



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

Blue Earth
Minnesota River

Mange takk to all who participated in our Christmas Julebord. It was a great feast! And the music provided by Adrian Lo and Matt Norland made it even more enjoyable! We have several other special meetings coming up, too!

At our meeting on Saturday, January 17th the Land O' Lakes Viking Boys' Choir from Elk River, Minnesota will present a concert for us. This will be on the 3rd Saturday, instead of our usual 2nd Saturday, and will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Mankato Lutheran Home so the residents there may enjoy the music, also. The address for the home is 719 Mound Avenue. It is located near Sibley Park. We're going to serve cranberry cake and need several volunteers to bring cakes and also to help serve it, after the concert. Call Linda Stelter at 388-7139 or Delores Buege at 388-5454 if you are willing to bring a cake and/or help serve. Buy two packages of fresh cranberries real soon and freeze them so you have them when it's time to make the cake. The cranberry season ends quite soon. The recipe is as follows:

CRANBERRY CAKE

3 cups flour (regular white)
2 ¼ cups sugar
¾ tsp. salt
3 tsp. baking powder
6 Tbsp. butter, melted
1 ½ cup milk
4 ½ cups raw whole cranberries
Wash and dry the cranberries. (Cut in ½, if you wish)
Add the cranberries to the rest of the mixture.
Bake at 350 for 50 – 60 minutes.

TOPPING

2 cups sugar
2 tsp. corn starch
1 cup whipping cream
1 cup butter (2 sticks)
Heat well and add 2 tsp. vanilla. Boil rapidly for 2 minutes. Serve warm over cake.

On Saturday, March 6, ten music students from Valle, Norway will present a concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We were chosen as one of the five stops for their tour.

On the weekend of May 14-16 we are planning a bus trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin for their spectacular Syttende Mai celebration. Mark the dates on your calendar now!

We are sorry to report that Sidney Rand passed away in December. Our sympathy to his wife, Lois, who spoke at our November meeting, and also to the families of Louella Edquist, Wayne Sampson, Helen Bentsdahl, Eleanor Tronvold, Clifford Fluck and Rosemary Brekke who passed away in 2003. Blessed be the memories of all of these and any other loved ones who are gone.

Ann Carlberg, Editor, 388-7334

Sons of Norway Elvsvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar, January, 2004

Jan. 9 (Friday) 7:30 p.m. Swedish Club at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 East Main, Mankato

Jan. 10 (Saturday) – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Workshop in Austin, Minnesota for new officers.

Jan. 16-19 – Vinterfest Family Fun Weekend at Skogfjorden, near Bemidji, Minnesota

Jan. 17 (Saturday) – 2 p.m. Lodge meeting at Mankato Lutheran Home. Concert by boys' choir.

Feb. 1 – Deadline for applying to attend Skogfjorden summer camps and to receive scholarships for them

Feb. 6 (Friday) 7:30 p.m. Swedish Club at Grace Lutheran Church

Feb. 7 (Saturday) Barneløpet cross country ski event for children in Lanesboro, Minnesota 1-800-944-2670

Feb. 14 (Saturday) 5:30 p.m. Elvsvingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Feb. 8-15 – Ski for Light Week at Green Bay, Wisconsin. Skiing and non-skiing volunteers needed.

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

May 14-16 (Friday to Sunday) Trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin for Syttende Mai celebration

Dates for Skogfjorden Language Camps, near Bemidji, Minnesota

April 29-May 2, 2004 – Norwegian Adult Weekend

June 14-19 – One-week camp for ages 7-11

June 21-July 3 and July 19-31 - Two-week camps for ages 8-13

June 21-July 17 and July 19-August 14 - One-month credit sessions for Grades 9-12

July 5-17 – Two-week camp for ages 13-18

August 2-14 – Two-week camp for ages 12-16

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