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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

August 11	Ice Cream Social in the OSL parking lot (see p. 2)	7:00 pm
September 8	Board meeting	6:00 pm
September 8	Chapter meeting Speaker: Dr. Kristin Anderson. Norwegian-American Artist Herbjørn Gausta	7:00 pm
September 24	Movie Night. "The Lutefisk Wars"	7:00 pm

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN, Erica Ward

I hope your summer is going well. This summer I was able to go with my daughter, **Dahlia**, and my parents to Norway and Iceland. My dad, who was born in Norway, and I took my oldest daughter, **Yuli**, to Norway and Svalbard in 2017. We had decided to make this journey with each of my kids so that they would get to experience and make their own connection to Norway as well as get to hear stories from my dad from his childhood. Of course, we also get to visit family.

Dahlia's trip started in Oslo with her and my parents visiting family, attending a rendition of *Black Swan* at the Opera House, and visiting several museums. They took the train to Bergen where they joined me at our cousin's house. We enjoyed exploring Bergen, including Ulriken and Bryggen, and spending time with family. While in Norway, we also traveled, via Hurtigruten, to Molde to experience the Atlantic Ocean Road while Dahlia and I hiked to Trollkirke. Then we flew to Stavanger where Dahlia and I completed the hike to Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock). What a wonderful day that was!

Our time in Norway was done so we flew to Iceland for the last leg of the trip. While in Iceland, we explored Reykjavik, the Golden Circle, Kerid Crater, Diamond Beach, whale and puffin watching and more. It was wonderful to explore Iceland and its beauty. Definitely a place to revisit with my husband. We had a great time and all look forward to future trips.

This has become a trip that my parents are doing with most of their grandchildren. One of my nieces, **Keeley Whetten**, has already made her journey while my son, **Otto**, and my niece and nephew are planning their trips in the next couple of years. I hope you are able to enjoy time with your family this summer and travel, whether just in-state or abroad. Have a wonderful summer.

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



Ice Cream Social

On Thursday, August 11 at 7:00 pm Kristiania Lodge will be having an Ice Cream Social! We will meet outside in the back parking lot at Our Saviors. Bring your **appetite**, a **lawn chair**, and maybe some bug spray. Kristiania Lodge will provide a variety of ice cream treats for everyone to enjoy!

We hope the weather will cooperate, but in case of rain or severe weather, we will shift the event to be a drive-through ice cream social.

Hope to see you there! Bring a friend! After all, who doesn't love ice cream?

—Lisa Fenton, Social Director

Norway's UFO Hotspot Norway is a great place to witness the northern lights- an interplay of solar winds and the earth's magnetic field. However, one small valley in the center of Norway regularly experiences a different kind of light show.

Hessdalen (the Hess Valley), located 75 miles south of Trondheim, has been visited by mysterious orbs of light since the 1930s. The lights vary in color, duration and behavior. Some flash for a few seconds while others linger for over an hour. They swoop and sway and hover and have been observed above and below the horizon, by day and by night.

The source of these illuminations may be underground. Scientists speculate that the extremely high and varied mineral content of the slopes surrounding the valley generate a high electric field, acting like a huge battery. It is so strong that it lights up wafts of energy in the air that would usually remain invisible to the human eye. Of course, this is just one theory. Who knows what might be out there?
—SON Newsletter Service



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don't have to have a Facebook account to view our posts. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/sonsofnorwaykristiania/>

Weather-related announcements will be communicated through Facebook.
—Lisa Fenton, Webmaster

Til Minne

Lauritz (Lars) Romo Feb. 21, 1945-June 1, 2022
(one of the "brothers" named Lars, our story-telling duo)

Orland Thoreson Oct. 13, 1929-July 11, 2022
(Golden Member)

Kristiania Chapter Meeting—June 9, 2022

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the fellowship hall of Our Savior's with **Lisa Fenton** presiding. **Judy Davis** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Two guests were recognized. Treats after tonight's entertainment were provided by **Julie Tiedeman** and **Curt and Jean Mortenson**.

