



Vonheim Saga
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Sons of Norway

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Sankthansaften—Midsommar!

In Norway: The summer solstice occurs on June 21, but the big celebrations of mid-summer occur on the eve of June 23 across Norway. Sankthansaften, also referred to as Jonsokkveld, is celebrated on the eve before what is believed to be the birthday of John the Baptist.

The bonfire is a central element of the celebration of the strong sun in the longest days of the year. It is largely a secular event today, with the gathering of community for social time around the bonfire. The unity of the people provides strength to face the upcoming time of less light. Western Norway will hold mock weddings to symbolize the blossoming of new life. Young girls may place flowers under her pillow so she will dream of her future husband. Of course, you can protect the cow barns from mischievous trolls by adorning them with birch branches!

In Minneapolis: This will be the first year of a combined Swedish and Norwegian midsummer festival to be celebrated on June 28 at Minnehaha Park. While there will be no bonfire, I expect there will be a Viking encampment for all to enjoy along with music and dance.

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June 16th Annual Meatball Dinner

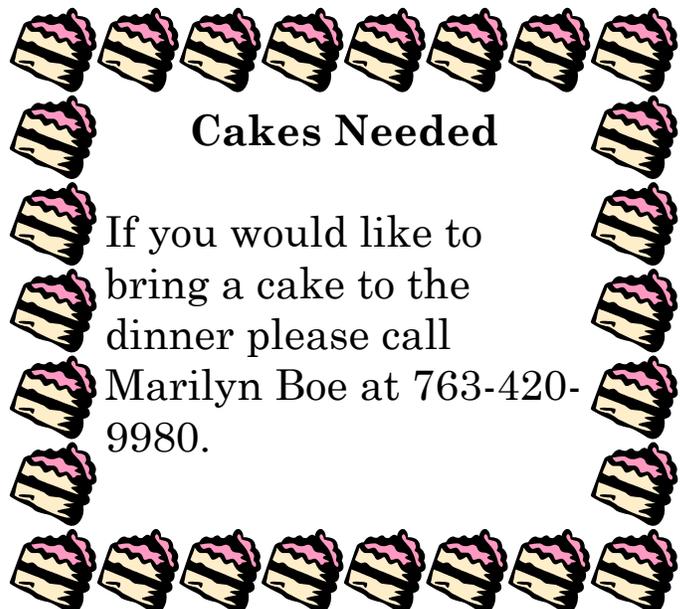
**A new location:
Mindekirken**

924 E. 21st Street, Minneapolis
at 6:30 pm

Entertainment: Skeets Langley returns with a new program featuring a quartette of musicians on violin, string base, accordion, guitar and banjo. They will play Scandinavian tunes and traditional hits called “oldies but goodies.”

Don't miss out on the delicious meatballs. Tickets \$15 Adult and \$7 Child.

For tickets, please call
Russ Tokheim 952-835-4241
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Cakes Needed

If you would like to
bring a cake to the
dinner please call
Marilyn Boe at 763-420-
9980.

COMING EVENTS

(Most meetings at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Mpls. The meeting room is downstairs and wheelchair-accessible, including elevators). Board meetings one hour prior. .

June 16—6:30pm Vonheim Meatball Dinner, Mindekirken, Minneapolis

June 28—Scandinavian Summer Fest (Norway Day)

July 28—Annual Lodge Picnic

Vonheim Lodge Meeting Notes

Clyde the Curator

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Tuesday, May 19, 2015

28 members and guests attended our social meeting. We began with several games of Bingo for the early arrivers. Thanks to Dave Kompelien and Gregg Iverson for coordinating the games.

The LCGS facility was clearly under construction, but the Fellowship Hall had completed its remodeling. There are still some bugs to work out. The sound system was not working. Dennis Sorheim talked about the history behind Syttende Mai. Erling Husby reported that former Vonheim Trustee, Virgil Ishaug passed away. A moment of silence was observed. Marilyn Boe announced our next meeting will be the Meatball Dinner held at Mindekirken on June 16.

Vonheim and Oslo lodges join together to celebrate our meeting closest to Syttende Mai. This evening we learned more about our favorite American spring/summer sport, baseball. Clyde Doepner, the memorabilia curator for the Minnesota Twins.

Vonheim Lodge Meeting Notes (cont)

Clyde talked about his interest in collecting Twins baseball items, particularly about how the league has taken steps over time to ensure the items being collected are in fact, authentic collectibles. We learned about early practices of teams in identifying player jerseys and ways to use photo matching to validate it was actually worn by the player.

For the past 13 years, the league has had representatives at each game who apply a hologram ID tag to each collectible item as it is used. This is indexed and cross-referenced on the MLB Authentication website which will print information about the item that was recorded.

Clyde showed us some rare collectibles such as Billy Martin manager jersey, Joe Mauer rookie season "71" jersey, a misprinted "away" jersey with Minnesota on the front, a jersey from a Father-Son baseball game and a spouse jersey.

Lodge Picnic at Wabun

July 28th at 6PM come enjoy BBQ chicken and ribs from Caps with baked beans and cole slaw.

Cost: \$13

**Reservations required to Marilyn
763-420-9980**

Same pavilion near pool as previous years (not last year) and delightful weather too.

There will be various activities for young and old.

Scandinavian Summer Fest (formerly Norway Day)

June 28th at Minnehaha Falls

The day begins with a combined Norwegian and Swedish church service led by Pastor Kristin Sundt and Antonio Spargo. Followed by the Barnetog (Children's Parade), dancing around the Midsommarstang (Midsummer Pole) led by Elise Peters and the ASI Spelmanslag, and the afternoon program culminating with the crowning of Miss Svenskarnas Dag 2016.

The entertainment includes: Norwegian and Swedish performing groups, Leroy Larson and the MN Scandinavian Ensemble, ASI and St Paul Swedish Male Chorus, Norwegian Glee Club, Daughters of Norway Chorus, Svenskarnas Dag Girls Choir, Vasa Jr. Folk Dancers. In addition delightful and authentic Scandinavian foods, vendors, demonstrators, exhibitors and handicrafts. Fun for all ages.

The usual potluck is canceled. Enjoy the scheduled events and vendors. I'm told there will be rommegrot for sale.

Some Mothers from History:

Mona Lisa's mother: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

Columbus' mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, you still could have written!"

Michelangelo's mother: "Can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

Do you remember Grandma's (Great Grandma's) Apron?

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fuzzy chicks, and sometimes half hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

When the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.



Grandma

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Number Adult @ \$15 _____ - Number Child @ \$7 _____

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Reminder: New Location—Mindekirken

