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January 2024



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The Spirit of Surveillance

A Message from Pastor Megan



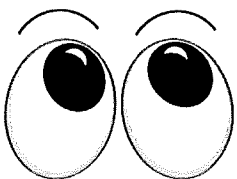
"I've got eyes in the back of my head" was once just a cute saying- an emphatic warning made by teachers to classrooms of rambunctious kids or by convenience store attendants to shady patrons. In the same sense, *scopophobia* (fear of always being watched and judged by others) originated as an irrational fear faced by very few. However, the further we've moved into the 21st century, the more and more scientists and sociologists are coming to recognize the validity and severity of what they are calling "surveillance culture": the reality of a social world where, bidden or not bidden, we are constantly under watch and scrutiny from one another.

Much of surveillance culture is self-inflicted. With the ever-increasing popularity of social media and various online platforms, we're putting our once private lives out there for the world to see, sharing everything from major life updates to "what I eat in a day." Nevertheless, the majority of the swell in surveillance culture is passive. We simply live in a world where cameras are ever prevalent, with doorbell-cams on many homes and smartphones in many pockets.

There are certainly several communal perks to all of the technological eyes around us. We are more likely to catch proof of thieves and bullies in the act, for instance, and bring them to justice. In the event of a medical emergency, technology can help alert responders to an isolated victim much faster than if he or she had to wait to be found. That said, surveillance culture can also inflict quite a bit of harm on the human psyche, fostering paranoia over privacy and a constant, underlying fear of criticism or judgment, especially among young people.

Whether we realize it or not, our embedded anxieties over surveillance and scrutiny within our communal lives can transfer rather quickly and seamlessly into our lives of faith. In the same ways that we might harbor constant worries about keeping up appearances for the world, we may also hold festering fears about keeping up appearances for God. I've heard youth in particular compare God to Santa Claus in the sense that "He knows when you've been bad or good so be good for goodness' sake!"

The capital 'T' Truth here is that God does keep a vigilant eye on each of us. As scripture reiterates, "God keeps watch over you as you come and go," (Ps. 121:8) and "The Lord searches you [sic] and knows you," (Ps. 139:1). The difference, however, is that God's surveillance is rooted in care, not criticism, and in relationship, not rebuke. Which brings me to this Truth: if God did have a "naughty" or "nice" list, our names would be on both! We are sinners, mistake-makers and imperfect persons. We are also saints, beloved children of God, buoyed by everlasting grace. God's surveillance is that of radical acceptance and help in present times. We are seen and supported by our Lord of love, no matter how often we may struggle to reciprocate and reflect that loving-kindness to others. This, then, is my prayer for all of us this new year:



"Truly the eye of the Lord is on those...who hope in his steadfast love...Let your steadfast love be upon us, O God, as we hope in you," (Ps. 33:20-22).

Minutes for Danebod Church Council December 12, 2023

PRESENT: Harlan Petersen (President), Erik Jorgensen (VP), Lena Burckhardt (Secretary), Joy Schak, Natalie Jerzak, Joan Jagt, Jarod Hansen, Erik Jorgensen, Julie Kent, Eric Gile, Pastor Megan Eide.

NOT PRESENT: Heather Furan (Treasurer)

At 7:00 PM the meeting was called to order by Harlan Petersen and a quorum was established. No additions were made to the agenda.

REPORTS:

