

KIRKE HILSEN

JULY - AUG
2024

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS
FOR OUR WHITE
ELEPHANT?

TIME TO SIGN UP
FOR CONFIRMATION
CLASS

PASTOR KIRSTINE:
A SUMMER READING
RECOMMENDATION

JULY 13:

FIND A BARGAIN
- JOIN US FOR
OUR GARAGE
SALE






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& CULTURAL CENTRE
TORONTO


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FAMILY GATHER FOR
WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP
AND DANISH CULTURE"






CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST 2024

JULY

- 6. Movie Saturday: Last two episodes, 1 pm
- 7.  **6th Sunday of Trinity.** 10.30am
- 13. Garage Sale, 10am-2pm
- 14.  **7th Sunday of Trinity, Layman's Service, 10.30am**
- 21.  **8th Sunday of Trinity, Pastor Marrti Seija, 10.30am**



- 28.  **9th Sunday of Trinity. Layman's Service, 10.30am**

AUGUST

- 4. **No Sunday Service**
- 11.*  **11th Sunday of Trinity, 10.30am**
Service - will be livestreamed
- 18.  **12th Sunday of Trinity, 10.30am**
- 25.  **13th Sunday of Trinity, 10.30am**

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

SEPTEMBER

- 1. **No Sunday Service**
- 8.  **15th Sunday of Trinity Family service, 10.30am**
Welcome back fest!
- 15.*  **16th Sunday of Trinity . 10.30am**
Service will be live -streamed

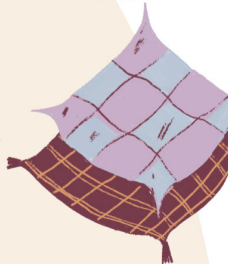
IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE FALL

- Oct 19: Thanksgiving Dinner
- Oct 27: Halloween Family Service
- Nov 3: Alle helgens søndag / All Saints Sunday
- Nov 16: Christmas Bazaar
- Dec 7: Christmas Concert
- Dec 15: Lucia Pegeant - Family Service

* SERVICES ONLINE

We stream the services
marked with an "*" and share
them on our website
danchurch.ca/video

GARAGE SALE



JULY 13, 2024
10 AM – 2 PM

We are having a large outdoor Garage Sale in our parking lot.

There will be a jewellery booth, a book shop, and of course – a very large “White Elephant” booth with almost anything and everything you could think of.

All prices will be at rock bottom rates – plus feel free to barter some more if you like.

We need to clear out a lot of those donated items,
so hope you will help to make this effort successful.



Summer is here...



*Sune Overgaard,
President of
the board.*

Thank you to all supporters of the Grand Piano Fund. Your efforts have come to fruition.

Not bad for our little church as all events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Right now, it is a very hot and sticky 35 C, which should be a reminder to us of what can happen during our summers.

Please keep yourselves hydrated and stay as cool as possible – and if you can, check in on seniors or those with breathing difficulties. I hope you don't mind my PSA (personal service announcement).

Very busy couple of months

It started with our Food Fair and then Confirmation the next day. Soon afterwards our church was the host of the Federation Conference, followed by the Heritage Seminar in Niagara Falls where several of our members not only participated, but also presented. Next up was the Constitution Day event at Sunset Villa where we had an outdoor service in the beautiful Mindepark.

Last was the Skt. Hans service and fest where we were able to enjoy an early summer get-together with family and friends, and a traditional BBQ with strawberries and ice cream for dessert.

The Federation Conference was a major success as we were able to show the many Danes and Danish groups from across Canada that our city is a wonderful "meeting place", and our church a great "forsamlingshus".

Being able to use our church for this conference helped greatly by providing all sorts of facilities, and kept costs down.

We have received many thanks and congratulations on a job well done. Thank you to the organizing committee and registrants, and to all others who participated and helped to make this event such a success.

If you have been at the church lately, you will hopefully have noticed a new addition to our sanctuary – **a lovely Kawai Grand Piano!**

We have finally been able to get one with great help from Brigitte Bogar, our music director. Thank you to the many supporters of the Grand Piano Fund – your efforts have come to fruition.

And it sounds wonderful – come out and give it a listen!!



All the delegates for our Federation conference in May. What a success!

Also, you may have noticed that they are starting to do the repairs needed as a result of the two floods we had earlier this year. With a little luck the Royal Hall and the washrooms should be completed by the end of June. We had to get this done by then since we have rented out the basement to the French children's day camp which starts weekdays from July 2 and continues almost to the end of August. The contractor will also try to complete repairs in the kitchen and the Grundtvig room over the summer. Once all the repairs are done, then they will also replace our discarded cabinets and shelves. Hopefully by September we will be back to normal and ready for the next set of busy events planned for our church.

