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Grønnavik Lodge Meetings are usually the third Tues.
of the month at Trinity Lutheran, 330 S. Broadway, Green Bay.

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR MEETINGS

Mar. 21 Author Kathleen Ernst
Apr. 18 Scandinavian Odyssey



Tusen Takk . . .

To the members who fired up their ovens and baked 40 dozen cookies for the annual Barnebirkie ski race in the Hayward area Feb. 23. Unfortunately, unseasonably warm weather cancelled the ski race, however, the youth ages 3-13 channeled their energy into an Adventure Run and an obstacle course. Also cancelled was the American Birkebeiner ski race.



Sunshine chair, Marlene Bergum sends thanks to the monthly callers who notify her of illnesses and hospitalizations as well as happy occasions. This enables her to send cards to members on behalf of the lodge, and it's a vital part of the communication that keeps members connected. To notify her of someone needing a card, call 920-336-7472.



Trinity Lutheran thanks the lodge members who bring donations to their Food Pantry. The help is appreciated, and you may bring food staples whenever we meet at the church.

"The Piggy" was fattened by \$17.88 collected in in February for the SON Foundation. Thank you!

What Is An Ale Bowl?

The ale bowl, central to the plot of Kathleen Ernst's *Old World Murder*, was a prominent object in many rural Norwegian homes and farmhouses, especially from 1750-1850 and well into the twentieth century.

Norwegian farmers often brewed beer for important celebrations, such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, Christmas, and New Years, and this beer was generally served in ale bowls.

They were a fixture in the farmhouse and an identity symbol of both status and fertility. While people came to the farm and left the farm through the generations, the ale bowl, along with other important furnishings and fixtures, remained on the farm.

Some ale bowls were turned from green wood on a lathe and decorated with paint. Others were hand carved, often in the form of birds. Still others reflected the imaginations of the makers and could take the form of most any real or mythical creature.

Below, ale bowl carved by Phillip Odden, Norsk Wood Works LTD, Barronett, WI.
www.norskwoodworks.com



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Looking Ahead

Grønnavik Meetings

May 16 June 20

Gratulerer

med dagen!

Mar · Apr Birthdays



Ronald Jacobson, 3, 1
Kenneth Eliason, 3, 4
Tom Anderson, 3, 9
Elvi Ruotsala, 3, 15
Kathy Braun, 3, 23
Glenn Moen, 3, 25
Karen Vedvik, 3, 26
Emily Benson, 3, 28 *
Zachary Ruotsala, 3, 28 *
Ann-Marie Bennfors, 3, 28
Charles Iverson, 3, 29
Shirley Pennock, 4, 4
Mary Swain, 4, 7
Kali Vedvik, 4, 1*
Karen Hepp, 4, 13

*Heritage Member

With Sympathy

To the family of Paul Trondson who died on Jan. 19. A charter member and past president, Paul is remembered for his carving skill, his ready smile and his kindness.

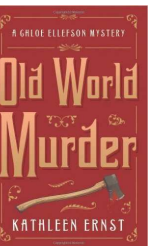
Hear Author Kathleen Ernst Mar. 21

Bestselling author Kathleen Ernst speaks at the Mar. 21 meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran. A Wisconsin resident, she writes award-winning mysteries as well as historical fiction and non-fiction for adults and young readers. Her work has earned numerous honors, including an Emmy, a LOVEY, and nominations for an Edgar and multiple Agatha mystery awards.



Her first Chloe Ellefson mystery, *Old World Murder*, features both the outdoor ethnic museum, Old World Wisconsin near Eagle, and a priceless eighteenth-century Norwegian ale bowl.

Heritage of Darkness takes place during December 1982 in Decorah, Iowa. Chloe decides to take a rosemaking class at Vesterheim, but danger lurks as the instructor is murdered and her body found in one of the antique immigrant trunks.



Other Chloe books with Wisconsin ties are *The Lightkeepers Legacy* set on Washington Island and *Tradition of Deceit* which takes place in both Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Scandinavian Odyssey . . .

comes to the lodge at the annual travel meeting. Featured speaker is member Jill Larsen sharing her adventures throughout Finland, Estonia and Norway.

Rescheduled from Jan., the dinner meeting includes Baked and Broasted Chicken and Baked Fish with lots of side dishes and desserts.

Please make your reservation

promptly with Treasurer Bob Olson, either at the Mar. 21 meeting or by mailing your check, made out to Grønnavik Lodge, to him at 1716 11th Ave., Green Bay, 54304. His phone is 920-606-7448. Deadline is Apr. 13, and please include your phone number with your reservation.

Apr. 18
Rite Place
1580 Bellevue
Green Bay

5:00 pm, Social Hour
6:00 pm, Dinner

\$15.00 Includes tax,

Fra President

Happy Spring! As I'm writing this it doesn't look much like spring, but give it a few days and I'm sure the weather will improve.