1. Secretary's report for November was presented. MSC to approve November minutes made by Megan and seconded by Erik J.
2. Treasurer's report for November was presented. MSC to approve November report made by Joan and seconded by Erik. J.
3. Pastor's Report – Pastor has been experiencing a lot of firsts. She had her first funeral and her first Danebod Christmas season. She thanked everyone for their patience as we had a medical emergency during church a few weeks ago. Pastor has moved her office to the lodge and it is working out really well. We will be hosting First English on Sunday Dec. 31st for a "Cookies & Carols" service. The online Danish group has about 20 participants. The youth will be having a game night and bowling coming up in January. Pastor will be taking vacation time between Christmas and New Years. She would also like to take off Feb 10 & 11. Pastor is doing continuing education by being part of the "Continuous Growth Path" group.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Directory Update – All the pictures have been taken, a total of 81 family units. Jodi Dubbledee has been paid \$1,215 for taking the photographs. The committee has been formatting the directory. They hope to be sending it to the printer in the next month. An anonymous donor donated \$1,000 towards the directory. MSC to cover the remaining cost of the directories with funds to come out of memorial misc. fund made by Joan and seconded by Julie.
2. Signage – The committee is still working on campus signage.
3. Church office needs – A printer has been purchased for Pastor's office in the lodge and Woodstock looked at the phone needs.
4. Website – Olga Ekberg & Deb Sinding – They reviewed all of the changes that they have been making to the website. They also asked for input on other changes that need to be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2024 Annual Meeting – This will be held on Feb 4th after church. The meeting will be held in the church.
2. 2024 Budget – The administration committee met to start working on the budget. We discussed adding a line for the Outreach Committee funds.
3. Employee evaluations – Evaluations will be done in January.
4. Church event agreement – Administrative committee looked at it and they are going to compare it to a couple of other churches agreements.

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5. Nominating committee – They are going to start meeting to look for people to fill open committee spots.
6. Christmas – The council and the folk school committees will be giving Tyler bucks to Diane, Brenda, Heather, Pastor, Marijane, and Julie for Christmas.
7. Taking down the Christmas trees – this will be done Sunday, Jan 7th after church.
8. Discussed ministry teams – Some ministry teams are having a hard time getting people to fill the jobs. There was discussion of mixing up the existing teams.

Committee Reports

Administration (Joan Jagt, Eric Gile, and Harlan Petersen) – They met and discussed the budget, evaluations, and the church rental agreement.

Property (Jarod Hansen) – Request that the light bulb inside the church front door be replaced.

Cemetery (Erik Jorgensen) – no report

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – The Christmas Program was a success last weekend. They are off until February.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Jerzak) – no report

Worship & Music (Joy Schak) – The pianos got tuned and the music is set up for the next two months.

Folk School (Julie Kent) – no report

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – no report

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 PM

MSC for adjournment at 10:21 PM by Lena and seconded by Julie.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Lena Burckhardt



12/4//23 Folk School Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Megan Eide, Heather Furan – Treasurer, Jerry Bly – Chair, Mark Stage – Co-Chair, Jill Jaspersen, Julie Kent, Olga Ekberg, Deb Burkhardt, Arnie Dam

Absent: Tate Burckhardt, Julie Kent, JoAnn Peterson

Financial Statement:

Heather reviewed the financial statements and answered all questions associated with the review.

Olga motions to approve the financial report; Deb seconds; Carried

Last Month's Meeting Minutes were reviewed briefly

Deb motions to approve, Jill seconds; Carried

Jerry presented Brenda's updates:

- *The baby changing station was received and is installed.*
- *A new thermostat was installed in the refrigerator/freezer today (12/4).*
- *A handle in the bathroom in Brenda's office is broken – Mark said he would take a look at it.*

Pastor has moved into the new office in the Lodge and invited everybody over to see it.

Flooring was discussed and will be researched more prior to the work being done. It has already been approved, but Deb asked for additional input if any before it gets started.

Brenda said that everything is going well, and is working with Dean on getting anything that hasn't already been corrected, corrected.

Flooring

- *Deb will schedule time in January to meet with the flooring company. She will check to see if he can come at 5:00 before the January 2nd meeting to take another look and to include the ramp.*

Rentals:

- *December 23rd – Garth Jensen for 2 nights – Olga*
- *December 29th Kari Guida for 2 nights - Cade*

Defibrillators

- *We currently have two – one in the folk school and one in the church*
- *We want to have a total of four;*
- *We need to replace the pads and batteries to maintain the units*
- *Our current units are manufactured by Zoll, but Phillips Head Start brand was recommended and Cade is familiar with it.*
- ***Deb motions to purchase 2 Phillips units and replaced outdated pods and batteries; Mark seconds – Carried .***
 - o *Jerry will order adult and pediatric pads – will check the church model to be certain that they are the same;*
 - o *Deb will purchase the two new Phillips units and will get reimbursed*

