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## Fra Presidenten

The annual Torsk and Meatball Dinner was held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis on October 17. This dinner was held to raise funds for scholarships to help students attend Skogfjorden camp to learn Norwegian each summer. A large group of members as well as past scholarship winners attended the dinner. Tusen Takk to Dennis Sorheim who coordinated the event. Tusen Takk also to all the volunteers who helped in the kitchen and to the student scholarship winners who served the meal.

Sat., Nov. 11 at 1 PM at Norway House near Mindekirken in Mpls--- DVD presentation on Travels to ancestral farms in Norway by Chris Falteisek who traveled to Norway and documented his travels. Chris is a church organist and musician. His Christmas music CD's will be available for purchase. A Potluck Lunch will be served after the presentation (due to presenter's schedule).

Tues., Dec. 19, 6 PM at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Mpls. This is our annual Christmas Julebord event. Join everybody in bringing holiday treats. Families with children are invited to this holiday event. We expect a surprise visit from Santa. Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

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## Nordic Program & Annual Potluck

A journey featuring the photos of Chris Falteisek taken during his two month sabbatical in Norway.

**Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1 PM  
at Norway House**

The program will feature Chris' multi-media presentation of his Nordic trip and a photographic history of Sabylund Lutheran Church and the family farm.

Chris Falteisek, a native of Prescott, Wisconsin, started playing organ and piano for church as a 6th grader. He currently works as Minister of Worship at Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury and is an accompanist at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Hastings and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in St. Paul Park. He has composed and recorded 15 albums, several of which will be available for sale.



# COMING EVENTS

Meetings are held on **Saturday** at Norway House, 913 E. Franklin Avenue, adjacent to Mindekirken in Mpls. (Lillehaugen Room on the lower level)

Nov 11th Lodge Mtg at 1:00PM  
Potluck at Norway House

Dec 19th Julebord at 6:00PM at  
Lutheran church of the Good Shepherd

## Vonheim Lodge Meeting Notes

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

About 65 members and guests attended the Torsk Dinner meeting. The meal included generous portions of Icelandic cod, meatballs, boiled red potatoes, cole slaw and coffee. The food was deliciously prepared by volunteers organized by Dennis Sorheim. Campers and parents did a fantastic job of making sure the food was served quickly and everyone was satisfied.

President Teigen thanked the people involved in the dinner. A special mention was made of our friends at Oslo Lodge who joined us in support of our dinner. Marilyn Boe spoke about our Potluck meeting on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Norway House at 1pm. Also, we will be back at LCGS for our Julebord on Tuesday, Dec 21. The lodge will provide the basics, but everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite Nordic baked goods.

Ray Brau, our Financial Benefits Counselor, talked to the group briefly about the great financial products offered by Sons of Norway. If you are interested in getting tax free investment income, Ray would be happy to assist.

Dennis Sorheim spoke about the Nordic-American Thanksgiving breakfast held at 6:30am on November 21 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Bloomington. Each year features celebrity speakers on Freedom, Faith, Family and Friends. Tickets are expected to sell out. Don Shelby is MC and Garrison Keillor a guest speaker. Tickets are \$25. Seating is at tables of 10, which Dennis will organize.

We had 5 campers who introduced themselves and then drew the winners of our 5 scholarship raffle prizes.

## Women in Norway!

As one of the more progressive countries in the world there have been some recent developments within Norway of interest to women.

First, women now occupy 3 of the most influential leadership roles in Norwegian government. Prime Minister Erna Solberg has appointed as Foreign Affairs Minister, Ine Eriksen Soreide. She joins Finance Minister Siv Jensen in powerful positions. It is interesting to note that the Prime Minister leads a conservative, right-wing government, that won the election with support of liberals.

A second development was in financial equity. The Norwegian national men's football team agreed to accept pay cuts in order that the Norwegian national women's football team could be given an increase to reach equity. Both teams will have a total of 6 million kroner payrolls in 2018.



Dennis Sorheim (in photo with past winners) coordinated the event. Many volunteers helped to make this event a success.

The annual Torsk and Meatball Dinner was held at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis. A large group including past scholarship winners attended this Fundraiser held to raise funds for Scholarships to help students attend language camp during the summer.



Attendees (in photo) included---  
 Louise Bakken, Editor of Saga  
 Don Teigen, President of Vonheim Lodge  
 Merle Tingelstad, Vice President of Vonheim Lodge

**VONHEIM LODGE BOARD MEETING**  
 Thursday, November 9, 2017 7 PM  
 7500 York Ave. (Social Room) Edina, MN  
**AGENDA**

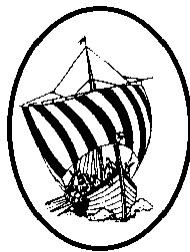
- \*\* Topics and Program Speakers for 2018
  - \*\* Officer and Director Reports
  - \*\* Possible Donation to Norway House
- Ideas and comments are welcome.  
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**In Memoriam**

Our sympathies to Russ and June Tokheim on the death of their daughter Kirstin Wrieden who passed away on October 3rd at the age of 47. She was a teacher in Keokuk, Iowa.

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## December Julebord

■ Tuesday, **December 19th**

■ Place: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 48th and France, Mpls

■ Time: **6:00 p.m.**

■ This is the time for families to enjoy delicious traditional Norwegian food like rommegrot, lefse, julekake, rice pudding, fruit soup, and more—all furnished.

■ To add to this we ask everyone to bring a favorite Norwegian pastry.

■ Santa will be here with a gift for each child. Call Marilyn, 763-420-9980, if you are bringing a child or grandchild. Santa wants an accurate count.

■ A raffle will be held for donated items with the proceeds going to the Marie Sandvik Center.