

# KIRKE HILSEN

MAY-JUNE-JULY 2026

CONSTITUTION DAY  
SKT HANS FEST  
AND LOTTERY  
SUMMER KIDS CAMP  
AND MORE!

DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH TORONTO  
SPRING BAZAAR  
THIS SATURDAY 10 AM - 4 PM



DANISH  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& CULTURAL CENTRE  
TORONTO

"WHERE FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
GATHER FOR  
WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP  
AND DANISH CULTURE"



NORDIC SPRING BAZAAR:  
JOIN US!

## CALENDAR FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY 2026



### MAY

2.  **Family Service Starburst**
3. **No Sunday Service (see Family Service above).**
5. Church Café 12-noon (pg. 6)
8. Folk dancing, 7.30 pm (pg. 6)
10.  **Nordic Service at Finnish Church. No Toronto Church Service.**
12. Church Café 12-noon (pg. 6)  
KnitWits, 2pm (pg. 7)
17.  **Seventh Sunday after Easter, 10.30 am - Layman's service**
23. Spring Bazaar 10 am (pg. 3)
24. **Rest Day after Bazaar.**
26. Church Café 12-noon (pg. 6)
29. Folk dancing 7.30pm (pg. 6)
31.  **Trinity Sunday, 10.30 am - Layman's service**

### JUNE

2. Church Café 12-noon (pg. 6)
7. **No Service, Grundlovsdag (Constitution Day), 10 am (pg. 3)**
9. Church Café 12-noon (pg. 6)
12. Folk dancing 7.30 pm - End of season party (pg. 6)
14. **No Sunday Service**
16. Church Café 12-noon (pg. 6)  
KnitWits, 2pm (pg. 7)
21.  **Third Sunday of Trinity, 4.30 pm - With Pastor Ilze**  
Skt. Hans Fest & Lottery (pg. 5)
23. Church Café, 12- noon (pg. 6)
28.  **Fourth Sunday of Trinity, 10.30 am - With Pastor Ilze**

### JULY

5. **No Service (Canada Day)**
6. Danish Summer Camp starts
12.  **Sixth Sunday of Trinity, 10.30 am - Layman's service**  
BBQ after service
19.  **Seventh Sunday of Trinity, 10.30 am - With Pastor Ilze**

### Summer Break

All church activities suspended.

Next Service Sunday Aug 23.

# NORDIC SPRING BAZAAR COMING SOON

The date for the Spring Bazaar is **Saturday May 23 from 10 am to 2 pm**. It will be the usual bazaar format with all the regular booths – AND – we have again invited the Swedes and Finns to put up a booth and share some of their goods with us. It should be an **interesting mix of cultures and customs**.

**Rules for Pre-Ordering of Imports and Sandwiches.** Pre-ordering of imports for pick-up on the day of the bazaar will occur as usual – web shop is already open. **Any orders for shipping** will be processed as soon as they can be before bazaar day. We will allow pre-orders of sandwiches as well to be picked up after 11 am on bazaar day – but **only in quantities**

**of 20 or more.** We are grateful that both imports and sandwiches are very popular – but we also want to be fair to those that show up on bazaar day to look for these specialty items.

Join us for this big event. European hotdogs and drinks will be available outdoors; imports and all kinds of jewelry and gifts on the main level, white elephant up in the library; and **after 11 am**, all sorts of food, refreshments, sandwiches in the Royal Hall, and even special entertainment to enjoy while you shop.



*We look forward to seeing you there!!!*

## Constitution Day at Sunset Villa

**SUNDAY JUNE 7**

The annual *Constitution Day* festivities are happening at Sunset Villa on Sunday June 7. The park opens at 10 am and they have exciting events for most of the day.

It is always an enjoyable day in the country. We hope you will join us for this lovely event.

**Please note:** There will not be a service in the Toronto Danish church, or at the Mindepark in Sunset Villa, on Sunday June 7.

## WE ARE WELL INTO THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR



*Sune Overgaard,  
President of  
the board.*

We celebrated Fastelavn with children in costume, had a wonderful and different ABBA music service, and enjoyed a great visit by our Bishop Mads Davidson and Dean Selma Ravn from DDKU. At our AGM we received approval to go forward with the Finch Window upgrade among other things, we celebrated Easter week, had a delicious Royal Dinner, enjoyed a beautiful classical music service, and finished off with an exciting confirmation on a glorious spring day. No flies on us as they say.