Remember that we do not have services on the Sundays of the three sum-

mer long weekends, but will have services on all the other Sundays. Make sure you check the calendar for details.

On Saturday July 13 we are having a large garage sale in our parking lot. There will be a jewellery/purse booth, and of course – a large “White Elephant” booth with everything – maybe even a kitchen sink? **We hope to see you there**, but check out the note elsewhere in this newsletter.

All our activity groups are on summer break until September – so there is limited activity during this period. But we are back to full swing on Sunday September 8 with our Welcome Back Service and Fest.

Have a very safe and pleasant summer.

Sune Overgaard

Looking beyond...

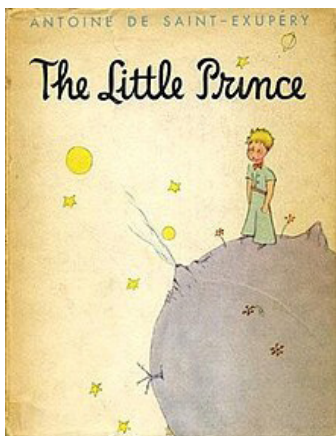


*Pastor
Kirstine Rasmussen*

"The lie is to settle for the reality that is before our eyes. The truth is an abundance in existence." To settle for the reality before us is to miss out on the abundance that exists beyond our immediate perception.

Have you ever read "The Little Prince"? It's a poetic and philosophical tale that captivates both children and adults. The story is about a pilot stranded in the desert who meets a young boy, the Little Prince, fallen to Earth from a tiny asteroid.

The Little Prince shares his adventures across different planets, each inhabited by a unique character; a king, a vain man, a drunkard, a lamplighter, and a geographer. Through these encounters, the story delves into themes of loneliness, friendship, love, and the significance of seeing with the heart rather than just the eyes. This timeless tale is beloved worldwide and holds a special place in my heart too.



The story resonates deeply because it challenges us to look beyond our earthly, worldly perspective. It reminds us that what is visible is not all there is; we must embrace the heavenly, the eternal. The visible AND the invisible.

Most adults measure and understand the world through the material what has utility and provides

**“Eyes are blind.
You have to look with the
heart.” - the little prince**

power and opportunities among people. But children view the world differently, seeking not more earthly goods or others' opinions but the wonderful, the inter-relational, co-creation, and companionship. They seek life's magic and want to experience and share life with others.

In "The Little Prince," the worldview of adults appears peculiar to the child. Adults are often preoccupied and overlook the essential—the things that truly matter. Therefore, we must forgive them, for they have forgotten the important things in life. They see only what can be seen with the eye, while the important things must be seen and experienced with the heart.

Human logic and understanding

of justice are crucial for society's functioning, but when it comes to sharing and experiencing life, what we carry in our hearts is far more significant. Love, which cannot be bought or demanded, is given out in completely unfair and illogical quantities. Yet, there is an infinite amount enough for all of us. When we start living and giving more

from the heart than from the world seen by our eyes, we embody the abundance that Jesus also speaks of. So here is a recommendation for summer reading. "The Little Prince" remains a cherished classic, and it can be read over and over again. Even if you know it – do it again. And then remember to look beyond the superficial to find true meaning in life.

Farewell and Driver's Licence exchange between Ontario and Denmark approved

I am very happy to announce that a task high on my list of priorities during my time as Ambassador to Canada has been resolved.

On June 27, Ontario Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria signed a letter allowing Danish residents in Ontario to exchange their Danish driver's licenses for Ontario licenses without a test. This longstanding wish of the Danish community in Ontario has finally been realized, easing the process for obtaining a Canadian driver's license.

I extend my gratitude to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Sarkaria, and their teams for our close collaboration on this important matter.

As my time as Ambassador in this beautiful country comes to an end, I want to thank the Danish community in Ontario and across Canada for your continued support of me, the Embassy in Ottawa, and



the Consulate General in Toronto. It has been a true honor and privilege to engage with all of you!

Please give my successor and great colleague, Jarl Frijs-Madsen, a warm welcome when he takes up the position on 1 August.

I wish you all a great summer and time off with families and loved ones.

