

KIRKE HILSEN

NOVEMBER DECEMBER
JANUARY
2026

LUCIA PAGEANT

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CHRISTMAS LOTTERY

JULEKLIP



KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY
SEASON:
DANISH CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR


DANISH
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TORONTO

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FAMILY GATHER FOR
WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP
AND DANISH CULTURE"



CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY

NOVEMBER

2.  **Alle Helgens søndag / All Saints Sunday**
4. 12-noon: Church Café (pg.6)
7. 7:30 pm: Folk dancing (pg.6)
9.  **21st Sunday of Trinity.**
15. Christmas Bazaar (pg.8)
16.  **22nd Sunday of Trinity.**
18. 12-noon: Church Café (pg.6)
20. 12-noon: Golden Age Club (pg.6)
21. 7:30 pm: Folk dancing (pg.6)
23.  **Last Sunday in the Church year.**
25. 12-noon: Church Café (pg.6)
28. 7:30 pm: Folk dancing (pg.6)
29. 2 pm: **Christmas Concert (pg. 9)**
30.  **1st Sunday in Advent, with Pastor Ilze.**

DECEMBER

2. 12-noon: Church Café (pg.6)
5. 7:30 pm: Folk dancing (pg.6)
7.   **2nd Sunday in Advent: Lucia Pageant (pg. 5)**
9. 12-noon: Church Café (pg.6)
12. 7:30 pm: Folk dancing (pg.6)
14.  **3rd Sunday in Advent: Nine Readings**
12.30 pm: Juleklip
16. 12-noon: Church Café, Christmas lunch (pg.6)
18. 12-noon: Golden Age Club (pg.6)
Christmas Potluck
21.  **4rd Sunday in Advent, with Pastor Ilze.**
24.   **2 pm: Christmas Service**
25.  **11 am: Christmas Morning**
28. Happy New Year - No Service

JANUARY

4.  **Sunday of the epiphany**
After the service, we will watch the Danish King New Year's speech.
9. 7:30 pm: Folk dancing (pg.6)
10. 2 pm: KnitWits (pg. 7)
11.  **First Sunday after Epiphany (Holy Three Kings' Day)**
13. 12-noon: Church Café (pg.6) / 3 pm: Bible Study (pg. 7)
16. 7:30 pm: Folk dancing (pg.6)
17. 1 pm: Movie Saturday, (pg. 7)
18.  **2nd Sunday after Epiphany.**
20. 12-noon: Church Café (pg.6)
23. 7:30 pm: Folk dancing (pg.6)
24. 4 pm: Starburst Service: Lego Edition (pg. 10)
25.  **No Sunday Service, see Family Service above.**
27. 12-noon: Church Café (pg.6) / 3 pm: Bible Study (pg. 7)

Sunday
Services at
10:30 am marked with
a flag. Services in Danish
 or English .





IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR

It's the same every year: I go to the garage; I get up on the ladder to get out the boxes of ornaments. We need to get all the decorations out for Christmas, because what is Christmas without decorations?

I have the tree skirt that my grandmother made in patchwork for me, all the ornaments for the tree that I have collected for years. They each tell a story from a time in my life; they bring me so much joy. But then... there is also that box with the string of lights.

Those are a whole other story: one big, tangled mess of dark green wires, plugs, and diodes is all I can pull out. Every year this happens. It reminds me of a black-and-white version of that spaghetti and meatballs meal Lady and the Tramp share in the Disney movie.

I honestly don't get it. I know I had the same problem last year and the year before that, and I also know I did everything I could to avoid it becoming such

a mess. Yet, it still happens. It turns into something so tangled that it's hard to even see where one part begins and another ends.

Suddenly I realise, it's actually a very good reminder of what Christmas can also be: messy and completely overwhelming! Christmas, in many families, acts like a kind of developer fluid for our relationships: If things are good and strong, we're reminded of that during the Christmas days. If things are difficult and painful, we feel that even more strongly in those days. And maybe it's also true for many people that life in general is just a bit of a mess...

As I stand there with the big, tangled lump, knowing it will take a long time to untangle it, I feel a strong urge to just throw the whole mess out and hurry to Canadian Tire to buy a couple of new packs of lights. It is tempting.

But instead, I choose to do something else: I find an outlet, plug in one of the four plugs, and plink – part of the lump lights up. Then – slowly – diode by diode, I can untangle the lit-up wire from the rest, and finally, four separate strings lie neatly on the table.



