



**SONS of
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Kristiania Lodge 1-047



KRISTIANIA *POSTEN*

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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Thursday, October 9	Leif Erikson Day	
Thursday, October 9	Scheduled landing of the <i>Restauration</i> in New York Harbor	
Thursday, October 9	Board meeting	5:00 pm
Thursday, October 9	Lodge meeting. Program: Olsen Lutefisk Co.	6:30 pm
	Speaker: Chris Dorff , President (See below)	
Saturday, November 8	Bake Sale, Craft Sale & Luncheon (See p. 2)	10 am — 1 pm

Hilsen fra Presidenten

Fall has arrived with beautiful trees, cooler weather, and farmers harvesting. To top it off, we can start thinking about bake sales, lutefisk dinners, Jul Fest, and other fall traditions. I hope you will enjoy your own favorite things about this lovely season.

—**Carol Lucido**, President



October Lodge Program—Oct. 9, 6:30 pm

October is lutefisk season!

Chris Dorff, president of Olsen Lutefisk Co. in Minneapolis, is coming to Kristiania to inform us about all things lutefisk! Chris will discuss the history of the family-owned lutefisk and herring business, share some stories, and explain how lutefisk is made. If you need more motivation to attend, Chris will bring some herring samples for us to try! Hope to see you there for what should be an interesting program !

—**Sue Walch & Lisa Fenton**,
Co-Program Directors

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).

Annual Bake Sale, Craft Sale & Luncheon Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 am—1 pm

Mark your calendars for one of Kristiania Lodge's most beloved traditions—the Annual Bake Sale, Craft Sale, and Luncheon! Each year, this event welcomes nearly 200 guests, many of whom are non-members, making it a wonderful opportunity to share Nordic culture and invite new faces into our community.

Volunteers Needed—We're still looking for helping hands in a few key areas:

- ♦ Hospitality station
- ♦ Bake sale room
- ♦ Bake sale floor (traffic flow and checkout support)

If you're available, we'd love to have you join the team!

Bake Sale—It's time to start planning your Scandinavian baked goods! Drop-off details will be shared in the November newsletter, and you can expect a reminder sent through the postal service.

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

Craft Sale—Craft sale tables are nearly all reserved. If you have questions or would like to inquire about space, please contact **Betty Ronningen at 507-254-3717**.

Looking forward to seeing you there!—**Lisa Fenton**, Chairperson

Tusen Takk fra Kathy Rosedahl

Tusen takk to the Norwegian *nisser* (dwarves) who furnished the wonderful treats at the September meeting. The treats, along with coffee, made for another perfect Norwegian fellowship time! These *nisser* were **Carol and Wayne Rogelstad, Marilyn Pewowaruk, and Judith Stevens**.

The October *nisser* who graciously signed up are **Kay Johnson, Lisa Fenton, and June Lee-Cahoon**. ***Tusen takk*** to them. Be ready to hear about lutefisk at the meeting. *Nisser* are not needed until January, but then your chances return!

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director.

507-289-8621

Humor from the library: Check them out before or after a meeting!



—**Sharon Barsness, Librarian**

Articles about the sloop *Restauration*:

http://www.wheelerfolk.org/sloop/articles/norwegian_sloopers_of_1825-2.htm

<https://www.restauration.no/en#map>

—Submitted by **Ann Romo**

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NOTE—Please notify **Kristi Simmons** (ssimmons10@aol.com) or **Lisa Fenton** (lj.fenton789@gmail.com) if you know of a Kristiania member who should receive a get-well or sympathy card with greetings from the lodge.



**Kristiania member, Betty Danielson, attends
Restauration launch in person in Stavanger**

This was my trip of a lifetime! Vesterheim in Decorah, Iowa, sponsored a tour in celebration of the first organized emigration from Norway to the USA. In 1825 52 Norwegians left Stavanger on the *Restauration*, a small ship called a sloop. The Vesterheim tour group went in June to many wonderful museums, homes, monasteries, shops, and festivals in Oslo, Hamar, Larvik, Lista, Aksdal, and Stavanger. We also toured the nearby Energy Center, previously known as the oil production center. The interesting overall financial picture was explained. We learned that Norway is only using 3% of the profit, and 97% goes to future generations. Also, their research has shown that the future investment is greater under the ocean and not in outer space.

