



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

Blue Earth
River
Minnesota River

Did you Know?

Tourists are the same around the world - tourists are destroying Norway's stave church in Eidsborg with a craving for souvenirs (wooden pegs) - so much of the church has been pocketed that holes are beginning to appear in the structure.

Hilsen Fra Presidenten, Dick Norland - The summer is going by so fast. We have had such hot and humid weather here it is sometimes hard to think about other places in the world such as Norway. Norway too has had hot and humid weather. In a recent email from my cousin, he said that many farmers have had trouble with ruined crops and livestock concerns with the heat.

September Bus Trip - On September 18th, we have an outstanding bus trip to enjoy! The "Church Basement Ladies" is a comedy and should be lots of fun! It "gives you heartfelt, hilarious insights into the lives of those who prepared and served at weddings, funerals, anniversaries and farm auctions." It is based on the best selling book GROWING UP LUTHERAN by Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson. Please sign up early so that we can get a good count for the trip.

Mount Horeb and Little Norway - If you are looking for a summer or fall excursion, you might enjoy a trip to Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. The Norwegian heritage there is outstanding from Main Street, called Trollway, to the life-sized trolls carved in trees along the sidewalk. Just outside Mount Horeb is Little Norway, a Norwegian heritage farm complete with many "Norwegian" buildings including a building displayed at Chicago's World Fair in 1893.

Midsommar's Eve Picnic - The summer picnic at Land of Memories Park was a hit. Many tried the Scandinavian game "Kubb". Of course there was good food as well!

Summer reading - Our lodge has two copies of Deb Nelson Gourley's book, "Astri, My Astri: Norwegian Heritage Stories" - call Dick Norland (625-6060) to borrow a copy.

Student Exchange - Homes are needed for Norwegian students spending next school year in an American high school. Host families are needed from the end of August to the end of October. Contact Mary/World Heritage Student Exchange, www.world-heritage.org or 1-800-888-9040

Founders Award - Our lodge recently received a Sons of Norway Founders Award for membership growth in 2004 - congratulations Elvesvingen Lodge!

Board Meetings - Our lodge board officers have been meeting during the summer reviewing past events/policies as well as made plans for next year's lodge programs, lodge budget, the 2008 District 1 Convention in Mankato, etc. You are welcome to contact a board officer for specific information.

Fall 2005 - We have some wonderful programs coming up this fall including a great program on Bunads in September, the Membership Event/Dinner at Applewood in October, Anita Helland from the Norwegian Consulate office in November and the annual Julebord in December.



Lodge Service Projects - Use the summer months to consider participating in our lodge's Tubfrim stamp program or the Adopt a School program. Saving stamps and trimming cancelled stamps are easy stay-at-home projects. The school program is a commitment of only 1-2 hours per week - helping first and second grade students in an after-school program. Call Kris Norland (625-6060)

Volunteers Needed - Are you interested in being a greeter or chairing a serving committee? A few volunteers are needed for next year. Call Dick Norland (625-6060) - the Norwegian instructions are quick and easy!

Fra Vise Presidenten-Audrey Morken - Tusen Takk to all those who helped out with the Wal-Mart hot dog stand. We raised \$631.41 which will go towards the planning and hosting of the Sons of Norway District 1 Convention in 2008. Again, I really appreciate all who stepped forward to volunteer for a 2 hour shift (and sometimes longer) especially on a holiday weekend. We couldn't have been so successful without you! Mange tusen takk!

Bunads, Bunads, Bunads! It's time to get out those Bunads that were purchased or handed down from relatives in Norway. On Sept. 10, we are delighted to have Laurann Gilbertson, the Textile Curator from the Vesterheim Museum, as our guest speaker. Laurann will be talking about the history of the bunad, and their use, and will also be showing many beautiful examples of men's and women's bunads from different regions in Norway. The presentation will end with an informal fashion show. We encourage anyone (friends or family) who has a bunad to wear it at this meeting!

SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDARS, July/Aug, 2005

- July 25-27 - Midwest Norwegian Fjord Horse Show, Blue Earth, MN (www.mwfhc.org or 608-832-6202)
- July 28-30 - Nordic Fest, Decorah, IA (www.nordicfest.com/2005.asp or 1-800-382-FEST)
- July 28-31 - Hardanger Fiddle Workshop Weekend, Folklore Village, Dodgeville, WI (norsefiddle@solgard.com)
- Jul/Aug - no Elvesvingen lodge meetings - a great opportunity to visit area towns and take in area events!
- **Sep 10 - (5:30pm) - Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato**
- Sep 18 - (11:45am – 8:00pm) - Bus Trip to Church Basement Ladies, Plymouth MN
- Sep/Oct - Concordia Language Villages' adult programs (www.concordialanguagevillages.org or 1-800-450-2214)
- Oct 2-7 - Norwegian Elderhostel (www.elderhostel.org or 1-877-426-8056) Program # 6799-100205
- **Oct 22 - Membership Event, Applewood, Mankato**
- Nov - Bus Trip to American Swedish Institute & Ingebretsens
- **Nov 5 - (8-4) South Central Genealogy Expo, Minnesota State University, Mankato (507-389-1029)**



September Bus Trip

Sponsored by Sons of Norway
Seats available for general public
Sunday, September 18, 2005

Schedule:

- 11:45am – Bus leaves from the old Sears Building at Madison East Mall, Mankato, MN (eat before 11:45am or bring snack)
- 2:00pm Performance
- 5:00pm Bus stops for supper (meal at own expense)
- 8:00pm Bus returns to Mankato, MN

Questions: Call Linda Stelter 388-7139

Cost: \$48.00 per person
(Includes bus fare & theater ticket)

Reservations due: August 19, 2005

Make check payable to Sons of Norway
Mail check, name, address, to –
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