be around.

I once hiked a month around Scotland. There I met many tourists. But on a ferry towards the Outer Hebrides, I also met a Scotsman who had put upon himself to see his backyard. He told me that it had cost him double the amount of money compared to his friend who had taken a plane to the Mediterranean. But he insisted on seeing his native land.

This person inspired me. Before meeting him, I had never really thought of hiking in Denmark. But in the following years I hiked on ‘Hærvejen’, ‘Øhavsstien’, and ‘Gendarmstien’. I found that many of you from the congregation are inspiring in the same way. You might not have seen parts of BC that I visited this Summer, but you have seen places in Denmark that I have never seen. With your roots being both Canadian and Danish, many of you have told me about trips to Denmark where you did not visit traditional Danish tourist sights. You told me of trips where you visited old farms and family that lived far off the grid (at least as far of as you can get in small Denmark). Your trips were not about sights, They were and are about exploring roots.

Exploring roots is important. It makes you discover so much about yourself. And as Grundtvig argued; only by firstly discovering oneself, can one secondly venture out into the world as a whole person.

Therefore, thanks to all of you for giving me recommendations on where to go. But thank you also for being an inspiration. Travelling is not only about exploring destinations, but also about exploring oneself.



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From the Board

The summer is coming to an end and our Fall activities are starting to take shape. Over the summer we have had our guest pastor (Clifford) and a few lay people doing the services as Carsten and family went on their BC Road Trip and visit back to Denmark.

The Danish Museum had a Gala event (Viking Days) Aug 15-17 and the Danish Church provided a donation towards that Gala. This year, so far, the church has given out over \$57,000 in scholarships to individuals who meet the Granly Scholarship Criteria. In addition we have provided over \$28,000 to various community services and needs.

Doris and Knud Nielsen hosted a Church Picnic in July and we had over 60 people attend. A good time was had by all. We even had ice cream cones donated by King Kone, via Cydney Sjødahl Rasmussen. Thanks Cydney. We hope to see this picnic event next year too.

Our church Bible Study will be starting up again on the 18th of September. We will be going through

the book "by heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism". Join us for good discussions and learning.

We are hoping to support the Terry Fox Run this year on 14th of September, with our own team. This is the 45th year of the event. The annual Harvest Dinner will be held on 28th of September. Good food, some activities, and always a good time. The College and Career will have a Murder Mystery Night on the 18th of October. The Church Bazaar will be held on the 25th of October this year.

There are many more events and activities taking place. You can find out what is happening by visiting our church website or perusing this Kirkebladet or calling the Church Office and talking to Susanne.

As many of you already know, we have a new Church Secretary, Susanne (nee Pagh) Chaffe. She will be the voice on the other end of the phone if you call the office. Susanne has a strong background in office management, record-keeping, accounting, and member communications. Susanne's parents held board level positions and Susanne, herself, has been on church committees over the years.

I hope to see you out at some of these events.

Be well.

Rob.

Harvest Dinner



Sunday, September 28, 2025

1:00 pm (after service)

Cost \$35.00

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- by Credit Card
- by Cash at office (Tues – Thurs from 9 – 12)

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*Stegt Flæsk med Persillesovs (Fried Pork Belly with Potatoes and Parsley Sauce) is a classic Old Danish Favourite and has become very popular in Denmark again with young and old.

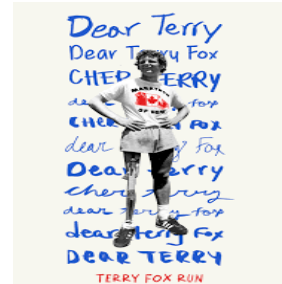
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Terry Fox Run

The church is participating in the Terry Fox Run this year on Sunday, September 14th, 2025. We actually have a registered team. The Team Name is **Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver, BC**. We are registered to do the run in New Westminster. The actual run starts at 10:00 in New Westminister at the Quay. We will then meet back at the church for our usual lunch along with some activities to celebrate the run. A ride for the event can be arranged by contacting the Church office. You can participate in two ways:

1. Sign up on the team page to join us in the run/walk.
 - a. Go to Terry Fox Run 2025
 - b. Search for New Westminister
 - c. Click on the New Westminister site picture
 - d. Select "Register"
 - e. Select "Join a team"
 - f. Select "Join a team" under the team name "Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver, BC"
 - g. Follow the prompts
2. Donate to the Terry Fox Run via our team page.
 - a. Go to Terry Fox Run 2025
 - b. Search for New Westminister
 - c. Click on the New Westminister site picture
 - d. Select "Donate"
 - e. Follow the prompts

We would love to see you there to help support this great cause.