Going forward from there will be a hard act to follow. We're joining our Nordic neighbours for a Nordic service at the Finnish church. Our Spring Bazaar is right around the corner with all sorts of booths, imports, sandwiches, and much more. We are supporting Pride

The cold and snowy weather has been replaced with rain and budding gardens and trees. Mother Nature looks after that renewal, and you can help us by renewing your involvement with our church and cultural centre. There are lots of activities on the go – we just need you there to participate. Make sure you check our website and newsletter to keep yourself current with the various activities and events. The early part of our year is normally rather quiet – but not this year.

month (June) with a flag on our front steps landing. Sunset Villa is hosting the Federation's Conference this year, culminating on Constitution Day where we hope to see you. The Heritage Seminar will be held at the Cambridge Hotel right afterwards. And finally, we are looking at Skt Hans Fest and Lottery Draw to close out June. It is an afternoon event- at 4:30 pm – don't miss it!!

Somewhat more concern is the current health status of our wonderful pastor Kirstine Rasmussen. As most of you have seen in our letter to our members, she has suffered a setback with the workload she was carrying for us. She's in good, loving, and caring hands, and we hope for a complete recovery. As difficult as it may be, we're not to try and contact her, and allow her to focus on the medical care she is receiving. She knows that our hearts and prayers are there for her.

Please know that your Board is hard at work doing what we can to manage this situation. We're lucky our favourite guest pastor Ilze Kuplens-Ewart is able to help us by taking on a few of the services, as well as planning the layman's services, and willing to help with pastoral services. Unfortunately, we'll have to cancel some services, including taking a break of four weeks in mid-summer which were already planned. Please contact either Gerda Andersen or me with any questions you may have regarding church matters.

Our Danish Church and Cultural Centre is still alive and well, even under difficult circumstances. We work as a team and will survive as a team. This can only happen if you participate with your heart, your wallet, your strength, and last, but not least – your smile!

***Sune Overgaard***

# Skt Hans Fest & Lottery Draw

**Sunday June 21**

This Mid-Summer Festival will start with a short service for the whole family at 4:30 pm. Afterwards we will go into our lovely park (weather permitting of course) and enjoy a traditional Sankt Hans program complete with a BBQ, songs, and strawberries and ice cream with our coffee. Bring your own lawn chairs if you like. At 6:00 pm we will have the draw for the lucky winners of our Sankt Hans Lottery. All ticket stubs must be received by then to be eligible.



***Please join us for a fun and entertaining event!***



## SANKT HANS LOTTERY – 2026

The Sankt Hans Lottery will soon be upon us. Tickets will be distributed by early May with the draw taking place at our Sankt Hans Fest on Sunday June 21, 2026. We encourage you to purchase a book or two as the lottery is an important source of funding for our church. As always, we are very grateful to the generous donors of the prizes - including Malmholt Fine Jewelers, and a couple of church members. If you require more tickets, or if you did not receive any, please contact any board member. Tickets are also available at the church or via our website, and payment can be made via the website or by e-transfer. We look forward to your support – and Good Luck!!!



# RECURRING EVENTS

## JOIN THE FOLKDANCERS!

The Folk dancers are still dancing in the “Royal Hall” most Fridays through May, from 7:00 pm. You are always welcome to join us, even as we prepare for our “Grundlovsdag” performance at Sunset Villa. Check the schedule for our next dance night and come join us or see us dance at Sunset Villa. Our spring session will finish with a get-together in June before we break for summer. We meet again after the summer break, in September.



Check the church calendar or our website for dancing dates:

**[www.danishfolk dancers.ca](http://www.danishfolk dancers.ca)**

Want to know more about danish folk dancing in Toronto, Email us at: **[info@danishfolk dancers.ca](mailto:info@danishfolk dancers.ca)**



*Church Café celebrates special events and birthdays year round.*

## WELCOME TO CHURCH CAFE TUESDAYS

*April showers,  
Bring May flowers!*

We have met many times in April with the threat of rain for our travels and now the beginning of May is very cool but at least the flowers are beginning to make an appearance. The Pastor's magnolia tree is in full bloom as are the daffodils in front of the church. The Church Cafe continues to meet on Tuesdays but are not meeting May 19 as we set up for our Spring Bazaar. Our last meeting for the season will be June 23 where we will be celebrating Alice's birthday. Come and join us on Tuesdays if you are available!

*Liselotte*

## GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Golden Age Club luncheons are cancelled for May and June due to lack of participation.

We will restart the luncheon again in September. If you are interested, please give Celine or Lilly your feedback.

*Have a great summer and stay safe,  
Lilly*



MAY YOUR STITCHES  
NEVER DROP AND  
YOUR YARN STASH  
BE PLENTIFUL.

