



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, Oct. 8	Board meeting	5:15 pm
Thursday, Oct. 8	Chapter meeting. Program: History of East and West St. Olaf Lutheran Churches (Rock Dell Twp., Olmsted County) and restoration of parsonage	6:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 12	Board meeting	5:15 pm
Saturday, Nov. 14	Bake Sale/Craft Sale/Luncheon	10 am —1 pm
Saturday, Dec. 5	Julefest	Noon

Hilsen fra Presidenten—

It's lutefisk season! When I was growing up, my whole family loved it. Les, my older brother, may have loved it the most. For many years, he traveled to Madison, Minnesota, for the annual lutefisk —eating contest. He always came in second after downing four pounds. The winner happened to be a local man who was also the national champion. (Who knew there was a national champion?) Les had a jacket with the words, "Olympic Lutefisk Eating Team" printed on the back. Lutefisk brings back sweet memories of him! —**Carol Lucido**, President

(See page 4 for the local lutefisk dinner schedule!)

October meeting program

The October 8 chapter meeting will feature the history of East and West St. Olaf Lutheran Churches, established in 1856 in Rock Dell Township near Byron. The congregation is a prime example of how the church served as a vital religious and cultural center for the early Norwegian-American settlers. Norman B. Senjem of the St. Olaf Heritage Association will describe how the church began and soon grew into two parishes. Today dwindling attendance and financial difficulties threaten the survival of the churches. The fate of the stately parsonage, built in 1877, is now under discussion as the churches struggle to meet the costs of maintenance. East St. Olaf Church>>>



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

Arnold “Arnie” Lund Fredriksen

(20 Jan. 1934 – 13 Sept. 2026)

Theodore “Ted” Orville Thorson

(19 March 1930 – 13 Sept. 2026)

(A Golden Member)

Karen Lee (Anderson) Ricklefs

(12 Feb. 1937 – 25 Aug. 2026)

(A Golden Member)

Velkommen!

We welcome three new members, who have transferred their memberships from the North-field lodge:

Kathleen Rose Hanson

Adam D. Jacobson

Michael J. Jacobson

Treats After the Meeting

A big thank you to our September treat providers: **Luke Fenton and family, Beth Tveiten, and Betty Ronningen**. Their treats were enjoyed by a great crowd: the meeting drew about 50 attendees. It was a lively evening of fellowship.

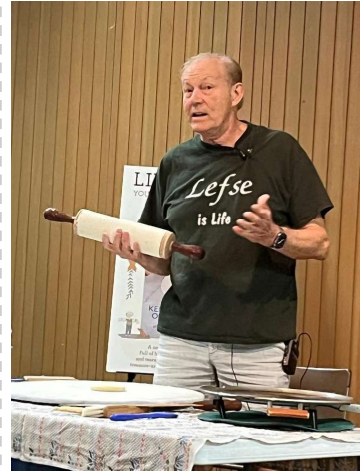
We will continue passing around the Treat Sign-Up Sheet at each meeting. It now extends through the end of 2027, giving members plenty of opportunity to plan and participate.

We are also looking for an individual to manage the treat sign-up process. This role can be as simple as bringing the sheet to each meeting and pass it around—an easy but very helpful way to support the lodge.

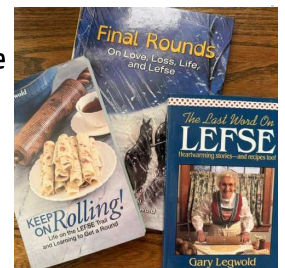
In October treats will be provided by **Diann Renaas, Lori Conklin, and Kari Richards**. There are no further needs until January, when we already have 3 volunteers signed up!

Thank you to everyone who contributes. Your treats help support the fellowship we enjoy at each meeting.

LIBRARY and PROGRAM NEWS



Gary Legwold, “the Lefse King,” presented a fun, informative program on lefse. Our Sons of Norway library purchased three of his books, and they will be available for checkout at our next meeting. The titles are:



Keep on Rolling!
The Last Word on Lefse
Final Rounds

—Sharon Barsness, Librarian



Postage stamps—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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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.