Memorial Service for Ritta Sigvardsen



Ritta passed away on May 05, 2025. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends in the community.

There will be a Memorial Service to honour her memory and life on Saturday, September 6th, at 12pm in the Danish Church. This will be followed by a light lunch in the downstairs hall. It would be helpful for the family and volunteers to know if you plan to attend.

Please sign up on the sheet downstairs or phone the church office at 604-298-6112

Ære være hendes minde.

College and Career Group (Col/Car Grp)

Surely a July to remember as we added a bonus get-together in July. We met up for the Honda Celebration of Lights Fireworks and watched Canadians' Iconic Snow Birds pass over us at our picnic at Vanier Park! We also had so much fun at Murrin Park in Squamish, for outdoor rock climbing and a BBQ. In June we gathered at The Rec Room, where we played arcade games, pool, and got to try Indoor Archery! If you are interested in our young adults group events or know someone who is, please don't hesitate to reach out to Cydney and be added to our WhatsApp group to stay in the loop for future details and Bonus Events



Upcoming Events for College and Career Group:

Sunday, September 14 -Terry Fox Run

Sometime in September – Trivia event, keep an eye out for further information 😊

Saturday, October 4 - Corn Maze

Saturday, October 18 – Murder Mystery Night

Friday, October 31 – Halloween Activities, details out later

As always, we can provide rides to and from events! More details to come leading up to events.

For information on the College and Career Group in general or specific events, contact Cydney Rasmussen via email at crasmussen@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca

News from the Scholarship Committee

(Margit Hansson, Manfred Hoff, Lene Olesen, Jorgen Rohweder)

The following students have received a Scholarship from the Granly Danish Church Scholarship Fund:

Saje Allen
Cloe Christensen
Celina Jensen
Ella Madsen
Dylan Nielsen
Lauren Parsons
Amarea Wardrop

Kevin Christensen
Liva Hougaard
Kate Lewis
Miles Molhoj
Michael Nielsen
Ella Reedman

Fall Work Party

Join us for our Fall Work Party on Saturday, October 4 to come in and give the Church and grounds a Fall Cleaning. A light breakfast will be served at 9:30 am and the cleaning will start at 10:00. When we are finished, lunch will be served as a thank you for your effort.

If you wish to join us for breakfast and lunch, please let Ebba Grey know in advance at 604-990-3550, or ebba@shaw.ca



Fall Bazaar



Save this date: Saturday Oct. 25, 2025

11am to 2pm

As usual, in addition to our wonderful open-face sandwiches, there will be coffee, dessert, and old friends to catch up with.

Come for the nisser, embroideries, knitting, baking, and other crafts, as well as vintage treasures and books!

Check your mailbox soon!

Fall Lottery

Tickets will be mailed out at the end of September for the Fall Lottery. They can also be purchased at the Bazaar.

This years' prizes:

1. Stressless Recliner with Footstool- \$3000 – Donated by ScanDesign
2. \$1000 Anonymous Donation
3. Celebratory New Year's Basket including Kransekage baked by Ted Henriksen- \$200
4. Georg Jensen Gold Christmas Ornaments – Three Wise Men (1996) and Christmas Pig (2003)- \$200
5. Deli Basket Donated by Cloverdale Deli- \$125

The Winning tickets will be drawn at the end of the Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 2pm. If you win, you will be contacted.