On July 3 we were uniquely a part of the elegant five-course dinner for 200 guests, which included the king, queen, and many other special guests. Outside our window was the replica of the *Restauration*. We took turns going onto the ship. The next day we watched a ceremonial parade of cars to the cathedral and the worship service on a big outdoor TV screen. Then the entire royal family, King Harald, Queen Sonja, the crown prince and princess, and the two grandchildren, embarked on a boat alongside the *Restauration*, as it sailed off to America, a beautiful ceremony of a historic event. The celebration was blessed with beautiful weather, and a men's chorus sang "Sail Away" when the royal family departed. The ship with a crew and nine guests will arrive in New York on October 9.

The food was another fun part of our trip. The huge breakfasts were my favorite. Almost every day we had a different version of fish soup (all were delicious) with a piece of great bread, and our evening meals were a healthy balanced meal, also beautifully presented. The Norwegians we met were full of empathy, kindness, and joy, with a deep respect for history and education. I feel exceptionally lucky to have been part of this amazing experience!

—by Betty Ann Danielson

From our Financial Benefits Counselor

Guess what, it's time to think about what to give your grandkids and great-grandkids for Christmas! Have you ever thought about a gift of Life Insurance? Here are a few reasons why that may be a great idea:

First, the premiums are as low as they can be because the children are young,

Second, they are healthier, thus they will qualify easier and take advantage of the lowest premium possible.

Third, it gives them a base of Life Insurance coverage from which they can build on.

Finally, it's a gift that your grandkids and great-grandkids will remember as a gift from Grandma and Grandpa!

Sons of Norway has two great products to choose from: Viking Voyager and a Single Premium Whole Life. What better gift to give your grandkids and great-grandkids than a gift to help them build a secure financial future. Please contact me for details. —Len Carlson 651-253-1943

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Pop Tabs—

Kristiania lodge will continue to collect aluminum can tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House. A marked collection box will be available at each lodge meeting on the table located on the side wall.—**Monica VanKirk**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Lutefisk Dinners in the area coming this fall 2025

Oct 4, Saturday – **Vang Lutheran**, (north of Kenyon)- 2060 Co 49 Blvd, Dennison, MN. Continuous seating 11-2, 4-6. \$26 - 507-789-5186. <vanglutefisk@ gmail.com>

Oct 11, Saturday – **First Lutheran**, 434 1st St. SW, **Blooming Prairie**, MN – 507-583-6621 – 3 seatings, (11 am, 12 noon & 1 pm) \$25. Tickets go on sale Sept 22th at 10 am. Reservations and pre-pay <firstlutheranbp.com/lutefisk-dinner>. No walk-ins. (Reservations get filled fast.)

Oct 23, Thursday – **St. John's**, 301 Eight Ave NW, **Kasson**, MN \$25. Reservations only, no walk ins. Pre purchased and paid for on line at < stjohnskasson.org> or call 507-634-6021 between 8 and 5 pm. Times are 11, 12, 1, 4, 5, and 6. Tickets go on sale Sept 22th.

Nov 1, Saturday – **Lyster Lutheran**, W1771 County Road D, Nelson, WI –715-673-4934. <lysterchurch.wordpress.com/lutefisk-dinner> \$28, Serving 11, 12, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. Tickets go on sale Oct 19

Dec 3 ??, Wednesday – **Whistle Binkies on the Lake**, 247 Woodlake Dr, Rochester, 507-424-1227. (date not decided yet.)

Dec 10 ??, Wednesday – **Whistle Binkies North** ,3120 Wellner Dr, Rochester, 507-289-9200. (date not decided yet)