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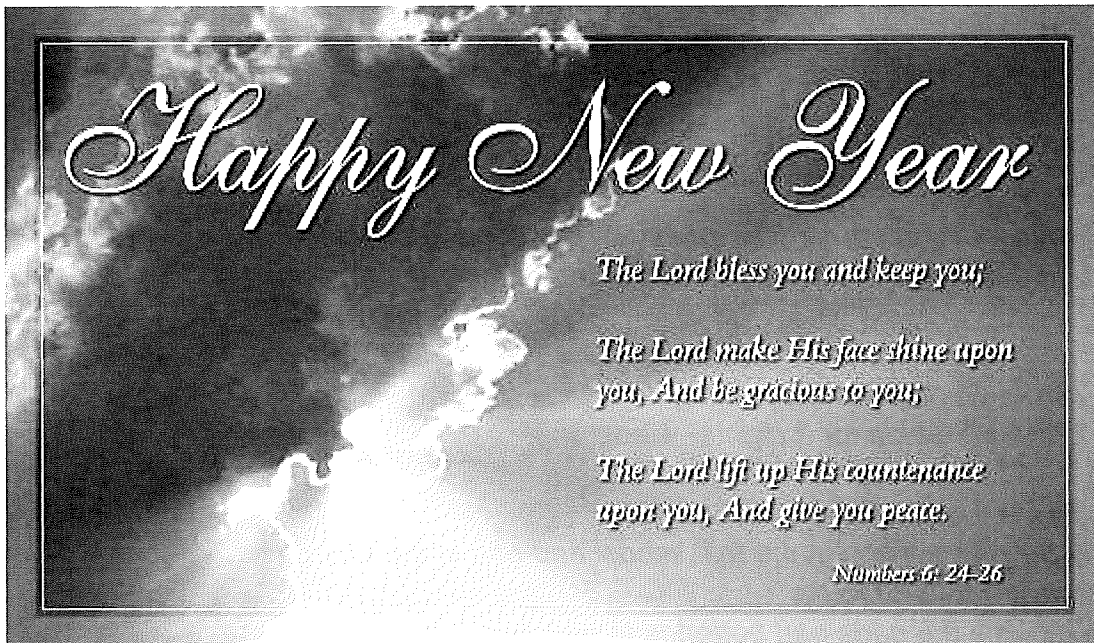
Other Business

Some of the kitchen equipment/cutting boards need to be replaced as they are moldy/defective.

What is the alarm system protocol? The alarm went off and Mark was called by the company to see if the Fire Station should be mobilized. Based on discussions with the fire station and tonight, the decision is that if the alarm system is activated, Mark will always have the emergency response team from the fire team investigate.

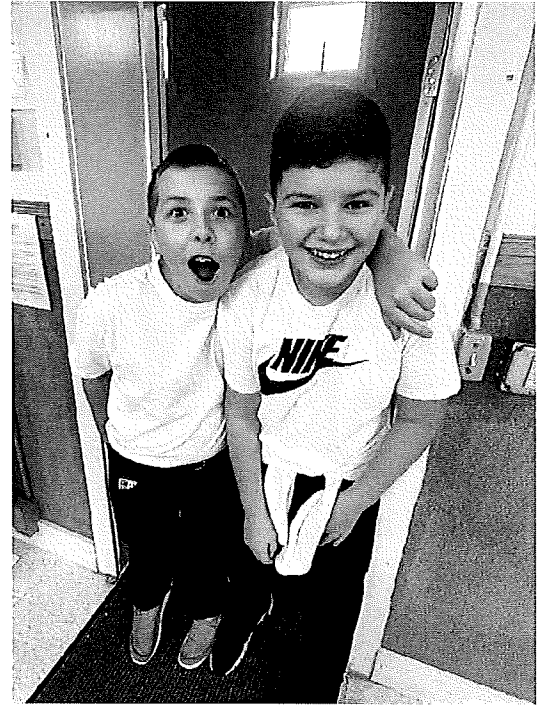
Meeting at 6:00 pm on January 2nd

Arnie motioned to Adjourn, Pastor Megan seconded, carried.



