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Pastor's Report

A year ago, a person reached out to me and said that she was sad that she was not to be found on any of the pictures in our Hall of all the Confirmation Classes that our Church has had throughout the years. A week later, another person came to me and said something similar. Half a year ago, a third person came to me. With three non-teenagers showing interest in getting confirmed I figured I had to do something.

It has taken me a while to figure out how to proceed. With teenagers, all one must work around is school – and the fact that the students do not drive themselves. Adults drive but have a lot more on their plates than school. In the end, I am proud to announce that this August I will host an Adult Confirmation Camp. Four days of classes,

services, coffee, and fun. All culminating with Confirmation as a part of the Service on the 30th of August – and eventually a picture in the Hall.

I am very excited about offering this and I hope all who are interested will join. The Camp will be in-person. If you are already confirmed, but think it could be fun to attend, let me know. I will prefer it to be a small class, but depending on the interest, I might have space.

Another thing I am excited about these days is the new Committee that has been formed. At the AGM we decided to form an Interior Design Committee. Its job will be to, throughout the year, discuss, test, receive feedback on, and eventually come up with a Proposal for the members to vote on at our AGM in Spring 2027.

Changing the interior of our Church is not an easy task. Almost every brick has a story to it. Yet I believe many things can be improved – and not only esthetical, but practical as well. I hope that you – our entire congregation – will welcome the coming testing with an openminded attitude, and I hope you – after given consideration – will give good feedback so that we have the best suggestion possible to vote for next April.

I wish all of you a blessed summer.



Flags at Liberation Service

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Bronze Statue of Jesus

As you come in the entry doors of the Church, prior to going into the Sanctuary there is a Bronze Statue of Jesus to the right. As our Church is getting older, we are losing memories of where some items originated.

Does anyone know where this Statue came from? Please let us know if you do – Thank you.





As a church we have tried to respond to these concerns. Over the last couple of years we have actively subsidized events at the church in an attempt to lower the barrier of entry to these events. We will continue to do things like this to support our church community.

If you have any suggestions on how we can support our church community as a whole, please let us know. We do discuss every suggestion we get at our board meetings. You can contact us through the board email at board@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca

or to me directly at

rtaylor@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca

What can we do as a church to help to better support and encourage our church community? How can we help our community understand that they are not forgotten and we do want to show our appreciation and provide our support?

I hope to hear from you.

Rob.

From the Board

We were very fortunate to receive donations from a few different places over the last few years. These donations have allowed us to focus less on paying the bills and focus more on what we are doing as a church that has one foot planted in Denmark and the other foot planted in an area rich in diversity. All you have to do is come to church and look out the windows to the left. All those trees have been removed as they prepare to build an indigenous, low-income housing complex.

At the same time, a number of our members are feeling marginalized and under appreciated. Many have supported the church faithfully over the years. Now in their senior years they find themselves struggling with rising costs and diminishing income.

Our Church Organ

A mishap took place some months ago here in our church.

A hired tradesman did some service work in the ceiling above our Pipe Organ. Rather than using a step ladder to climb up and reach the ceiling, he placed his feet on the front ledge of the organ. In doing so he pushed the Facade Pipes with his knees and inadvertently bent several pipes out of shape.

Here in western Canada it is virtually impossible to find a person who is capable to reset bent pipes and make them play again.

Upon discovering the damage done to the organ pipes I contacted my longtime Danish friend Ole Hojer for his advice. Ole and I have known each other for more than 50 years, we served our apprenticeships together in the seventies at Frederiksborg Organ Builders in Hillerød.

In all that time since we worked together, he has worked with organ pipes and is an expert in the art of voicing and tuning pipes. Some of you may remember Ole from a previous visit when he came here to work on our organ in 2016.

At first, we contemplated shipping the pipes to Denmark for repair and having them sent back to Burnaby when the repairs were completed. As I gave more thought to shipping the pipes in a crate and the chance of something maybe going wrong during the transport, I got the idea to bring the pipes with me in a suitcase on a trip to visit the “old country”. We are home safely now – with the organ pipes.

We are grateful to Ole Hojer for doing a marvellous job refurbishing the damaged pipes so they will play as new again.

Steen Larsen



Confirmation 2027

Confirmation is a lovely tradition where young people get to learn about faith and Christianity by participating in classes and Services for a whole school year. In Denmark almost 70% of the age group were confirmed in 2022 making it a widespread rite of passage between childhood and young adulthood.

In our church we offer Confirmation to young people (usually aged 11 to 16). We offer it to people throughout BC (even Washington State) as our classes can be both in-person and online. So, if you are in the age group and think it could be fun, make sure to sign up by writing our pastor no later than **Sunday 16th of August**.

Aside from the classes and Services one is to participate in, Confirmation will end with a Service where God confirms the promise given in baptism. For the year of 2027 this Service is scheduled for Sunday 23rd of May.



Adult Confirmation Camp

Are you happy to see all the pictures of the confirmands for previous years on the wall of our Hall, but at the same time sad because you are an adult and not on one of those pictures?

Now is your chance to get up there as our Pastor will host a four-day Adult Confirmation Camp from **August 24th to 27th**. Each day will run from 10.30 to 13.30 and it all will culminate with the Confirmation taking place during our Sunday Service on August 30th.

The chance for adults to get confirmed might not come again for some time so reach out to our Pastor no later than Thursday 13th of August if you are interested.



Church Services

If you are considering any kind of church service, please contact the pastor and he will inform you about procedure, availability etc.