Hanne Fugl Eskjær

Food Fair Results - May 4 2024

We had a successful Food Fair on Sat May 4. The weather cooperated and we had activity both outside and inside. The imports booth had plenty of room and was busy as usual, the hot dog booth kept up with its tasty goods, and people enjoyed the selections from the dessert booth and the bake & deli booth. We also did well with the sandwiches – both pre-order and in-house sales. We want to thank all the many volunteers who took part in this event – this could not be done without your help. And also, a big thank you to those who participated. The net results shown are on-going as we still have a lot of inventory left for sale..



RESULTS

Bake, Deli & Coffee Booth	\$ 1,313
Hot Dog Booth	\$ 249
Import Booth	\$ 4,922
Sandwiches	\$ 4,505
TOTAL	\$ 10,989

The Bazaar Committee

LOOKING FOR ITEMS FOR OUR FALL BAZAAR

That bazaar is not scheduled until Sat Nov 16, 2024 – but we are always looking for quality items for either the jewellery/purse booth, or the Christmas and gift booths. Clearly the items should be something that others would like to have and in good shape.

If you should have some items that you are happy to get rid of, please bring them into the church one day. Remember – books are not the same as they once were – we do not need them. **Please recycle if you can.**

If in doubt, please contact Lisa McConnell or Hanne Simmelsgaard with any questions.

Sign up for next year's confirmation class now

Young ones around the age of 13-16 (grade 8,9,10,11) can join the confirmation class for 2024/2025.

The teaching will take place in-person, with the possibility of online participation, for those who live further away.

The class will be held in English or Danish and will contain an introduction to Christianity, the Bible, the church, faith, hope and life ... and much more. 11-14 classes and a sleep-over are planned and the detailed syllabus is coordinated with the enrolled confirmands.

September 15th at 10:30 am, first class at the service. The confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th, 2025.



4 of this year's confirmation class. The more the merrier.

Please sign up before **September 1st**. Find the registration form on the website: www.danchurch.ca/confirmation and contact me if you have any questions (see pg.11)

Pastor Kirstine

Danske Sømands- og Kirk-er i udlandet (DSUK)'s magazine NYT is on the streets with a new issue. Here you can read articles about Danes all over the world - and more articles from Toronto. Find the magazine in the Church. The latest issue has an article about the confirmation classes in Toronto.

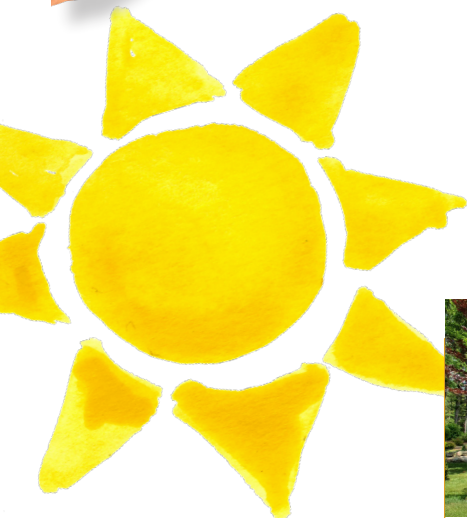


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Pastoral Visit

Please contact Pastor Kirstine by email or phone if you or someone you know is in need of a pastoral visit. Pastor Kirstine is also able to bring communion to those who are not able to make it to the church.

IN MEMORIAM

Edith "Dee" Christine Jensen

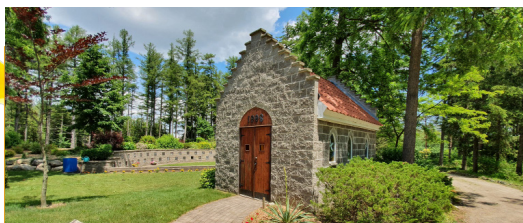
Born January 2, 1955 in Bojskov, Denmark
Passed June 24, 2024 in Alliston, Ontario at
Matthews House Hospice

Memorial Service will be held
August 17th, 2024, 11am
Danish Lutheran Church

Need someone with whom to talk?

Alice Olsen MSW, RSW, the late Esther Pedersen's daughter, and a qualified social worker, has kindly offered to speak confidentially to a member of the Danish Church for free over email.

All you have to do to avail yourself of her services is contact her at :
Tukiegarde@gmail.com



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9 CHURCH SNAPSHOTS



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May and June in the church:

1: Confirmation of the 5 confirmands
2: Golden girls having a blast 3: Food Fair
4: Engaging debates at the Heritage Seminar
5-6: Federation conference
7: Pastor Simon visiting Church Cafe
8: Constitution Day at Sunset Villa
9: Skt Hans Service



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