Glaedelig Jul!

Danebod children and youth celebrate the Rreason for the season



7-12th graders helped prep and serve our Danish Christmas 3-Meat Supper



Confirmation students and their mentors enjoyed a Christmas party at the parsonage



Jumping for Jesus performed the “Unpacking the Manger” Christmas pageant, followed by our favorite Christmas tradition: dancing around the tree!



Nu har vi Jul igen!

Danebod Lutheran Church

As of November 30, 2023

Budget Year to Date \$156,086.03

General Fund Revenue to date \$150,303.32

Amount Under Budget to date **\$1,187.68**

Envelopes ONLY by month--To meet budget collections should be 13,872 per month

	2023	2022
January	16,162.50	12,355.69
February	13,336.25	10,435.49
March	11,670.48	9,604.22
April	16,588.25	11,782.73
May	7,332.50	9,026.49
June	8,794.23	7,755.31
July	8,102.50	8,207.24
August	13,530.55	13,276.49
September	14,995.11	11,563.22
October	16,284.42	12,131.49
November	9,780.49	8,829.49
December		13,843.22
Total	136,577.28	128,811.08

Envelopes ONLY for past 4 years as of December 31, 2022

2022	2021	2020	2019
128,811.08	126,014.24	131,399.78	134,058.11

Includes envelopes, parish ed, donations, loose and special service offerings.



*Etler Arnold Jensen passed away on Monday, November 27th.
Blessed be his memory.*

Memorials and Honors
DANEBOB CHURCH FOUNDATION

In memory of Maynard Petersen from Debra Burckhardt
In memory of Etler Jensen, Don Kuhn, Duane Gregor and Rick Vos from Dennis and Jeanne Blomgren
In memory of Etler Jensen from John and Margie Bornhoft
In memory of Etler Jensen from Danene Jensen Family and Friends
In memory of Etler Jensen from Dale and Joy Schak
In memory of Etler Jensen from John and Margie Bornhoft
In memory of Maynard Petersen from Dale and Joy Schak
In memory of Maynard Petersen from Paul and Jill Borresen
In memory of Maynard Petersen from Brent and Connie Bressler

DANEBOB FOLK SCHOOL

In memory of Etler Jensen from Jerry and Ricke Bly

UNDESIGNATED FUND

In memory of Etler Jensen from Karen Koster
In memory of Etler Jensen from Alice Gregor
In memory of Etler Jensen from Jim and Laurie Johansen
In memory of Maynard Petersen from Sharon Kolle

PARISH ED

In memory of Johnny Friedrichs from Frank and Betty Jorgensen

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Maynard Petersen from Randy and Diana Nielsen
In memory of Barb Swanson from Howard Swanson
In memory of Etler Jensen from Jan Nielsen
In memory of Don Kuhn, Duane Gregor, Rick Vos, Jack Johnson, Etler Jensen and Jolean Faaborg
from Paul and Jill Borresen
In memory of Etler Jensen from Carol Ekberg
In memory of Etler Jensen from Dale Nielsen
In memory of Etler Jensen from Bev Gylling
In memory of Etler Jensen from Rietz Hannemann
In memory of Etler Jensen from Don and Sue Buh
In memory of Etler Jensen from Joyce Jensen
In memory of Maynard Petersen from Jan Nielsen
In memory of Brent Maranell from Bev Gylling
In memory of Brent Maranell from Frank and Betty Jorgensen

DANEBOB QUILTERS

In memory of Etler Jensen from Robert and Dawn Sandanger

DANEBOB BELLES

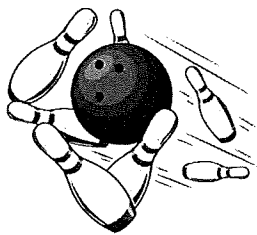
from Don and Sue Buhl

MISSION SUPPORT

January 7th:
January 14th: Barb Johnson
January 21st:
January 28th:

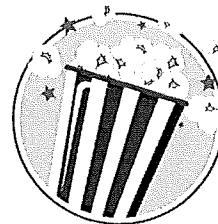
PRAYER CONCERNS

Myrna Rokeh
Mark Falconer
Kristi Eickhoff
Bo Duncan
Joseph Wutsch



Upcoming Youth Events!

