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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Monday, Oct 9	Leif Erikson Day	
Thursday, Oct. 12	Board meeting	6 pm
Thursday, Oct. 12	Chapter meeting	7 pm
	Speaker: Rose Marie Meuwissen. 'Stave Churches of Norway'	
Thursday, Nov. 9	Board meeting	6 pm
Saturday, Nov. 11	Bake Sale, Craft Sale, and	
	Soup Luncheon	10 am-1 pm
Saturday, Dec. 2	Julefest	12 noon

Hilsen fra Presidenten

With October in view, we all may have plans for fun fall events. Our lodge will be busy preparing for a Bake and Craft Sale with Soup Lunch. Such a great way for our lodge to "shine" in our community!

Please note that you can log on to sofn.com/foundation to view scholarships and grants provided by the Sons of Norway. These and the Kristiania lodge scholarships are great opportunities to aid students with their future.

Our last speaker, **Jeff Huset**, did extensive research and condensed the materials for our enjoyment. Several delicious treats were served, many of them Norwegian. Thanks to **Monica, Renee, and Lori !**

—**Sharon Kingsley**



October 12 Program: Stave Churches of Norway

Stave churches were once common in Scandinavia and northern Europe. In Norway alone, it was thought that about 1000 were built, although recent research suggests there may have been closer to 2000. Now there are only about 28 still standing in Norway. Our presenter **Rose Marie Meuwissen** is fascinated with stave churches and has traveled to Norway many times to visit and explore them. Rose Marie is going to share photos and teach us about them. She lives in the Minneapolis area and is the author of the "Real Norwegians" series of Norwegian children's books with English and Norwegian text. Her website is : www.realnorwegianseatlutefisk.com

(Above photo of the Borgund stavkirke by Peter Rosinski, from the internet)

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.

Kristiania Social Meeting, Sept. 14, 2023

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the fellowship hall of Our Savior's. **Sharon Kingsley** called the meeting to order. **Betty Danielson** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Lori Conklin** was introduced as a new member from Kenyon, and Betty introduced her guest, Ann Huset, who we found out later is related to the evening's speaker. There was a moment of silence to honor **Don Olson**, who passed away this summer.

Sharon thanked tonight's servers and the Boy Scouts for help with room set-up. Announcements included:

- Seeking input/help with programming for 2024
- The Bake and Craft Sale on November 11
- The *Posten* will now be delivered via email; paper copies will be mailed to members who do not have an email address on file. The board would like member feedback regarding this change.

Sharon Barsness passed around two art books that **Curt** and **Jean Mortenson** donated to the library, and she also encouraged members to browse the library's collection of Norwegian cookbooks, especially in light of our upcoming bake sale.

Ann Romo called attention to several upcoming lutefisk dinners in the area, some as soon as October 13. Most will require reservations. Details will appear in the next *Posten*.

Tonight's presenter, **Jeff Huset**, talked about his family's connection with folk healers from the Holla district of Telemark. His talk was titled "The Huset doctors from Holla." In addition to his other genealogical research, much of his information was gathered from books such as *The Black Books of Elverum* by Mary S. Rustad and *Remedies and Rituals: Folk Medicine in Norway and the New Land* by Kathleen Stokker. It was an interesting insight into the tensions between the needs of the rural population and the hierarchy of the church and local government.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Simmons, Secretary

Library News

November 11 is our Sons of Norway Craft and Bake sale. There is such a great demand for Scandinavian baked goods. Our library has some wonderful cookbooks to get you started baking for the sale. Come and check them out.

—**Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

BAKE / CRAFT SALE AND SOUP / SANDWICH LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 11, 10 AM—1 PM

- ◇ Mark your calendars for one of our biggest events of the year! The event brings many people to us and is an opportunity to welcome new members.
- ◇ Please help by baking your favorite specialty Norwegian treats to sell at the bake sale.
- ◇ We need a few volunteers to help with tasks on the day before and on the day of the bake sale.
- ◇ The soup /sandwich luncheon will be back this year, selling soup, sandwiches, bars and *lefse kring*.
- ◇ We have a few spaces left for the craft sale. If you know of anyone interested, please contact **Betty Ronningen** by email at ronningenb@charter.net or call 507-254-3717.
- ◇ We are so thankful for your help and couldn't do it without you!

