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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

(All events held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, November 14	**Bake Sale/Craft Sale/Luncheon** *(See below)*	10 am—1 pm
Saturday, December 5	**Julefest** Catered dinner and musical entertainment by **Hoof on the Roof String Band**	Noon
Thursday, December 10	Board Meeting	5:15 pm

Sons of Norway Annual Bake Sale/Luncheon and Craft Sale

Saturday, November 14, 10 am—1 pm

Your baking keeps our traditions alive. Thank you for being part of it!
Drop off your baked goods at Our Savior's from 4–6 pm on **Friday, Nov. 13**, or on **Saturday, Nov. 14** from 8–10. Please package your goodies in clear containers or on plates covered with clear plastic wrap or in baggies. Please package in 1/2-dozen increments. We will price the items.

Our craft sale will once again feature handmade Scandinavian-inspired items—think cozy knits, traditional patterns, and small treasures that celebrate Nordic heritage. It's a great chance to pick up gifts with a little extra hygge.

Luncheon Menu — Enjoy **pølse med lømpe** (frankfurter wrapped in lefse), served with chips and carrot sticks. For dessert, choose between **rømmegrøt** or **lefse kling**—or treat yourself to both!

—**Lisa Fenton**, Chairperson

The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries. (Updated mission statement, 2025).

Til Minne

Joan Eleanor (Floyd) Olson (Oct. 13, 1937-Sept. 16, 2026). Longtime former member.



Tusen Takk til……
Diann Renaas, Lori Conklin, and **Kari Richards** for the October 8 treats!

Hilsen fra Presidenten

If you were at the last chapter meeting, you know I had many personal connections to East and West St. Olaf Churches. My father's family (and generations before) were members. My father spoke Norse fluently and actually translated the early church records from Norwegian to English. He sometimes led church services in the "mother tongue" and loved providing classes for others to learn. Looking to the future, he also created a perpetual fund for care of the cemetery. Of course, I didn't appreciate any of that as I grew up. Our presentation on the churches filled my heart with memories of my father and gratitude for all he gave to these congregations, his family, and me. **–Carol Lucido**, President



NORM SENJEM SPOKE TO THE SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING ON THE HISTORY OF THE EAST AND WEST ST. OLAF CHURCHES AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF THE FORMER PARSONAGE, PICTURED ON THE SLIDE.

Foundation Scholarship Winner visits Kristiania

Sons of Norway Foundation offers a multitude of scholarships to young people seeking higher education. At our October meeting, we had the honor of hearing from one of the recipients. **Nicholas Edland** delighted us as he spoke about deciding to pursue a degree in nursing, his Norwegian heritage, and how much the scholarship meant to him. He also read a letter from his brother**, Connor**, who received a scholarship but was unable to attend our meeting. The September/October issue of *Viking* magazine featured all the recipients of the 2026 scholarships. The Edland brothers are pictured on pages 21 and 22. To learn more, visit: sofn.com/foundation.

--**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chairperson

Norwegian violinist Ole Bull performed in Rochester in 1869 and 1872.

Rochester Post-Bulletin columnist Thomas Weber ("Then and Now") wrote in the October 13, 2026, issue of the visits to Rochester by the famed Norwegian violinist Ole Bull in 1869 and 1872. Weber's headline notes that Bull was a "hot ticket" among the locals, with the Rochester Scandinavian Association parading with him to the concert venue at the American House hotel. Scalping of the $1 tickets occurred, and a desire was expressed for a return concert, which Bull granted in 1872 at the Heany Hall.

Kristiania Julefest

Saturday, December 5, noon

Catered Dinner and Musical Entertainment by **Hoof on the Roof String Band**

Join Kristiania members for our traditional Julefest dinner with all the trimmings. More details in the December *Posten*.

Much of the music performed by this group comes from a time In Minnesota in the late 1800's before the automobile and radio changed rural culture. On a winter night, farm families would move the furniture, roll up the rug, and invite their neighbors over for food and "round dancing." The local fiddlers would tuck themselves in a corner and play waltzes, schottisches and polkas until early morning.

Mary Pat Kleven and Charlie Knuth are "Hoof on the Roof," an old-time string band. Their music has strong Scandinavian, Irish, Scottish, German, and French-Canadian influences. They also play with a larger group, the Scandinavian-American Old Time Dance Music Ensemble, based out of Madison, WI, playing the music of second and third generation Scandinavian immigrants to Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

Citizenship in Svalbard

Svalbard is an archipelago in the Arctic that lies about 600 or so miles north of mainland Norway. Norwegian sovereignty over the island began in the 1920's with The Svalbard Treaty. It is unique in that it is part of the Kingdom of Norway yet operates under its own laws when it comes to immigration and citizenship.

Due to its isolated location and limited resources to support its population, Svalbard has stringent guidelines around residency and citizenship. While a visa or work permit is not needed to live there, transplants must prove they can support themselves with employment and housing. For foreign nationals living and working in Svalbard, if they want to move to mainland Norway, they need to obtain the required work permits and visas to do so. If they want citizenship, they need to follow the requirements for that including eight years of residency, but time living in Svalbard may not count towards that requirement. However, the Norwegian government continues to look at this issue to see if adjustments should be made. –Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

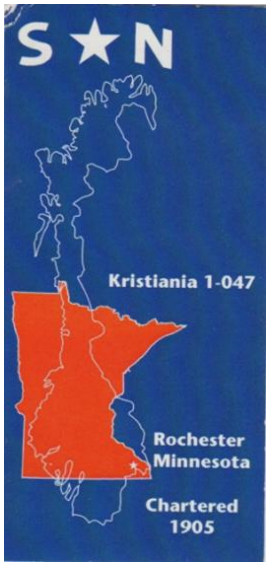


We are still collecting cancelled postage stamps, which are collected on the district level and sent to Norway to help raise funds for humanitarian causes. Look for a box for depositing them at a meeting, or bring them to the board room/library. –**Ann Romo**, Trustee

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Let Sleeping Polar Bears Lie

We've all heard the saying "let sleeping dogs lie," but in Norway's Svalbard archipelago, the same wisdom applies to polar bears. And trust me, you do not want to be the person to wake one.

Earlier in August, a boat was sailing through a fjord in northern Svalbard when the person driving the boat spotted a polar bear sleeping on land. They decided to use the ship's foghorn to get the bear's attention, ultimately waking the bear and causing it to move to another location.

The incident was reported to the governor of Svalbard by other passengers of the ship, as the region has an environmental protection law that prohibits "unnecessarily disturbing, luring, or pursuing polar bears." The governor ultimately deemed that the act was intentional and issued a fine of 50,000 kroner, roughly $5,300, to the driver of the boat. Fortunately, the boat driver learned their lesson and agreed to pay the fine.

This story is a good reminder though that the world's breathtaking wilderness can certainly be enjoyed but should be done so respectfully. And sometimes, that means taking the "let sleeping dogs lie" phrase literally and enjoying from afar. ----Sons of Norway Newsletter Service