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to...



Jack Box Video Game Party! *Sunday January 14, 7-9PM, Danebod Lodge*

Jack Box takes classic party games like Pictionary, trivia, and murder mystery to the next level. All you need is a smart phone, tablet, or chrome book. Plenty of snacks provided!

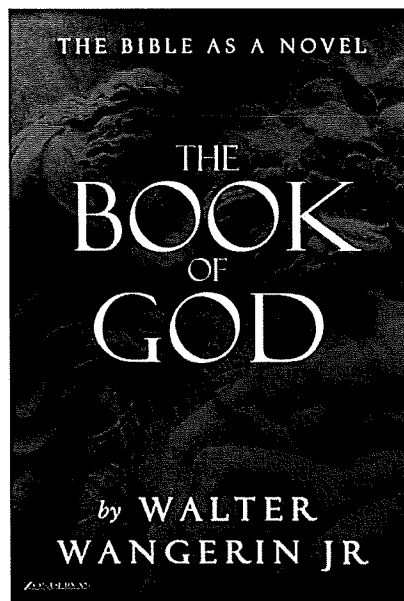
Bowling at Ma and Pa's! *Sunday January 28, 7-9PM, Ma and Pa's Lanes*

We've got the place reserved and we'll cover all your rentals. All you have to do is show up with your A game (or B or C game- we're all about grace here 😊)

RSVP to Pastor Megan via text, email, or FB message

Upcoming Bible Study!

Folk School Dining Hall, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9 A.M.



Master storyteller Walter Wangerin Jr. shares the story of the Bible from beginning to end like never before. *The Book of God* reads like a novel, dramatizing the sweep of biblical events and bringing to life biblical characters in vivid detail. From Abraham wandering in the desert to Jesus teaching the multitudes on a Judean hillside, Wangerin's "Bible storybook for adults" features brilliant settings, dramatized scenes, and added dialogue—all gleaned from extensive research.

Each week, we'll follow the reading guide which pairs the fictionalized *Book of God* with the Bible as we know it, and we'll share how Wangerin helps us to re-imagine the Bible in fresh and inspiring ways.

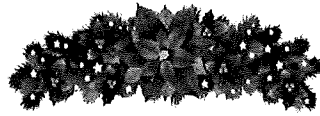
The Book of God is available through major retailers but for your convenience may also be purchased in the church office for \$20.

Our first meeting will be January 10th but jump in the bible study at any time! To be part of group communications, please email Pastor Megan at pastormegan@danebodlutheran.org.

WANTED

We are looking for a gently used, or new, wheelchair for the church. If you have one that you would like to donate, please call the office.

Thank you!



Christmas Poinsettias

In memory of Kelly Hansen, Dean and Betty Hansen and George Heronimus from Mike and Pam Hansen
In honor of our children from Frank and Betty Jorgensen
In memory of our loved ones from Howard and MaryAnn Christensen
In honor of all the Danebod volunteers from Olga Ekberg
In memory of Tony Akland from Ivan, Kristi and Harper Petersen
In honor of Pastor Megan
In memory of Jolean Faaborg from the Drake Boys
In memory of Roger and other Loved Ones from The Bev Gylling Family
In memory of Jeanne Nielsen from the Dale Nielsen Family
In memory of Our Parents, Grandparents and Great-Grandparents from Darrell and Jan Thomsen and Family
In memory of Bedstemor and Bedstefar from Curt and Darla Madsen Family
In memory of Grandma and Grandpa from Curt and Darla Madsen and Family
In memory of Betty, Dan and Karen from Curt and Darla Madsen and Family
In memory of Henry Jacobsen and Rodney Kolle from Sharon Kolle
In memory of Kiar and Corlene Nielsen, Walt and Gladys Anderson and Gary Nielsen
From Randy and Diana Nielsen

Thank
You

Dear Danebod quilters, your thoughtfulness means so much. Thank you so much for making me this quilt. My aunt, Carol Ekberg, sent it to me and I received it yesterday. It is so beautiful and will come in handy when I'm cold. Thanks again. Love, Kay Olsen

Merry Christmas, too!

