



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

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The Viking Land of Lakes Choirboys presented a superb concert at our January meeting at the Mankato Lutheran Home. We wish them well on their tour in Europe this summer. We have several other treats in store for us, too.

It's always special to be entertained by people from Norway. At our Feb. 14th meeting Anlaug Grave, a St. Olaf College student from there will speak to us. On Friday, March 5th, Bjoro Haaland, Norway's King of country music, will present a concert in the high school gymnasium at Hanska. The Wendinger Brothers' Band will perform at 7 pm, prior to Bjoro's 7:30 program. Tickets are \$12.50. We will meet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church's parking lot at 5:15 pm to car pool to Hanska. We would appreciate it if you would call Linda Stelter at 388-7139 if you would like to go, so we know how many to plan for.

More music from Norway!! We have been chosen as one of the five cities in Minnesota at which talented 18 to 20 year olds from Norway will present programs. Ours will be on March 6th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7 pm. They will play Hardanger fiddles, guitars, etc. and dance traditional Norwegian dances, wearing bunads. Tickets are \$10.00 and they will be sold at the door. If you would like tickets in advance, call Linda Stelter at 388-7139. Joel Brude and Dick Norland will be interviewed about the concert on Wed., March 3rd at 1 pm on "Talk of the Town" on KTOE (1420 AM).

For those of you who are not members of Elvesvingen, we are enticing you with another offer. Anyone who joins between Feb. 1st and March 6th will get a free ticket to this great concert.

We plan to bake kringla to sell at intermission at the concert. Stella Molloy has offered to teach us how to make them. We will meet at her home at 1:30 on Friday, Feb. 13th for this. Call Stella (388-5508) if you would like to help.

We also need volunteers to help present a program about Norway for a girl scout event. This will be on Sat., Feb. 21st at Messiah Lutheran Church from 1 pm to 4:30. Call 388-7334.

Our March meeting has been changed to Saturday, March 27th because Dr. William Halvorson is available to speak at our meeting then. He is the leading American authority on the life and work of Edvard Grieg, Norway's great composer. Other lodges recommend him.

Besides these programs, we are arranging for two trips. See the enclosed blue flyer about the Stoughton trip. Send in your \$50.00 reservation to Wendinger Travel soon for this trip. Be sure to specify on the form that you are a member of Elvesvingen to get the reduced trip price of \$289.00, instead of \$299.00. We'll have more information later about a one-day trip to the Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa on July 23rd or 24th.

Any new member who has not received a kit containing a flag and pin should contact Linda Stelter at 388-7139 and she will notify our International Office in Minneapolis.

Start saving items for our garage sale in May. Last year's sale was very successful and we hope to do as well this year.

Here's a chance to learn about Norwegian history, at home. In February there will be a 4-hour series on survival in the Arctic on the history channel. One of the four will be a docu-drama on Defiant Courage: Norway's Longest WWII Escape, a book by Astrid Karlsen Scott. This is the story of Norwegian commando Jan Baalsrud and the sixty people who risked their own lives to help him escape from the Gestapo. It is a remarkable one hour drama about Jan's perilous journey to freedom. Check your TV listing for channel number and time. The title for the series is "Where Blood Runs Cold." Beste hilsen, Ann Carlberg, Editor, 388-7334

Sons of Norway Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar, February, 2004

Feb. 7 (Saturday) Barnelopet ski event for children, Lanesboro, Minnesota. 800-944-2670

Feb. 13 (Friday) Make kringla at Stella Molloy's, 2103 East Main, starting at 1:30 p.m.

**Feb. 14 (Saturday) 5:30 pm Elvesvingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
St. Olaf students from Norway will present the program.**

Feb. 8-15 Ski for Light Week, Green Bay, Wisconsin. 612-827-3232; email: info@sfl.org

Feb. 19 Barnebirkie free ski event for kids 3-13 in Hayward, Wisconsin. 800-945-8851

Mar. 5 (Friday) 7 pm Wendinger Brothers. Band and Bjoro Haaland concert in Hanska.

Mar. 6 (Saturday) 7 pm Concert at Bethlehem by music students from Valle, Norway

(Mar. 13 Elvesvingen meeting changed to Mar. 27.)

**Mar. 27 (Saturday) 5:30 pm Elvesvingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
Dr. William Halvorson will talk about Edvard Grieg. Highly recommended.**

Apr. 25 (Sunday) International Festival at East High School

**May 14-16 (Friday to Sunday) Bus trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin for Syttende Mai
Celebration. See enclosed flyer and send reservation to Wendinger real soon.**

July 23 or 24 (Friday or Saturday) One-day bus trip to Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa.