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## Pastor's Report

In this Report I would like to share with you a poem by the Danish poet Halfdan Rasmussen that I translated for my Good Friday reflection. Although Halfdan for sure is most well-known for his humour, his first poems were written just after World War II. The poem I would like to share with you is called 'After Bikini' and describes the terrors of the atomic bomb:

*The earth is dust and flame. Humans are all gone.  
/ No living eye now reads the stars that travel on.  
/ No one shall weep again. No one shall ever  
laugh. / Nothing shall come to pass.*

*Here stood a mighty tree! Sunlight and rain  
would play / over a nest up there. Snow brought  
a gentle day / sprouts on each branch showed  
dreams began in Spring to trust / all is dust, only  
dust.*

*Here stood a house with life! Doors with a creak  
would sing. / Walls held the fading sound each  
weary step could bring. / Life left its shadowed  
trace deep in the dust that fell. / Dust overall now  
dwell.*

*Hare and the stag and fox. Sparrow and dove and  
crow. / Fish in the ocean's depth, all known in  
tides below. / All that the open world cherished  
and called by name / fade like a dying flame.*

*One who knew tender hands. One in a lonely  
place / of whom nights darkness screamed, now  
he found light's embrace. / One who grew cold  
with hate. One who with faith would burn. / all to  
the dust return.*

*Child and troubled mother. Lover, brother, and  
friend. / Night's thin wandering mice. Life that  
gave without end. / Voices and steps and cries,  
silence and sound of weep / in dust they all now  
sleep.*

*Fire sinks softly down. Life here is ended quiet. /  
Silence's hidden heart beats in the buried night. /  
Humans rose out of dust; to dust we all shall turn.  
/ That dust is pure we learn.*

I truly pray that we will learn from history and not bring old terrors into modern conflicts. If we cannot learn from the past, then what are we? Let us remind ourselves of the past - for instance through poems like this.

I pray that we enter a peaceful summer where dreams and hope are allowed to blossom and thrive.

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## From the Board

Wow! The year is moving fast. Here we are with the third issue of Kirkebladet for 2026. Wasn't it just yesterday we were singing Auld Lang Syne to usher out the old and in the new year? Just around the corner is the Liberation Day Service and Dinner on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then a hop, skip and jump into Ordinary Time which starts June 1<sup>st</sup> this year. This is a time for studying the life and teachings of Jesus, fostering growth and faith, and applying Christian principles to daily life. So maybe we can take this time to reflect on what and who we are as a church. More specifically, we can reflect on what and who we are as a Danish Church.

How does a cultural church, such as the Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver, survive in an environment that is far from home? That which is Danish in Denmark is not always the same as that which is Danish in Canada. Additionally, that which is Danish in 2026 is not always that which was Danish in the nineteen hundreds. I have been told, more than once, that our church is more Danish than any church in Denmark.

Last year we, as a board, worked through a Mission Statement and Vision Statement that we can use to help guide our activities and decisions as a Danish Church in Vancouver. The Bible provides the blueprint for our walk through this life with Christ. However, the Vision and Mission Statements help us, as a religious organization, lay out our path forward with more clarity.

Vision Statement: The Danish Lutheran Church is dedicated to being a welcoming spiritual home where faith, heritage, community, and diversity unite, inspiring generations to embrace hope, compassion, and purpose in Christ.

Mission Statement: Rooted in the Danish tradition, we celebrate our Scandinavian heritage, nurture faith, and reach out to build meaningful connections within our local and global communities.

The real question is how do we translate these statements into action going forward. I would love to hear your thoughts on this and how we can help implement these statements. Please drop me a note at the email address below with your thoughts on how we can truly embrace these Statements while applying our Christian principles to daily life.

Rob.

[President@danishchurch.vancouver.bc](mailto:President@danishchurch.vancouver.bc).

## 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.



## Baptisms

**Brielle Karlee Gallelo** was baptised in the church on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Mona Bladt** was baptised in the church on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April.



## Memorial

**Jørgen Johansen** was celebrated in the church on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April



# Danish Constitution Day- Grundlovsdag

Mark your calendar for a fun family activity celebrating Danish heritage.

On **Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June**, we will have **no Service in our Church**. Instead, we will celebrate the *Danish Constitution Day* together with Danish House Society at The Scandinavian Community Center starting at 11am, come early to set up your picnic at 10:30.

The celebration will take the form of a *casual picnic*. You bring your own food and drinks, and we will take care of festive tables and decorations, speeches and community singing – maybe even ice cream.

If the weather allows, we will make a fun *obstacle course* for children on the field as well. Who will come first through a wide range of obstructions? Only time will tell.

To make the event colourful, please bring your 'studenterhue' if you have one at home.



# Midsummer Festival

On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, The Church will have a table at the Midsummer Festival where Pastor Carsten will hand out a '**Service in a bag**'.

For the last three years, more than **700 Services** have been handed out in this way. We look forward to sharing them with you. *There will be no service in the church on the 21<sup>st</sup>.*

# Granly Legacy Fund

The Granly Legacy Fund awards scholarships for vocational or academic full-time or part-time studies both to High School graduates and those furthering their education.



There are **5 scholarships at \$5,000**, **5 scholarships at \$2,500** and **2 scholarships at \$1250**.