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and cookies. They brightened my day.

Lowell Thomsen

Thank you to the Confirmands who left Christmas Cookies at my door last week. What a treat! I hope you had as much fun making them as I did eating them. It was much appreciated. Thank you so much. *Norma Jean Lundell*

I know that my niece, Kay Olsen, is going to send the Danebod quilters a thank you. But, as her old aunt, I want to thank you also, because she was really, really thrilled and appreciative of receiving it, so thank you for including her as she battle brain cancer in your many quilts that you give to many people in their time of need (I even got one once). You do good work – keep it up! *Carol Ekberg*

A huge THANK YOU to Jill and Lane Petersen for once again donating the hamburger for the Youth League supper!!! Thanks, again, to Bullers for the potatoes and Alma, Julie, Sharon and Darla for making the salads. We appreciate all the work everyone did to help make this happen from decorating, setting tables, making rosettes, peeling potatoes, cashiering, and doing all the cooking, serving and dishes on Saturday! We can't begin to name all the names, but you are an amazing team to put this together for us! The supper would also not be successful without the great support of our church members and the community - thanks for coming to our supper! Danebod Youth League.

This week's *Back Roads* is the work of The Land Staff Writer Laura Cole.

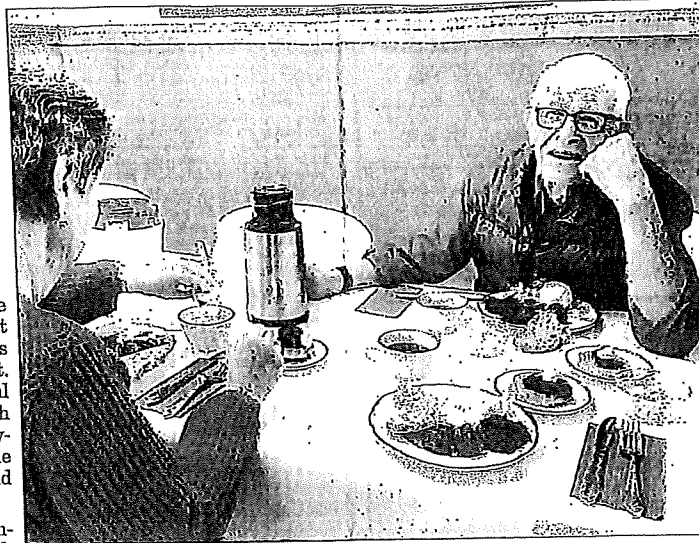
Danish delight

My mother told me we should arrive at Danebod's Christmas Shoppe event early, and she was right. On Dec. 2, Danebod hosted its annual Danish Christmas — a day filled with traditional celebration, food, and fellowship. Well before the official start time of 2 p.m., attendees were lined up and ready for the festivities to begin.

The Danebod complex is located within Tyler, Minn., and is brimming with Danish history. According to their website, the colony was established by a church organization. Besides the Lutheran church which continues to hold weekly services, there are several buildings on the grounds including the Folk School which was built in 1888, the Stone Hall which followed a year later in 1889, the Gym Hall, and lodging facilities. The holiday happenings are held in a few of the buildings, which are decorated mainly with red and white — the colors of the Danish flag.

