



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

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**NOT A MEMBER? PLEASE JOIN US TODAY!!!! Call  
Linda Stelter at 388-7139 or Audrey Morken at 387-2223**

Lodge Meeting: Sat., Nov. 11, 5:30 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Program: Bruce Larson- From Sweden to America  
Transportation Available for non- night time drivers: call Dick Norland at 625-6060

**Hilsen Fra Presidenten- Audrey Morken.** Thanksgiving greetings to you all! It is that time of year to be thankful. We all have something to be thankful for as the holiday season approaches. This year I really have something special to be thankful for: it was Nov. 23, 1956 when my father came to America with his family. They came over on the Oslofjord . The two week journey began as they set sail from Bergen en route to America “Land of Opportunity” (Iowa- their final destination). My grandfather came to America 2 years prior, with much prodding from his cousin, with the intentions of staying for a few years and then returning back to the Homeland. Unfortunately, he was killed in a car accident 5 years after having been in America. Needless to say, my Grandmother and the rest of the family managed to stay in Iowa where they would plant their roots. So this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this great adventure. My family is planning a special get-together in Iowa over the Thanksgiving holiday to celebrate. In 50 years our family has grown from 6 to over 75!! We are very thankful and proud of our Norwegian heritage!

**Membership Banquet -** The Elvesvingen Lodge held its annual membership drive/banquet at Applewood Restaurant. We were very fortunate to have a great turn out with 78 members and 16 guests in attendance. Our program was Norwegian weddings performed by Karen Solgard. Solgard managed to capture our attention with great story telling accompanied by the Hardanger fiddle. A good time was had by all. And, we managed to sign up 3 new members.

**Are you interested in genealogy?** The annual South Central Genealogy Expo will be held at the MSU Ballroom on Sat., Nov. 4 from 8:00am-4:30pm. Elvesvingen Lodge will have an information booth, so if you are there, please stop by!! Our very own Gail Mikkalson will be the opening speaker.

**Now showing ....** Sweet Land, a movie about a Norwegian Immigrant who orders a bride through the mail and gets the surprise of his life. This great movie filmed in Minnesota starts Friday, Nov. 3 at the Carmike Cine 6 Theaters on Stadium Road. A few members from our lodge recently went up to the cities to see this movie and give it a ‘thumbs up’. Call Carmike Cinemas at 625-3456 for show times.

**Want to learn how to make lefse??** Do you remember the lefse grandma used to make? Now you can learn how to make lefse too. There will be 2 lefse bake-a- thons on Saturday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9:00am-1:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Call Irene Mickelson at 387-7045 for more information .

**Cookbook Fundraiser-** Printing a Sons of Norway cook book will be a major fundraiser for our lodge. We need recipes from each of our lodge members. We need Norwegian and Scandinavian recipes of course, but we want other favorite recipes too. We are asking each member to send at least six recipes. Our committee is already contacting printers and waiting for you recipes., so please send your favorites to Sons of Norway, P.O. Box 1091 , Mankato, MN 56002. For any more information or questions, please call Pam Borchert at 931-1511.



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**Kringla Baking-** Kris Norland plans to make Kringla. If interested, please call her at 625-6060.

**The Annual non-profit Bake/Craft Sale** at Madison East Center will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00am-4:00pm. If you have a knack for baking Norwegian goodies and/or making crafts, the Elvesvingen Lodge would love for you to help us out. Please call Irene at 387-7045 if you would like to help out. Also, we need some helpers to sell these delectable items as well. Baked goods should be brought to Madison East Center Saturday, Nov. 18 by 9:00am, (just look for the colorful Norwegian table). Otherwise, please drop-off baked goods and crafts to Audrey Morken's house at 128 Hosanna Ave in Mankato on **Friday, Nov.17 from 6pm-8pm**. If you cannot help us in baking, perhaps you could help out by making a monetary donation to our lodge. Checks can be made out to Sons of Norway, and sent to P.O. Box 1091, Mankato, MN 56002. Thanks you. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Habbestad Ensemble** The Elvesvingen Lodge along with the Stavanger Lodge in Windom have agreed to co-host the Habbestad Ensemble in Windom on Friday, **November 3 from 5pm until 8pm**. The Habbestad Ensemble is a talented musical family from Norway that will be touring our area and stopping in Windom. The carpool will be leaving Bethlehem Lutheran church at 3:30pm and returning at 9:30pm. If interested in going, you are asked to bring a pan of bars for the potluck dinner. Tickets are \$5. Anyone interested should call Linda Stelter at 388-7139 for more info.

**The Noeway Post 30.10.06.** The new official biography of Norway's King, "Harald V", written by former Aftenposten editor Per Egil Hegge, reveals that criminals had planned to kidnap Crown Prince Haakon around six years ago. The criminals had planned to exchange the crown prince for the release of a companion who served a jail sentence at the time, but the police foiled the plan and informed the Royal Family. According to the book, this incident led to the couple moving in together before they were married. This made it easier for the security police to establish a permanent guard for the couple, Hegge says.

**The Noeway Post 21.12.04**The Western Norway Emigration Centre includes the emigrant church, Brampton Lutheran Church, brought over from North Dakota in the USA and an emigration archive for Hordaland and Sogn og Fjordane counties. 4 commemorative stones have been erected in connection with North American history and the Norwegian contribution during World War II. One stone shows the connection to the Western Isles of Viking times. A schoolhouse, a pioneer's house and schoolteacher's house from pioneer times have also been brought home and rebuilt. A town hall, prison and doctor's surgery opened in summer 2002.

Check out the Information Table at our monthly meetings - pick up information on area events, travel, or SON financial products; sign up for lodge events/volunteer opportunities; view a copy of recent lodge minutes/treasurer's report; check out the SON magazine for children under 15; purchase gift items offered by the District One Sons of Norway fundraising committee; or simply ask questions.

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SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR

November, 2006

- Nov. 3- Habbistad in Windom- 3:30pm-9:30pm- Meet at Bethlehem to carpool
- Nov. 4 South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo at MSU- Mankato (8:00-4:30)-  
<http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/genie/expo.html>- 507-389-1029
- Nov. 4 Lutefisk Dinner (11:00-1:00 and 4:00-8:00pm) Scandia Grove Lutheran Church Norseland  
507-931-3660 or 507-246-5195 (10 miles W of St. Peter on HWY 22 and ½ mile N on Cty  
Rd 52
- Nov. 11- Lodge Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church- 5:30pm Guest speaker, Bruce Larson.
- Nov. 18 Non-Profit Bake Sale Madison East Mall-9:00am-4:00pm
- Dec. 1 (Friday) 6:30 pm Swedish Club smorgasbord potluck at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 East Main Street,  
Mankato. Visitors welcome! Bring a dish to pass and some Christmas cookies.
- Dec. 9 Julebord- Bethlehem Lutheran Church Basement- 5:30pm