Lisa read the announcement of **Lars Romo's** death. His presence and personality at our lodge meetings will be missed.

The board will be meeting over the summer to discuss filling vacant positions. This is a vital need that will affect our ability to operate if not rectified. Calls will be going out to members asking for assistance.

We anticipate holding an ice cream social at Our Savior's in August. Our next formal chapter meeting will be on September 8.

Four members of the Kristiania Lodge attended the District I convention in Brainerd: **Betty Danielson, Kristi Simmons, Renee Thoreson, and Susan Blood**.

Lisa Fenton introduced the evening's entertainer,; Ann-Marita Garsed. Ann-Marita, born and raised in Norway, spent time in the US as a foreign exchange student, and now performs around the world as an independent singer, song-writer, and storyteller. Featuring her lovely voice and wearing a *bunad* embroidered by her mother, she performed songs as diverse as a medieval Norse ballad, to a lullaby captured by Edvard Grieg on a walk in the Norwegian countryside, to her original composition "Karoline with a K." Ann will be performing at the inaugural Nordic Midsummer Fest in Burnsville, MN, on June 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Simmons, Secretary

Hurtigruten Hopes for Zero Emission Ship by 2030



The Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Express has operated for nearly 130 years, traveling between 34 ports, from Bergen to Kirkenes. It is a popular way for travelers to see remote Norwegian communities and beautiful fjords. Recently, the cruise company announced that by 2030, the route will feature its first zero-emissions passenger ship. As part of the initiative, Hurtigruten has partnered with a Norwegian research institute, SINTEF, to research and analyze the ship building program.

While Hurtigruten has made many strides towards sustainability in the past, Hurtigruten Group CEO, Daniel Skjeldam, called the project its “most ambitious sustainability initiative to date.” They will first start with the Norwegian Coastal Express as its route consists of frequent anchorages, making it easier to “fuel up.” Then they would like to expand the practices to their expedition ships, which travel to places like Antarctica and Alaska.

Hurtigruten plans to be very open with their findings in hopes that the rest of the industry can benefit, as well.

—Newsletter Service



Papirklip (the Danish word for paper cutting) is an art form dating back thousands of years. It is currently the subject of an exhibit at the Norway House in Minneapolis, of which [Kristiania Lodge](#) is a supporter. The exhibit

closes on August 11 with a reception from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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From our Financial Benefits Counselor

I have helped many members with their financial position over the 28 years that I have represented Sons of Norway. In addition to helping the “senior” members, I have helped any grandchildren with their life insurance needs, where their grandparent has purchased a life insurance policy on them with a single premium. Here are a few examples of what a \$2,000 or \$5,000 single premium will purchase.

- *Male, age 0, \$2,000 provides \$12,000 of coverage.
- *Male, age 5, \$2,000 provides \$10,840 of coverage.
- *Male, age 10, \$2,064 provides \$10,000 of coverage.
- *Male, age 0, \$5,000 provides \$30,611 of coverage.
- *Male, age 5, \$5,000 provides \$27,003 of coverage.
- *Male, age 10, \$5,000 provides \$24,651 of coverage.
- *Female, age 0, \$2,000 provides \$13,096 of coverage.
- *Female, age 5, \$2,000 provides \$11,692 of coverage.
- *Female, age 10, \$2,000 provides \$10,470 of coverage.
- *Female, age 0, \$5,000 provides \$33,347 of coverage.
- *Female, age 5, \$5,000 provides \$29,772 of coverage.
- *Female, age 10, \$5,000 provides \$26,660 of coverage.

By making a gift of \$2,000 or \$5,000, you have given them a policy where no more premiums are ever due again, while the face amount will keep increasing. What a great gift from Grandma and Grandpa.

Give me a call to learn more about the gift idea. Your grandkids may not be too excited about this gift at their young age because it does not have an I-phone attached to it, but as they get older they will!

—Len Carlson, 1-651-253-2943, LenCarlson253@gmail.com

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