*Pastor
Kirstine Rasmussen*



And then in January, when I'll have to pack the lights away again, and maybe I could pack them into separate bags, boxes, or something else. That would probably make things a lot faster next year. But I, too, am a creature of habit: I'll probably do exactly what I always do. Throw everything into a Shopper's bag and store it the garage in the usual place. Yes, it's a bit of a mess. But maybe that's a good reminder too — that Christmas is allowed to be imperfect and a little chaotic.

Merry Christmas and good luck with the string of lights.

TIME ALWAYS SEEMS TO DISAPPEAR...



*Sune Overgaard,
President of
the Board.*

We celebrated Welcome Back Sunday, the official start of our fall season – with a nice service and BBQ lunch. We could have wished to see a few more people there – but that seems to be a problem many other organizations are facing these days. Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a big hit – great food, entertainment and fun for all, including an amazing musical performance by Alex and Anaida.

Looking forward, we have many special events coming up. Our annual Fall/Christmas Bazaar is weeks away. The Christmas Concert will take place on Nov 29 to get us into the spirit of the season. December's next with the Lucia Pageant and Children's Christmas Party and the draw for the Christmas Lottery – all on the same day!

when looked at in the rear-view mirror. Now that October is waning, we're preparing for the November to January 2026 newsletter. Where did the year go? "*Bruge den kostbare tid*" as my mom would say. "Make use of our precious time", good advice in my books. We have just experienced an amazing late summer and early fall – complete with glorious weather. I hope you and your families were able to enjoy those days.

We will have a busy Christmas Services week as usual with services on both Dec 24 and 25. We are still here in January of course, but perhaps after listening to the King's message, we will just focus on our regular weekly activities for a few weeks. Make sure you check the calendar and website for details of these and the many other events.

You may have noticed that our newsletters now cover three months of events instead of two. We re-set the timing to better match the mix of busy and less busy months. In addition to giving the production team a bit of a much-needed breather, it also helps us to save on printing and postage. Speaking of postage, we will have to be patient if anything is sent by mail until the strike situation

is cleared up. The good news is that we can still function without the postal system by means of electronic contact via email, website, e-transfer, etc.

We very much appreciate your support of all kinds, even from a distance. We do our best to serve a very large area, but it is much better to get your support first-hand – face to face, whether by volunteering or participating in the services and other events. Remember, this is your church and cultural centre – take an active role in its plans. Together we can make things happen.

Thanks for the old year, and best wishes to all for the new one.

Sune Overgaard

CHRISTMAS LOTTERY

As part of the Lucia and Children's Christmas Party festivities on Sunday December 7, we will also have the draw for the **Christmas Lottery**. Many of you will hopefully receive a book of lottery tickets in the mail, but with our current mail service disruptions, you may want to bypass the mail system and buy the tickets on-line. Check the website for details.

By purchasing tickets at a cost of **\$25 for a book of 6**, you are continuing to support our church and cultural centre. Remember to mail in your stubs in good time, or drop them off in person at the church. You can pay by e-transfer or credit card, but make sure you still send in the ticket stubs as they are needed to go into the drum for the draw. Better still, send us an email with your ticket numbers so that we know for sure we will have them in time for the draw.

We have great prizes thanks to donors like Malmholt Fine Jewellery, and some generous church supporters and members. Check out the list below:

Prize #1	Cash Prize		\$1,000
Prize #2	Gold Dagmar Cross		\$700
Prize #3	Georg Jensen SS Serving Bowl		\$500
Prize #4	Lego Harry Potter Hogwarts Castle		\$200
Prize #5	Royal Copenhagen Figurine "Boy with Cow"		\$100

Please make use of the stamped self-addressed envelope to return your payment and/or tickets stubs. Should you wish to add a donation for which you can get a tax receipt, this would also be gratefully accepted.

Thank you and Good Luck !!!

LUCIA PAGEANT 2025

All children, young or old, are invited to participate. The pageant is always a special part of the Christmas season. It will take place on **Sunday December 7 at 10:30 am**. This year we are also having the children sing at our Christmas Concert as additional practice for Lucia. To learn the songs, you will have to do a little homework and practice them at home.

The Lucia rehearsal schedule is as follows:

November 23 after the service 11.30 am – song sheets to be handed out

November 29 - meet at 1.30 pm for performance in the Christmas Concert (we will do dress fitting after the concert)

December 7 Lucia Service - meet up at 10.00 am and practice the songs while the adults are attending the service.

At the end of the service, the Lucia Pageant will take place in the church followed by Christmas "hygge" in the Royal Hall with a Christmas tree, Christmas decorations, and events for all to enjoy. This is always a special event for kids of all ages. We hope to see you – and your kids or grand kids – there!