In the middle of August, the funds will be issued directly to the post-secondary institutions that the students will attend. Preference will be given to an applicant with a connection to one of the local Danish churches ([Granly Danish Lutheran Church](#) or [The Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver](#)) and/or those having a Danish background through a parent or grandparent.

## **Applications must be received by May 31, 2026 and include:**

1. Granly Legacy Fund application form. (***Found on Danish Church Vancouver Website, then Our Church Tab, and then drop down to open Scholarships***)
2. Cover letter – Explain the Danish church and/or Danish family connection, please add name(s) and possible church involvement. Outline as well, the reason for requesting the scholarship, your goals and chosen line of future study in a maximum of two typed pages.
3. Resume – Tell us about your education so far and any awards that you may have received. Include general information about your work experiences, interests and community/volunteer experiences.
4. A transcript of latest marks from your current place of study – high school or other educational institution.
5. The applicant must provide one written reference from a high school or college or university administrator (teacher, instructor) and one written reference from an employer or volunteer supervisor. This is to be current, dated and signed.
6. Include proof of registration and student ID from institution you will be attending.

7. The application should be in pdf format and emailed to The Danish Lutheran Church: [scholarships@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca](mailto:scholarships@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca).

The Selection Committee may request copies of originals, check documents for authenticity, and contact references. The Selection Committee reserves the right to decline awarding a scholarship if there are no suitable applicants for the award.

The successful applicants and a guest will be invited to the Harvest Dinner at the Danish Lutheran Church, Burnaby BC, in September.



## Movie Matinee

So far Krøniken has been a huge success. The group watched the first two episodes last month, but you can join in even if you missed them.

*As always it starts with a little lunch at 11:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month*

## Work Party

Thank you to the many people who came out to make our work party a huge success.

The **Kom-Sammen** group will have their annual outing on Wednesday, May 13.



# Liberation Day Service and Dinner

There will be a Flag Day Service on Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** celebrating the 81 years since the Liberation of Denmark at the end of World War II.

The day will start at **11am** with an English Service where all the Danish organizations in BC will enter the church with their flags in a procession.

The service will conclude by laying the flowers from the Church Altar at our replica of 'Jellingestenen' honouring all who fell during WWII.



An entertaining afternoon with good company and good food will start at **12:30pm**.

Dinner is \$30.00 per person for a three-course meal (salad, hamburgerryg and dessert).

A vegetarian meal will be available if requested. Please reserve your seat by prepaying before April 28<sup>th</sup>. Call or email the office for your ticket.

For this **81<sup>st</sup> Danish Liberation Day** we encourage all of you to bring flags to decorate the tables during the meal. We might even wave them as we sing some of the traditional Danish Liberation Songs. Pastor Carsten will entertain between courses.

**For Dinner Tickets:**

Office: 604-298-6112 **or**

Email: [Schaffe@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca](mailto:Schaffe@danishchurch.vancouver.bc.ca)



# May 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3 Liberation Service (Eng) 11am & Liberation Dinner	4	5 Knit2gether 1pm	6	7 Bible Study 9:30am Ladies Aux. 12noon	8	9
10 Service (Eng) 11am Lunch and Games	11	12 New Auxiliary 12:30pm	13 Kom-Sam. Excursion	14 Bible Study 9:30am	15	16
17 Service (Eng) 11am Pastor Clifford	18	19	20 Movie Matinee 11:30am	21 Bible Study 9:30am Dania M. 10:30am	22	23
24 Confirmation Service (Eng) 11am	25 Swe./Can. Rest Home 10:30am	26 Board Mtg. 7pm	217 Dania H. 11am	28 Bible Study 9:30am	29 Col/Car	30
31 Service (Eng) 11am Pastor Clifford						

# June 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 Knit2gether 1pm	3	4 Ladies Aux. 12noon	5	6
7 <b>No service in church</b> Grundlovsdag At Scand. Centre 11am	8	9 New Auxiliary 12:30pm	10 Kom-Sam. 1:30pm	11	12	13
14 <b>Service (Eng) 11am &amp; Lunch and Games</b>	15	16	17 Movie Matinee 11:30pm	18 Dania M. 10:30am	19	20 Midsummer Festival at Scandinavian Centre (Service in a Bag)
21 <b>No service in Church</b> Midsummer Festival at Scandinavian Centre (Service in a Bag)	22 Swe./Can. Rest Home 10:30am	23 Board Mtg. 7pm	24 Dania H. 11am	25	26 Col/Car	27
28 Service (Eng) 11am	29	30				

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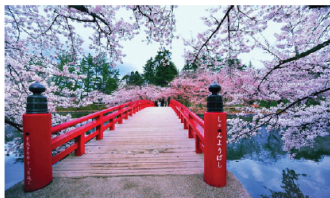
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- **Kroaften at SCC**

Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm

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- **Seniors Luncheon at SCC**

Friday May 8 at 12noon.

For reservations contact:

[lauravolufsen2@gmail.com](mailto:lauravolufsen2@gmail.com)



- **Kroaften at SCC**

Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm

For reservations contact:

[danishhousesociety@gmail.com](mailto:danishhousesociety@gmail.com)

- **Constitution Day (Grunlovsdag) at SCC**

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Arrive at **10:30** with your picnic,

**Entertainment with Pastor Carsten at**

**11am**



- **Midsummer Festival at SCC**

Saturday and Sunday, June 20 & 21

10am to 10pm



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