



Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 P.O. Box 1091 • Mankato, MN 56002

Blue Earth
Minnesota River

Mange tusen takk to all who participated in any way to make our recent events at MSU, Bethany Lutheran College and Hanska hosting the Ambassador to Norway, His Excellency Knut Vollebaek and his wife, Ellen Sofie, such wonderful experiences.

The ambassador's intelligence and knowledge was impressive and his messages were very interesting and informative. He challenged all of us to be ambassadors of Norway. Both of the Vollebaeks charmed us with their friendly manner. They were proud and pleased that so much of Norway's history and traditions have been preserved here. Our Sons of Norway organizations are very concerned about passing this on to future generations.

We are pleased to report that there were 228 people at our banquet and that 74 people took advantage of our special offer of a free banquet ticket if they joined Elvesvingen Lodge. We are looking forward to meeting all of you at our monthly social meetings and other activities.

On Monday, September 29th, some of us will be going to Northfield to hear the Vegarshei Gospel choir. This 7:00 p.m. concert will be presented by a marvelous young group of 45 singers and musicians from Norway. They are between the ages of 14 and 25. A free will offering will be given to them. We plan to meet in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. and car pool to Northfield. Call Linda Stelter at 388-7139 if you would like to go in the car pool. We apologize for the short notice about this.

At our October 11th meeting, Debra Seitz will present a program about the Hjemkomst, the replica of a Viking ship. It was built in a potato warehouse in Moorhead by her father, Robert Asp. She was one of the family members who sailed on this ship on its 72 day voyage to Norway so she will be telling us about first-hand experiences.

Our October meeting will be held in the basement dining area at Bethlehem Church. Go in the entrance on 2nd Street, which is near the end of the building, opposite from the parking lot area. The door is marked with a blue handicap sign and will also have a Sons of Norway sign on it. Take the elevator down to the basement, instead of up to the Heritage Room where we have been meeting.

Lutefisk dinner time is approaching and we have information about the following:

Oct. 23 - 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran College. Call the college at 344-7000.

Oct. 30 - 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Elks Lodge, 1028 North Riverfront Drive. Call 947-3378.

Nov. 1 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, 12 miles northwest of St. Peter on State Highway 22. Call 507-246-5195.

We are making lefse for the lutefisk dinner at Bethany Lutheran College and to sell there and also at the craft and bake sale at Madison East on Saturday, December 13th. (This sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) We need help making and weighing balls of lefse dough, turning the lefse and packaging it, so you can assist us, even if you are not an expert at rolling lefse. While doing so, you can learn some of our tricks. Some of you may have tricks to teach us, also. Call Ann at 388-7334 or Linda at 388-7139 if you would be willing to help at some time.

Sons of Norway Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar, November, 2003

Sep. 29 (Monday) – 7:00 p.m. - Vegarshei Gospel Choir at St. John's Lutheran Church, 500 3rd Street West, Northfield. Phone 507-645-4429.

Oct. 3 (Friday) – 7:30 p.m. - Nidaros Cathedral Boys Choir Concert Choir at Mindekirken, 924 East 21st Street in Minneapolis. Tickets \$15 (\$7.50 for children) Call 612-874-0716

Oct. 4 (Saturday) – Scandinavian Food Fest at Decorah, Iowa at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. Enjoy favorites, taste something new, or learn to make your own.

Oct. 8-12 – Norsk Hostfest in Minot, ND. Reservations must have been made by now.

Oct. 11 (Saturday) – 5:30 p.m. - **Elvesvingen Lodge meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.**

Oct. 12 (Sunday) – 3:00 p.m. – Norwegian music by Bloomington Symphony Orch. at St. Michael's Church, 94th St. & Normandale Blvd. \$10 suggested donation

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Nov. 8 (Saturday) - 5:30 p.m. – **Elvesvingen Lodge meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.**

Dec. 13 (Saturday) - 5:30 p.m. – **Elvesvingen Lodge traditional Christmas Julebord (Christmas dinner) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.**