RECURRING EVENTS

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOLKDANCERS

Fall has arrived and soon winter will again appear with frost and snow. The temperature might be dropping, but we'll keep warm with dancing and good company. We have returned to our regular Friday evenings at the Church, and we will keep our dance shoes moving through November, finishing with our Christmas party December 12. (Check **Danishfolk-dancers.ca** - schedule or the "Kirkehilsen" almanac for dates).



You are welcome to join us any Friday for folkdancing in the Royal Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Remember it is never too late to start an indoor activity involving good fun and music: beginners are always welcome.

In November we meet Friday the 7th, 21st & 28th and in December Friday the 3rd.

After the Christmas break, we start again on January 9th, 2026.

Wishing all a glorious fall,
a Merry Christmas, and a
Happy New Year.



CHURCH CAFE TUESDAYS

"Take the initiative. Don't wait for someone else to spread Christmas joy."

Hard to believe we are coming to two very busy months in our calendar and in our church. Church Cafe will continue to meet every Tuesday at noon so we can enjoy each others' company. We have many birthdays to celebrate in November!

December 16th will be our last day before the holidays. Please bring at least two wrapped gifts for our traditional Christmas game. We will complete the season by singing our well loved Christmas carols.

We will start our Winter season on Tuesday January 13 (weather permitting) and complete the month of January by celebrating our 25 th anniversary.

I hope you will join us. I wish you a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you in Church.

*Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår til jer alle,
Liselotte*

GOLDEN AGE CLUB CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall colours and sunshine.

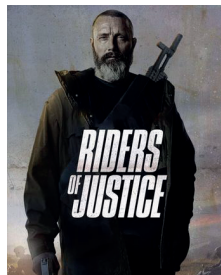
I look forward to see you at our next luncheon on November 20th, and our Christmas pot luck on December 18th, with dancing around the Christmas tree. I look forward to seeing you.

*Take care and stay safe,
Lilly*

Movie Saturday: Experience Danish Cinema

Join us for an engaging afternoon as we screen **Riders of Justice**, a darkly humorous and deeply moving Danish drama that blends revenge, coincidence, and human connection in unexpected ways.

Starring Mads Mikkelsen and directed by Anders Thomas Jensen, this film follows Markus, a soldier who returns home after his wife's tragic death, only to find himself entangled with a group of eccentric outsiders convinced that the accident was no coincidence. The film is in Danish with English subtitles—everyone is welcome! Come, bring a friend, enjoy some popcorn, and experience the brilliance of modern Danish cinema.



Movie: Riders of Justice

Date: January 17, 2026

Time: 1pm

Join KnitWits This Winter!

Do you enjoy knitting—or have you always wanted to give it a try? Come join the KnitWits for our next cozy get-together on Saturday, **January 10, 2026 at 1pm** at the church!

We'll spend the afternoon chatting, sipping coffee, and working on knitting projects for the upcoming Bazaar and other creative endeavors. Yarn, needles, and patterns are available if you need them, and everyone is welcome, whether you're a seasoned knitter or just learning to cast on.

Come share in the hygge, good company, and the simple joy of making something together!



Bible Study: Women of the New Testament

This winter, we invite you to join a thoughtful and inspiring Bible Study series focusing on women of the New Testament—their courage, discipleship, and the spiritual insights they offer us today.

We'll begin with Mary (Jan 13), then we'll turn to the role of Mary Magdalene (Jan 27), and discuss Martha and Mary of Bethany (Feb 10). Together, we'll read their stories closely and reflect on what they teach us about discipleship, devo-

tion, and the presence of God in daily life. We'll explore how these women have been remembered in Christian tradition and how their voices continue to speak to questions of identity, calling, and faith today.

All are welcome—whether you're new to Bible study or returning with questions and insights of your own. Come join the conversation!

The Danish Christmas Bazaar

– See you there!

Let's meet for a day of hygge, Danish Imports, and Smørrebrød, and many booths with a variety of goods for sale. Welcome to this year's Christmas Bazaar!

• Saturday November 15 from 10 am to 3 pm. •

There will be room for all as we open up all floors as well as the outside. Like last year, the import and other booths will be placed in the church sanctuary with space and room to browse. We now serve food items in our Food Court downstairs in the Royal Hall. It opens at 11am, here you can get open faced sandwiches, ris-ala-mande and lots of traditional Danish desserts. Outside we will sell Risengrød & coffee, glögg, hot chocolate, and æbleskiver. You can enjoy Danish smørrebrød in the café, or bring it home. We do allow pre-orders of Smørrebrød – but only for an amount of 20+ sandwiches. To order please look at our website for directions.