The afternoon started in the Gym Hall with the Julebutikk — or Christmas Shoppes. Arriving 25 minutes prior did not make us first in line, though we were able to secure a spot inside the entryway. Once the doors were opened, the crowd browsed the tables full of Danish coffee cakes of various fillings, as well as handmade craft items and other baked goods — including homemade lefse. Many shoppers utilized boxes for all of their selections. Rev. Megan Eide stated the funds go to Danebod's WELCA group (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

During this same time, refreshments were served in the Stone Hall. Built with native field rock, the website states the rock

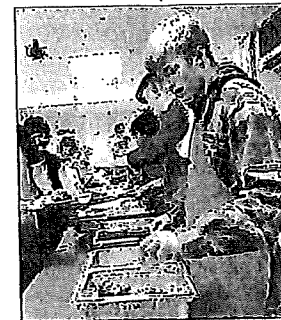
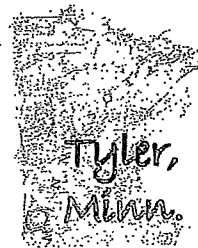
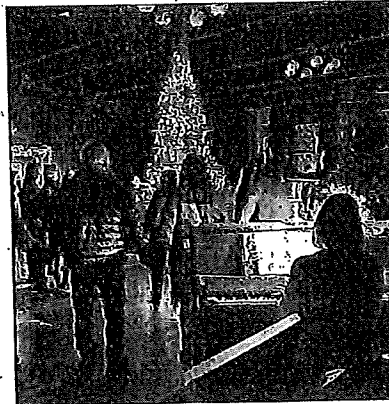


was "hauled in by farmers and split and shaped by a Danish stone mason named Kristian Klink." The Stone Hall originally served as the community's first church, and was later used as a gym and an assembly hall. It now functions as a museum with many historical items for visitors to view.

The Danish supper held in the Folk School Dining Room was served by Danebod's Youth League, and the proceeds help fund missions trips and various events throughout the year. The meal included roast pork, meatballs, sausage, many sides, and desserts.

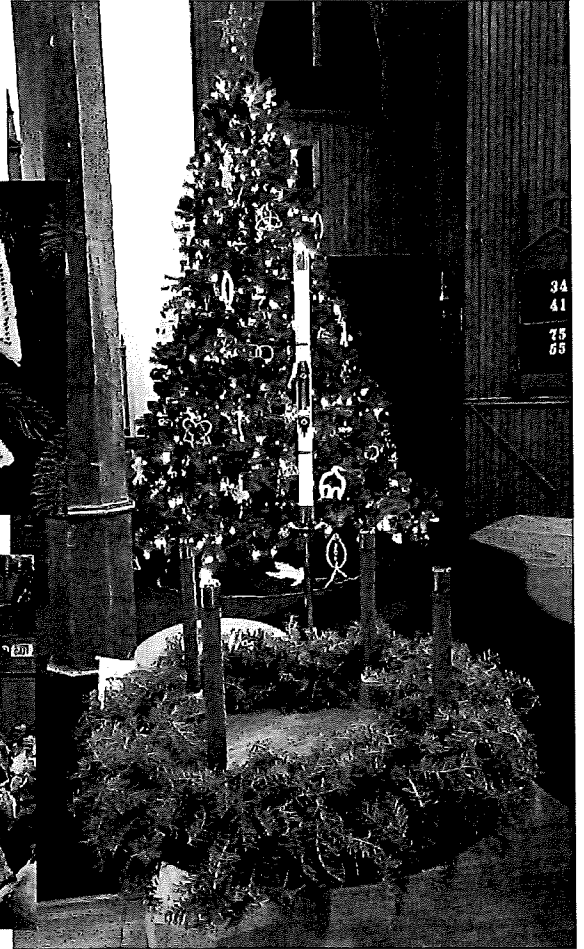
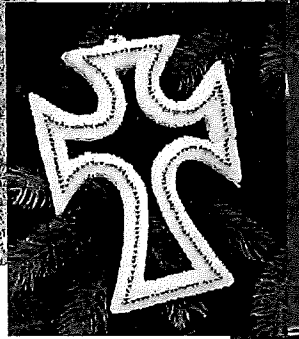
While many town residents attend the event each year, there are also plenty who make the drive from surrounding communities and even out of state. Vernon Andersen has made the trek from South Dakota on several occasions. He enjoyed his meal and commented, "This is a tradition that I hope they continue with."

