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Club News

Newsletter of The Danish Canadian Club

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Celebrate the Christmas season with us!



Message from the Board

We are ramping up December celebrations with three special events planned for the month. After a big year of change and transition, what could be better than sharing some Christmas cheer in our new home? Join us!

Tickets are **SOLD OUT** for our Traditional Danish Christmas Dinner in the Mermaid Inn **December 13th.** We are looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday!

We are hosting the annual <u>Christmas Children's Party</u> – a new date, new location but with all your favourite things. Santa, songs and dancing around the tree, entertainment and special surprises for the little ones. Join us **December 20th** for this family event.

*Ticket sales close Dec. 12th so Santa has time to get everything ready!

New Year's Eve in Europe will be held in the main hall **December 31** starting at 12pm, with a full luncheon buffet, music, dancing, champagne and the countdown to 2026 in Copenhagen and Vienna at 4pm. We hope you will join us for this special event.

The Mermaid Inn

Join us in the Mermaid Inn! As the snow flies and the temperatures drop, we think you will find this a Hyggelig place to warm up and visit with friends old and new.

The full menu of Danish, Austrian, and Western dishes is available in the Mermaid Inn as well as the Hubertus Lounge.

*Saturday Brunch returns in January - stay tuned for more information.

Come and enjoy the Mermaid Inn! Find more information and the menu on our website.

Wednesday – Saturday: 11 am- 9 pm (last food order at 7:30pm)

Call for reservations: 403-261-9774 - option 2

*The club will be closed from December 21st for the Christmas break and will reopen on Friday Jan. 2nd for regular service

Membership

Membership has its advantages. There will be a lot of news and special events in the coming months. Members will receive regular updates through our e-newsletters and other channels. Don't miss a thing!

Members have the opportunity to purchase tickets to member exclusive events and receive discounted tickets for other special events.

Membership is available to people of any ancestry. Each membership covers the member, their spouse and children under 18. Each membership is valid for one year from the date of purchase and effective January 1, 2026 is \$35.

The DCC club has transitioned to an online membership purchase/renewal system that also allows members to purchase event tickets for club events. The online system is produced by a local, Calgary company called Communal. Once setup members will be able to purchase and renew memberships, receive membership updates, renewal notices, generate actual or virtual membership cards and the update their membership information - all in one place. To access the Membership Portal, click here to get all the instructions you will need.

Membership Prices (Individual plus spouse and children under 18)

One Year - \$35 Life Time - \$ 500

You can further support your club by providing financial gifts or donations now or in the future. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide tax receipts, but know that your help will keep the club and our history stay alive for many years to come.

Update your information through Communal or call the DCC Office at 403-261-9774.

New Manager Wanted

The Board of Directors will be looking for a new manager effective January 1, 2026 and would like to start the search in our community. If you know of someone who would like a part-time role supporting the day-to-day operations of the Danish Club, please contact the office for more details: dcc@danishclubcalgary.com.

Call for Casino Volunteers

We have an upcoming Casino fundraiser on Easter weekend- Friday and Saturday April 3 and 4th, 2026. We sincerely appreciate all volunteers - please sign up through communal on the <u>volunteer page</u> or contact the office at 403-261-9774. Most positions and shifts still available. Thank you for your support!

Alberta Association of Danish Canadian Organizations Bursary Criteria

Name of sponsor: Alberta Association of Danish Canadian Organizations

Can be used at: Any officially recognized post-secondary institution, including apprenticeship

Resident of: Alberta. This includes foreign students taking post-secondary education at Alberta institutions.

Year of study: 2nd year or beyond; 1st year if no 2nd year or beyond applicants

Program of study: Open. Studies involving Danish culture and/or language programs in Canada or Denmark will be given higher priority.

Value: \$500

Number available: 1

Criteria:

- 1. Award based on academic achievement, career plans, community involvement, and leadership skills.
- 2. A scholarship will only be awarded to an individual once.
- 3. If a scholarship is not awarded, it will be carried forward to the next year.

Duration of scholarship: Annual. Apply by December 31

Selection of scholarship: AADCO Bursary Selection Committee

Contact person: Connie Swarbrick connie@danishcanadianmuseum.com

Danish Lutheran Church

Christmas Services:

Dec. 14: Star of David Program in English with Lucia Procession

Dec 24: English and Danish Christmas Eve Services

Dec 25: Christmas Day Service

All services

Unique Christmas Gift ideas:

The Danish Federation Heritage Book for 2025 features our Church on the cover and includes 3 articles related to our Church inside. There is a write-up about the history of the congregation, a write-up about the votive ship hanging in our sanctuary, and a write-up about longtime congregation members Inger & Jorgen Olsen, Cost \$20.

Churning Butter, a new book by Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Danish-Canadian historian. It is about Danish immigrant, Christian Marker, and the beginnings of the dairy industry in Alberta. An excellent read for those interested in Alberta history and the influence of Danes in Canada. Cost is \$35.

Danish porcelain Christmas Plates. We have a fairly large collection of both Bing & Grondahl and Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates and Mother's Day plates that have been donated to the Church. Contact the Church by email at office@danishlutheranchurch.ca if you are interested in buying any of these items.



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