We make over 900 sandwiches so there will be lots to go around. The import booth with Danish Christmas candy and goods will be bigger than ever. If you want to be sure that your favourite candy is still available, you can place an online order now in our web shop, and the order will be ready for pickup on November 15, or you can order online to have your order shipped after Nov 15.

Find the web shop here: www.danchurch.ca/bazaar

This year we have some new booths and activities: Modern Scandinavian Décor, Face painting for kids and a surprise from the Pastor. Other activities will include a silent auction, a Christmas decoration booth, bake booth, jewelry booth and white elephant (garage) sale and more.

Welcome to the bazaar, an important fundraiser for the Church and a great place to start the Christmas Season. Cash is best, but cheques and credit cards can also be used.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Bazaar !!!!



Juleklip

Danish Christmas Decoration Making

Join us for a cozy and creative afternoon!

After the service on Sunday, December 14, from 12:30 to 2:00 PM, we invite you to step into a bit of Danish holiday tradition with us as we gather for Juleklip – the charming art of making Danish Christmas decorations.

Juleklip is a beloved Scandinavian custom where we cut, fold, and glue beautiful paper ornaments, hearts, stars, and other festive shapes. It's simple, heartfelt, and fun for all ages!

We're doing this activity with the students of our Danish language classes, but everyone is warmly welcome – whether you're Danish, curious, handy, or just in it for the hygge. Materials and instructions will be provided, and no experience is necessary.

Bring your creativity, your holiday spirit, and maybe a friend or two. Let's make something beautiful together as we prepare for Christmas.

‘TIS THE SEASON TO ENJOY A CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG CONCERT!

Enjoy the beautiful music of the season, and sing along to well-known Christmas Carols. All are welcome, and bring your kids. We will have a Children's choir as well.

**Join us on Saturday November 29, at 2 pm -
free admission.**

Soprano: Brigitte Bogar; Viola: Emily Eng
Piano/Organ: Mark Fenger; Cello: Kerri McGonigle

After the concert, there will be Christmas Hygge downstairs in the Royal Hall.

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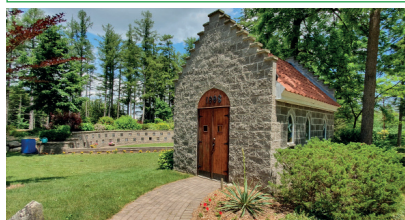
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Pat & Mark Fenger

August 3 ,2025

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Died: April 28, 2025, Port Dover, Ontario

Kirsten Ingeborg Nielsen

Born: February 1, 1933, Copenhagen, Denmark

Died: July 24, 2025, Oshawa, Ontario

Jorgen Rasmussen

Born: May 10, 1931, Holbæk, Denmark

Died: July 21, 2025, Mississauga, Ontario

Leif Kreutzberg

Born: December 2, 1940, Copenhagen, Denmark

Died: February 24, 2020, Ontario

Jytte Kreutzberg

Born: March 4, 1944, Copenhagen, Denmark

Died: January 20, 2025, Ontario

Jonna Lassen

Born: September 12, 1935, Læsø, Denmark

Died: May 2, 2025, Cambridge, Ontario

Peter Andersen

Born: March 28, 1966, Toronto

Died: January 31, 2025, West Grey County

Kirsten Lessing

Born: January 7, 1933, Denmark

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Church Café	Liselotte Østergaard	905-898-3779
Kirke Hilsen	Sune Overgaard, Gerda Andersen and Kirstine Rasmussen	

Starburst – LEGO Edition

Saturday, January 24 | 2-7 PM

Join us for a fun-filled family day all about creativity, play, and togetherness! Whether you're a master builder or just love to build for fun, this day is for everyone.

Let's make memories—and maybe even a masterpiece—together!

Program:

2-4 PM: Free LEGO play and creative building time

4 PM: Family Service with Pastor Kirstine (expect LEGO to make an appearance!)

5 PM: LEGO Creativity Competition: enter your build and impress our special judges

6 PM: Dinner together and the big reveal of our **LEGO Master of the Danish Church** winner!

We kindly ask for a small donation to help cover the cost of food.

Bring your kids, grandkids, parents, or friends—and join us for an afternoon of imagination and hygge!



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SNAPSHOTS

1: Renovated office space, 2-3: Thanksgiving Dinner, 4: Mark and Pat's Wedding, 5: Students visit from Aarhus Statsgymnasium, 6: Folkmusic and Folkdancing workshop with Kristian Bugge and Henrik Larsen.



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