September 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 Knit2gether 1pm	3	4 Ladies Aux 12noon	5	6
7 Service (Dan/Eng) 11am Pastor Benedicte Hansen.	8	9	10 Kom-Sam. 1:30pm	11 New Auxiliary 2pm	12	13
14 Service (Eng) 11am Lunch Terry Fox Run	15	16	17 Movie Matinee 11:30 Ordet	18 Bible Study 9:30am Service Dania Manor 10:30am	19+	20
21 Service (Danish) 11am	22 Swedish/Can. Rest Home 10:30am	23 Board Mtg. 7pm	24 Service Dania Home 11am	25 Bible Study 9:30am	26 .	27
28 Service (Eng.) 11am Harvest Dinner 1:00pm	29	30	0			

October 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Bible Study 9:30am Ladies Aux. 12noon	3	4 Fall Work Party 9:30am (Col/Car Grp)
5 Service (Danish) 11am	6	7 Knit2gether 1pm	8 Kom-Sam. 1:30pm	9 Bible Study 9:30am New Ladies Auxiliary 2pm	10 Pastor in Victoria	11 Pastor in Nanaimo
12 Thanksgiving Service (Eng) 11am Lunch/Games	13	14	15 Movie Matinee 11:30am	16 Bible Study 9:30am Service Dania Manor 10:30am	17	18 (Col/Car Grp)
19 Service (Danish) 11am	20	21	22 Service Dania Home 11am	23 Bible Study 9:30am	24	25 Fall Bazaar 11:00 am
26 Family Service English 11am Halloween Activities	27 Swedish/Can. Rest Home 10:30am	28 Board Mtg. 7pm	29	30 Bible Study 9:30am	31 (Col/Car Grp)	

Life Events



Baptisms

Asher Alexander Ayers was baptised on the 27th of July.
Rory Aidan Tage Doyle was baptised on the 27th of July.

Wedding

Kate Tekla Moberg and Jordan Craig Lowen were joined in holy matrimony in the church on the 26th of July.

Funeral

Elke Nissen was celebrated in the church on the 24th of July.

Halloween

On the last day of October, Halloween is celebrated throughout the world. In our church, we will help you get ready for the festivities by inviting you all to a Halloween Workshop following a kid-friendly service on Sunday, the **26th of October**. We will be carving pumpkins together and there will be something nice for the children.

The kid-friendly service starts at 11am, and the carving starts around 11:45am. If you love to dress up, you are more than welcome to do so as well.

Pastor in Denmark

Our pastor went to Denmark for holidays and the Annual General Meeting of The Danish Church Abroad. He was away from the 6th of August to the 25th of August. In his absence, lay-persons from the congregation agreed to conduct the services. We thank these volunteers for their willingness to do this as it would not have been possible to hold services otherwise.

Pastor on Vancouver Island

The Pastor will be serving our community on Vancouver Island for Thanksgiving Services on Friday, October 10th in Victoria and Saturday, October 11th in Nanaimo.

Save the Date

- All Saints Service and Supper on Sunday, November 2 at 5pm
On the first Sunday in November, the Sunday service is moved to 5pm and we remember those who have passed away in the last year and bring candles out to the Memorial Walk. Following the service, dinner is provided to those who sign up.
- Mortens Aften Dinner/St. Martin's Eve (after service) on Sunday, November 9
Traditional Duck Dinner
- Christmas Workshop on Sunday, November 3
A Hyggelige afternoon of baking, crafting, and feeding the nisser in the tower
- Luciafest on December 6
Plan for your young ones to Participate in this special event.



Danish Community Events

- Kro Aften at SCC - Friday, September 5th - Doors/Bar open at 6pm, Sandwiches served at 7pm. For reservations contact: danishhousesociety@gmail.com
- Seniors Luncheon at SCC – Friday, September 12th at noon – Cost \$3 if you bring a plate of sandwiches, otherwise \$8. Contact: tmolufsen@gmail.com 604-294-0749
- Kro Aften at SCC - Friday, October 3rd - Doors/Bar open at 6pm, Sandwiches served at 7pm. For reservations contact: danishhousesociety@gmail.com
- Seniors Luncheon at SCC – Friday, October 10th at noon – Cost \$3 if you bring a plate of sandwiches, otherwise \$8. Contact tmolufsen@gmail.com 604-294-0749
- SCC Fundraiser – Friday, October 31 – check centre website for details in September

Annual Fall Drive



“No one has ever become poor by giving”
-Anne Frank

Our donations go towards Church Maintenance, Kirkebladet, Community and Congregation outreach, our Pastor's Salary as well as all the other items required in supporting our congregation, both on Sundays and other days.