—**Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director

Holiday plans

★ **Festival of Trees**, Nov. 21, 24-26, Kahler Grand Hotel. Kristiania will again be represented with a tree.

★ Mark your calendars for our **Julefest** celebration on Saturday, December 2 at 12 noon. Catered holiday meal and Norwegian music by the Rochester Flute Choir.

Seeking Program Committee Members for 2024

In October a small planning group meets once or twice to determine the presenters for the next calendar year. We are seeking 3 or 4 more to assist. If you'd like to help, have presenter ideas or have questions, please give me a call:

ljfenton789@gmail.com (507)202-1811.

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.

LUTEFISK DINNERS this fall in our area

Wed., Oct. 11—**Vang** Lutheran; take-out only; \$20; 11-2, 4-7; Co. 49 Blvd, Dennison; 507-789-5186; pre-orders required with credit card by 9/30.

Fri., Oct 13—**Lands** Lutheran; 16640 Hwy 60 Blvd, Zumbrota; 507-732-5482; \$25; 4-7:30; Tickets at the door only.

Sat., Oct 14—**First Lutheran**, 434 1st St. SW, Blooming Prairie; 507-583-6621; 3 seatings (11 am, 12 pm, & 1 pm); \$23. Tickets go on sale Sept. 14. Reserve and prepay <firstlutheranbp.com/lutefisk-dinner> By reservation only.

Thurs., Oct 26—**St. John's**, 301 Eighth Ave NW, Kasson; \$25; reservations only, no walk-ins; Pre-purchase and pay online at <stjohnskasson.org> 12 noon, 1:15, 4:30, 5:45.

Sat., Nov 4—**Lyster** Lutheran, Nelson, WI. For more details go to <lysterchurch.wordpress.com>

Wed., Dec. 6—**Whistle Binkies on the Lake**, 247 Woodlake Dr., Rochester

Wed., Dec 13—**Whistle Binkies North**, 3120 Wellner Dr., Rochester
(Thanks to **Ann Romo's** research)



Tusen Takk...

....to the Norwegian *nisser* (gnomes) who graciously volunteered to provide treats for the special fellowship time on Sept. 14. This is a fabulous way to end our lodge meeting! **Monica VanKirk**, **Renee Thoreson**, and **Lori Conklin** were the *nisser* who provided the bars and Norwegian goodies. Your willingness deserves a big *tusen takk*. If you would like to be a baking *nisse* and host or hostess at a meeting, you can get on the list by calling **Kathy Rosedahl** at 507-289-8621.

Wayne and **Carol Rogelstad** play the part of coffee *nisser* when they cook all that delicious coffee and clean the pots at the chapter meetings. Our thanks goes out to them also!
—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

From our Financial Benefits Counselor

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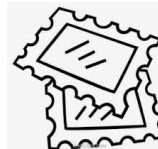
While talking about end-of-life can be uncomfortable, planning for these expenses is important. Final expense life insurance can help keep loved ones from paying these types of expenses out-of-pocket. Please contact me so I can answer any questions that you may have.

—**Len Carlson**, 651-253-1943
Len.carlson253@gmail.com

If you know of a member with email who has said they didn't receive the emailed September Posten, ask them to check their Trash or Spam folders in case their computer doesn't recognize the sender. Thanks!

Tubfrim and Pop Tabs—save your stamps and pop can 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**











We are still collecting stamps for **Tubfrim** to send to Norway to help children and young people with disabilities and handicaps as well as those with serious illnesses. Please bring used stamps with ¼—½ inch border on them to one of our meetings. We will store them in our board room until we take them to the District One office or to a district convention—**Ann Romo**

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