If you have special wishes, we will do our utmost to facilitate whatever you have in mind.

Confirmation

Leif Erik Mowatt was confirmed in the church on the 24th of May.

Rhys Bang Williams was confirmed in the church on the 24th of May.

Wedding

Donna Gay Molby and David Lloyd Zimmer were joined in holy matrimony in the church on the 2nd of May

Memorials

Erik Christensen was celebrated in the church on the 6th of June

Stephen Christensen was celebrated in the Church on the 6th of June

Pastor's Summer Holiday

Please be aware that Pastor Carsten will be on holiday from July 30th to August 14th. You can either plan Services and visits outside this period, or – if needed – arrange with a substitute pastor by contacting the office or our president.



AGM April 12, 2026

As of December 31, 2025 we had 203 paid up members. With 41 voting members present we reached our quorum at the AGM. Once again we relied on Poul Erik Rasmussen to effortlessly chair the meeting.

Items on the agenda included establishing a Design Committee as referenced in our Pastor's report on page 2. We had a comprehensive review of the finances presented by our Treasurer. Our Memorial Walk is flourishing and we thank Poul Erik Rasmussen for the countless hours he spends out there.

Our church is in a unique position of having money to spend beyond the costs associated with maintaining our building, parsonage, wages for Pastor Carsten and administration. Please refer to Robert's message from the Board for an understanding of the considerations for the church members as well as the larger surrounding community. Thanks to those that are making the difficult decisions; there is a lot of need in the community.

Thank you to the outgoing Board Members, and for those that have continued or transferred to a new position.

Here is our Church Board for 2026 – 2027 from left to right:

Rob Taylor Poul Erik Rasmussen Garry Meyers Randy Meyers Ida Taylor
Pastor Carsten Steen Larsen Ingelise Nielsen Jorgen Rohweder Cydney Rasmussen



Spring Lottery 2026

The Spring **Tea and Bake Sale** was again a delightful event. There were a few less visitors and we could have used a couple of volunteers more but we still feel it was hugely successful. All the packaged Æbleskiver sold.

Following the loss of ticket sales in the fall due to the postal strike it was fun and appreciated to see all the mail come in with your payments and ticket stubs.

This year's Spring Lottery Winners are:

1 st Prize	\$1000 (<i>anonymous donation</i>)	GERT NIELSEN
2 nd Prize	24 pieces smørrebrød (<i>thank you to Tina Taylor</i>)	EILEEN KEJSER -
3 rd Prize	Save-on-Foods Gift Basket (<i>thank you to Rob and Ida Taylor</i>)	ANITA NEUMEYER
4 th Prize	Easter Basket (<i>thank you Ebba Grey and Bodil Nielsen</i>)	METTE HAMAGUCHI
5 th Prize	Deli Basket (<i>Thank you to Hansel Deli</i>)	HEINZ AXELSEN -



A requirement of High School Graduation is Volunteer hours. We'd appreciate some hours given, and are willing to sign the forms for your teen.

Summer Picnic

Knud and Doris Nielsen have offered to host a picnic on August 16th, after the church service in Burnaby. Keep the date open, more details will be announced as we get closer to the day.



July 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Ladies Aux. 12noon	3	4
5 Service (Dan) 11am	6	7	8 Kom-Sam.	9	10	11
12 Service (Eng) 11am and Board Games (no lunch)	13	14 New Auxiliary 12:30pm	15	16 Dania Manor 10:30am	17	18
19 Service (Eng) 11am Pastor Clifford	20	21	22	23	24 Col/Car	25
26 Service (Eng) 11am	27 Swe./Can. Rest Home 10:30am	28 Board Mtg. 7pm	29 Dania Home 11am	30	31	

August 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 Service (Eng) 11am Pastor Reinhardt	3	4	5	6 Ladies Aux. 12noon	7	8
9 Service (Eng) 11am and Board Games Pr. Reinhardt (No lunch)	10	11 New Auxiliary 12:30pm	12 Kom-Sam.	13	14	15
16 Service (Dan) 11am Picnic in Langley	17 Swe./Can. Rest Home 10:30am	18	19 Dania H. 11am	20 Dania M. 10:30am	21 Col/Car	22
23 Service (Eng)11am	24 Adult Confirmation Class	25 Adult Confirmation Class	26 Adult Confirmation Class	27 Adult Confirmation Class	28	29
30 Service (Eng)11am	31					

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Save the Date!

The Summer months are a time for all those that volunteer to have some time off and for the rest of us to enjoy the good weather, holidays, and ice cream!

Kroaften at the Scandinavian centre won't start up again until the 4th of September. They send an email reminder close to the date – Get your membership and get on their mailing list!



Or Fall Calendar is prepared and events are loaded up on the Church Website: danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca

met More details to come

- 10th Sep Bible Study resumes
- 13th Sep Catered Harvest Dinner after English Service
- 16th Sep Movie Matinee starts up
- 20th Sep Terry Fox run
- 21st Sep Organ Concert in Church by Koncertorganist Tina Christiansen from Denmark
www.tina-christiansen.dk
- 25th Oct English Family Service followed by Halloween activities
- 31st Oct Fall Bazaar

- 1st Nov All Saints Service following Homestyle Dinner
- 8th Nov English Service followed by Catered Mortons Aften Meal
- 29th Nov Christmas Family Workshop

- 5th Dec Santa Lucia Pageant
- 15th Dec Big Band Concert
- 20th Dec **Nine Lessons** Special Afternoon Service
- 24th Dec Christmas Eve
- 25th Dec Christmas Day

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