The final event of the day brought the festivity goes back to the Gym Hall to sing Christmas carols and dance around the Christmas tree. The lights dimmed and two rings were formed around the tree. With hands joined, each ring of carolers moved in alternating directions as songs were sung, including "Nu er det jul igen" (Now it is Christmas again). The final song that concluded the night was "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and applause followed in appreciation for the full day of festive traditions.

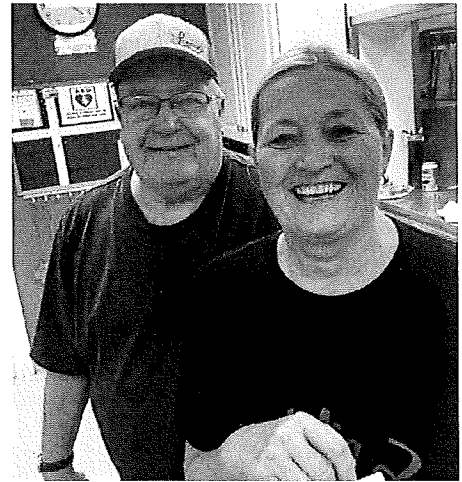


To learn more about the history of Danebod, as well as the community's various offerings, visit their website at <https://danebod-lutheran.org/>.

Christmas Eve at Danebod



Christmas at Danebod



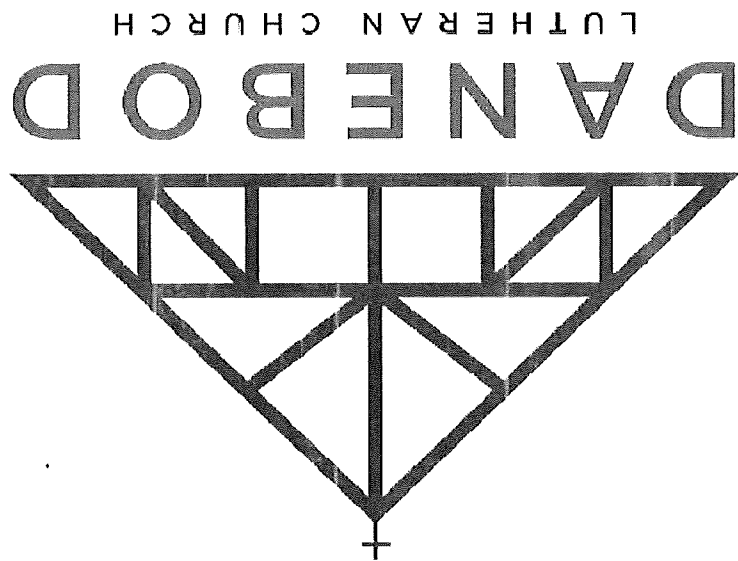
January

Sunday Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

	1	2 6:00 pm FS meeting	3 NO JFJ until February Confirmation begins Again on January 10 No Choir or Belles practice until February	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	8	9 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	10 9:00 am Bible Study in FS dining hall 6:30 pm Confirmation	11	12	13
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JANUARY MINISTRY TEAM DUTIES

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28	
	Worship with Communion	Worship	Worship with Communion	Worship	
<i>Ushers:</i>	Hess Family	Julie and Tim Kent	Jim Johansen, Tifanie Hess & Family	Drake Family	
<i>Lector:</i>	Jackie Hess	Julie Kent	Jim Johansen	Amanda Drake	
<i>Alter Guild:</i>	Kay Wooge	Kay Wooge	Laurie Johansen	Laurie Johansen	
<i>Flowers:</i>	Mona Christensen	Mona Christensen	Laurie Johansen	Laurie Johansen	
<i>Communion Helpers:</i>	Tifanie Hess Cheryl Hook	XXX	Tifanie Hess	XXX	
<i>Coffee Fellowship:</i>	Lottie Petersen Jackie Hess	Bev Gylling Julie Kent	Lottie Petersen Cheryl Hook	Amanda Drake Cheryl Hook	



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