Annual Bake Sale, Craft Sale & Luncheon—Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 am—1 pm

Kristiania Lodge's annual Bake Sale, Craft Sale, & Luncheon is fast approaching, and we're excited to welcome members, friends, and community guests once again. Last year we saw a noticeable increase in attendance and interest, so we want to be sure we have plenty of baked goods and craft items available for this year's visitors. Your contributions truly make this event shine.

Volunteers Needed

To make the day run smoothly, we're still seeking volunteers in several key areas:

- Welcome station (1)
- Lunch serving station (1)
- Kitchen clean-up crew (1)
- Sub-totaller (check-out support)(1)

If you're able to help in any of these roles, your time and energy will be greatly appreciated.

Bake Sale

It's time to start planning your Scandinavian baked goods. Lefse, cookies, breads, and other traditional favorites are always a hit. Drop-off details will be included in the November newsletter and in a mailed reminder.

Luncheon Menu

This year's luncheon will feature *pølse med lompe* (a frankfurter wrapped in lefse) served with chips and carrot sticks. For dessert, guests may choose *rømmegrøt*, *lefse kring*, or enjoy both.

Craft Sale

The craft sale tables are filling up quickly! If you have questions or would like to inquire about remaining space, please contact **Betty Ronningen** at **507-254-3717**.

We look forward to another successful event and hope to see you on November 14.

—Lisa Fenton, Sale Coordinator

From our Financial Benefits Counselor: Sons of Norway Joins BetterLife

On August 3rd a letter was mailed out to Sons of Norway members announcing that Sons of Norway has joined BetterLife. In case you did not receive a letter, here is a highlighted version of the letter. "As of August 1, 2026, Sons of Norway has joined BetterLife, uniting two purpose-driven organizations committed to serving our members and communities. While you will continue to enjoy the same lodge programs, cultural traditions, and local connections that define your membership with Sons of Norway, you will also gain access to new member benefits and additional financial products through BetterLife. Our partnership is now official, but it will take several months for our two organizations to thoughtfully integrate our operations. What you should know:

- Sons of Norway will retain the same name, history, traditions, lodges, districts, and cultural programs, and the SON Foundation will still provide scholarships and grants for its members and communities.
- There are no changes to your existing Sons of Norway insurance certificates, coverage, or membership benefits. You'll continue to receive communication from Sons of Norway through Viking magazine and E-Post.
- You will become a BetterLife member, giving you access to new member benefits and additional insurance and annuity products.
- The dedicated New Partnership page at sofn.com/newpartnership provides more information about the transition as well as answers to frequently-asked questions. Together we will continue to serve the more than 400 communities that are now a part of BetterLife, while celebrating all that Sons of Norway has built."

—Len Carlson, 651-253-1943, Len.Carlson253@gmail.com



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 2026

Oct 3, Saturday – **Vang Lutheran**, (north of Kenyon)- 2060 Co 49 Blvd, Dennison, MN. Continuous seating 11-1, 4-5 **\$26** -Call 507-789-5186 for groups of 8 or more. <vanglutefisk@ gmail.com>

Oct 10, Saturday – **First Lutheran**, 434 1st St. SW, **Blooming Prairie**, MN – 507-583-6621 – 3 seatings, (11 am, 12 noon & 1 pm) **\$28**. Tickets go on sale Sept 21th at 10 am. Reservations and prepay <firstlutheranbp.com/lutefisk-dinner>. No walk-ins. (Reservations get filled fast.)

Oct 22, Thursday – **St. John's**, 301 Eight Ave NW, **Kasson**, MN \$26. Reservations only, y, 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 28th at 8 am.

Nov 7, Saturday – **Lyster Lutheran**, W1771 County Road D, Nelson, WI –715-673-4934. <lysterchurch.wordpress.com/lutefisk-dinner> \$28(2025 price), Serving 11, 12, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. Tickets go on sale Oct 25. Call Karen at 715- 285-5231 after 1 on Oct 25.

?? Dec 1, Monday Trophy House, New Trier, MN Reservations required 651-437-5618 by Nov 17, \$30. Serving 11-1, 4-7

Dec 2 ??, Wednesday – **Whistle Binkies on the Lake**, 247 Woodlake Dr, Rochester, 507-424-1227. (date not decided yet.)

Dec 9 ??, Wednesday – **Whistle Binkies North** ,3120 Wellner Dr, Rochester, 507-289-9200.

(date not decided yet)