Please fill out the enclosed form and return by mail as soon as possible. Cheques should be made out to

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Membership allows you to be part of the decision-making process at the AGM on Saturday, April 12th, 2026



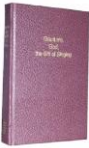
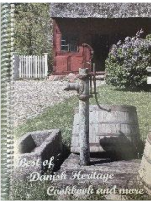
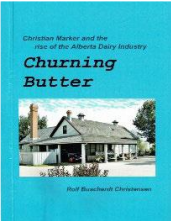
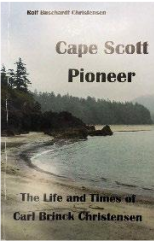
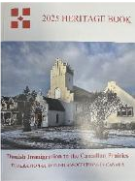
Santa Lucia



Santa Lucia will be on Saturday, December 6th. Traditionally this has always been the start of Jul in our Danish Church. *We now have at least third generation children coming in to sing and learn some Danish as well as learning about our heritage.* We thank our many wonderful and talented leaders over the years. There are a limited number of practices, and we also perform at Christmas by the Fireside at the Scandinavian Centre. The recommended starting age is four. Austen has agreed to teach and accompany the choir, but a second person is required for the administrative side, and a singing voice would be an asset.

if you are interested in having your child participate, or to help, please call the office 604-298-6112 or email to office@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca

Church Shop

	\$35	Grant me God the Gift of Singing
	\$16	Best of Danish Heritage Cookbook By our Danish Lutheran Church Cookbook Committee
	\$25	Churning Butter A Biography of Christian Marker By Rolf Buschardt Christensen
	\$25	Cape Scott Pioneer The Life and Times of Carl Brink Hansen By Rolf Buschardt Christensen
	\$20	2025 Heritage Book Federation of Danish Associations across Canada

****Please Note that prices do not include shipping costs.***

BOOK REVIEW: Churning Butter - Christian Marker and the Rise of the Alberta Dairy Industry

Reviewed by Dr. Kurt F. Jensen, Adjunct Professor, Carleton University

(Respectfully excerpted and condensed by Susanne Chaffe, full Review available)

Christian Marker was Alberta's first dairy commissioner. A Danish immigrant from a small-farm background but with a solid education in the Danish dairy industry.

Rolf Christensen has put together a book much more exciting and entertaining than a cursory glance at a book about dairy production might suggest. Marker, the son of a hero from the Dano-Prussian War, recognized that the opportunities in Denmark as a small landowner were narrow. He was ambitious – and clever. He immigrated to Canada in 1890 with little money. He initially worked as a dairy man in Ontario, during which time he met Dominion Dairy Commissioner James Robertson, who was so impressed that he offered Marker a job at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa.

There were many challenges to making the Canadian dairy industry. Marker studied and researched constantly and followed the Danish dairy industry closely.

Marker arrived in Calgary in 1897 to manage the government-operated creameries. Following creation of the Alberta province in 1905, Marker went from being Superintendent of Government Creameries to becoming the first Dairy Commissioner of Alberta, a position he retained for the remainder of his career, which eventually included being, concurrently, a Professor of Agriculture at the University of Alberta (eventually receiving an honorary Ph.D.). He was appointed the Honourary Danish Vice-Consul in Calgary until his move to Edmonton in 1921.

Marker was aided by many others of near similar enthusiasm and capabilities. Many of them were Danish immigrants, or other Scandinavians, as well as Anglo-Canadians. The large number of Danes involved in the industry simply reflected that Denmark was where the critical industrial advances originated. The book contains many chapters providing brief histories of these other critical players in the dairy industry.

Christensen's book is an important contribution to documenting the history of Danes in Canada as well as capturing a sense of the social history of the West at a critical time. The book paints a colourful picture of those engaged in the dairy industry, the hardships and times of penury, and the founding of communities whose inhabitants worked together for the betterment of all. **This is a book well worth reading.**

Rolf Buschardt Christensen, *Churning Butter: Christian Marker and the Rise of the Alberta Dairy Industry*. Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, 2025. Pp. viii, 342. ISBN 978-1-988266-13

Movies in the Afternoon

Join us for a movie on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month!
It is scheduled early, so we can get home before rush hour.
We will start at 11:30 with a light lunch, followed by a movie at 12:30. What we have planned so far:

- Wed., September 17 - **Ordet** (in black and white)
- Wed., October 15 - Will be a surprise



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