*The art of*  
KNITTING

## KNITWITS IS MOVING!

We all have busy lives and setting aside a Saturday afternoon for knitting has proved problematic.

We have therefore moved to Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. following Church Café. We will be meeting on May 12 and June 16 before breaking for the summer.

# Nordic Service

SUNDAY MAY 10, 11 AM

**AGRICOLA FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

25 OLD YORK MILLS RD, NORTH YORK ON  
M2P 1B5

We invite everyone for an English language Church Service.

After the service, we'll serve coffee and traditional Nordic treats



## PRIDE MONTH FLAG

This June, you may notice something new at the front of the church. As a reflection of our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community that embraces all people, we have chosen to display a Pride flag featuring a Canadian maple leaf.

## 2026 DANISH FEDERATION NEWS

The **Ontario Region** of the Federation held its **Spring Meeting** at the church on Sat Apr 18. Various group members were there to take part and share in the latest news within the Federation. After the meeting, many of the members took part in the Royal Dinner.



The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada is holding its **45th Annual Conference and AGM** in Sunset Villa this year. The conference is from June 4 to 7, culminating on Constitution Day. This looks to be a wonderful conference with trips to Cambridge and Mennonite country.

The **Heritage Seminar** will be held at the Cambridge Hotel from June 8 to 12. Copies of the program and registration packages are available at the church, or by contacting **Lisa Olsen at [lisaolsen2008@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolsen2008@gmail.com)** or **Sune Overgaard at [suneovergaard@hotmail.com](mailto:suneovergaard@hotmail.com)**. Hope you can join us for these special and exciting events.

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## WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATED ITEMS

Planning your spring cleaning and wondering where to donate your gently used items? Bring them to the Church!

We are accepting donations of almost anything! From ornaments to jewellery, bags, purses, accessories, dishes, and more for our upcoming Bazaar and White Elephant sale (Please note **we don't accept clothing**).

We're also interested in fabric, linens, needlework supplies, paints, and crafting tools as we create a new Makers Corner, a space to inspire hands-on making.

If you have any questions, please contact Keri Pedersen.



## CONFIRMATION 2026

On beautiful sunny spring Sunday April 26, 2026, we witnessed the confirmation of:

**Peter-Emil Friis** - from Rungsted, DK

**Gustav Vingaard Damgaard** - from Copenhagen, DK

**Kirsten Hellman** - from Caledon, ON



## *Kids Camp:*

### *Step into a World of Fairytales!*

We are excited to invite children to a magical week-long Summer Camp inspired by the timeless fairytales of **Hans Christian Andersen**. From **July 6–10, 2026**, we will open the door to a world of wonder, imagination, and creativity.

This camp welcomes both **Danish-speaking and**

**English-speaking children**, creating an inclusive and joyful environment where stories, play, and friendships cross languages and cultures. Our theme is **Fairytales**, and throughout the week we will explore some of Andersen's stories in playful and creative ways.

Through **arts and crafts, cooking and baking, outdoor adventures in the park**, and perhaps even **bringing a fairytale to life on stage**, chil-

dren will experience the stories with all their senses. Each day invites curiosity and creativity, encouraging children to dream, create, collaborate, and discover the deeper messages hidden within fairytales.

Join us for a week filled with storytelling, laughter, creativity, and a little fairytale magic.

**9 AM to 4 PM**  
**Admission Fee: \$260**  
**Sign up by May 15**  
**Extended hours \$50**



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AND CREDIT CARD**

Did you know, The Danish Church accepts donations and other payments to the church via electronic transfer and now also by Credit Card. We are 100% self-funding, so support of all sizes is welcome. Read more on [danishchurchtoronto.ca/pay](http://danishchurchtoronto.ca/pay)



**IN MEMORIAM**

**Avril Jensen**

Born - April 1, 1942, England.  
Died - April 5, Toronto, ON.

**Marie Bisgaard**

Born -March 25, 1927, Aalestrup,  
Denmark.  
Died - April 13, 2026, Maple, ON

**BAPTISM**

**Astrid Nielsen**

**Baptised:** February 15, 2026.  
**Parents:** Jessica and Corey Nielsen  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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## VOLUNTEERING

The church is a charity and we are always looking for volunteers to help with setting and clearing up for special events, or even our weekly Sunday coffee after the service. Please sign up on the list or contact any board member for details. We can always use your help.





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# 10 CHURCH SNAPSHOTS



**February, March and April in the Church:**  
1-3: Fastelavn, 4-5: Soup Sunday, 6-8: Visit from  
Bishop Davidsen and Dean Ravn, 9-10: Palm Sunday  
and AGM.