Our February meeting was a little different, but we had to get back on track. We started with a super soup supper. Thank You to all who brought soups, rolls and bread and cookies. Thank you to Joy Bashara and troupe for their presentation of a Norwegian family during the German occupation of Norway during WWII. Very interesting and very well done.



We then had a board meeting and discussed upcoming lodge activities. Our March meeting features author Kathleen Ernst who has written several books with a Norwegian theme.

Finally, we will have the postponed January meeting in April at The Rite Place where member Jill Larsen will share her adventures while traveling through Scandinavia. Should be fun.

Our May meeting is still in the planning stage. We will be inviting members of Trinity to our *Syttende Mai* Celebration as they are observing their 150th anniversary this year. The congregation has Norwegian roots and what better time to share with them. More info on this to come!

We discussed a better way for members to record their service hours. Vice President Joy Bashara is designing a form for members to recording their volunteer hours. Then every four months, members are asked to bring the form, with their information, to the meeting where they'll be recorded. Hopefully this will be a help as it is very important for the lodge to get these hours recorded as accurately as possible.

Our next board meeting will be held April 4th at Calvary Lutheran. We have some interesting activities planned for the upcoming meetings. I'm looking forward to sharing these experiences with all of you! Think spring!

Mollie Bergsbaken

Pie Filling Bars

Thanks to Eileen Below for this popular recipe.

1 ¾ cups sugar
1 cup butter, room temperature
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 ¾ cups flour
½ cups oatmeal
1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling
½ cup mini chocolate chips
1 tablespoon (or more) chopped pecans



Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Mix together flour, oatmeal, baking powder and salt, and add to creamed mixture, stirring until well blended.

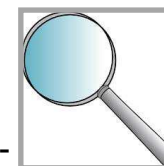
Spread half the dough on an ungreased 15 ½ X 10 ½ pan. Pour pie filling on top of dough. Add mini chocolate chips to the rest of the dough, and drop by teaspoonful onto the filling. Sprinkle with chopped pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 - 35 minutes.

HELP NEEDED

On Mar. 28, at 1 pm, the Lodge presents Norwegian culture at Webster School, and Peggy Schroeder is looking for helpers. Please call her at 435-4263 after 6:30 pm or leave a message. She needs to know as soon as possible.

This and That

Searching for Ancestors? A 42-minute presentation about the history, farms, communities, clerical districts and counties of Norway is available at www.nagcnl.org, the website of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center - Naeseth Library, Madison, WI.



Jerry Paulson, Naeseth Chair for Genealogical Research and Publication, contributed the program which is described as "an informative and logical description of this complex topic, and it should assist researchers at all levels."

On the home page of the site, click on the webinar and video buttons to view the offerings available. The videos and webinars on NAGC's website are free to the public and made possible by the support of The Edwin E. and Janet L. Bryant Foundation, Inc.

Headquarters for Sale The Sons of Norway has determined it's time to find a new home and has put its Minneapolis property on the market as it begins the search for a new headquarters.

The property, which includes a 60,000-square-foot building and a parking lot, is made up of five separate parcels and could offer potential developers more than two acres of prime real estate in the heart of the busy Uptown neighborhood.

Sons of Norway has occupied the property near Lake Calhoun for 55 years and is searching for a new home.

A new bicycle hotel has opened in Lillestrøm, Norway, as part of a project commissioned by Norwegian National Railways. Finding a natural home in Norway's "best cycling city," the hotel was constructed to further encourage commuting around the city on two wheels.



For a small monthly fee, the Lillestrøm Bicycle Hotel allows cyclers to store bicycles indoors while they're out of town or at work, providing a safe location and convenient storage option. With the hotel's practical location right next to the train station, it offers commuters an incentive to choose commuting by bicycle and train over driving.

Norwegian Heritage Tour To Stoughton Apr 6

Stops include the Opera House and The Norwegian Heritage Center-LIVSREISE. Norwegian luncheon at the Sons of Norway Lodge. After lunch see demonstrations of crafts and culture as well as shop at the unique shops along Main street. Cost of \$75 per person, includes lunch, tax and tip. Leave Green Bay at 6:15 am; return 7:30 pm. Call Lamers at 920.336.1976 for reservations and payment is due a week later.

Hidden Heroes: World War II in Norway compiles 20 eyewitness accounts of resistance activities during the war, and the memories in this anthology are by members of District 5. A part of the book, edited by Michael Palecek, entertained members at the Feb. 21 monthly lodge meeting.

Appearing in the dramatization were left to right, Frank Ingram, Carol Dost, Joy Bashara, Michael Stevens and Erik Hepp.



(Rita Running photo)