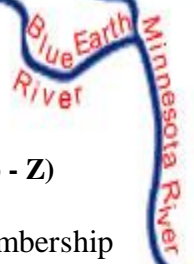




Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 P.O. Box 1091 Mankato, Mn 56002



**Lodge Meeting - Nov 10 – 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Program - “Keeping Christmas” with Kathleen Stokker**  
**Serving Committee: Mark & Becky DeGarmeaux and Members (Sp - Z)**

**Hilsen Fra Presidenten - Linda Stelter:** The Elvesvingen Lodge held its annual membership drive/banquet at Applewood Restaurant. We had a good turn out with 67 members and 7 guests in attendance. We learned about 19th Century Norwegian Immigration as Ole left his Norwegian homeland and traveled to America. A good time was had by all. A special thanks to all who brought guests. I am looking forward to this month's meeting with Kathleen Stokker and Norwegian Christmases, both past and present!

**November Meeting - November 10:** Kathleen Stokker will speak on her book, “Keeping Christmas: *Yuletide Traditions in Norway and the New Land*” at this month's meeting. She is an author, a well-known scholar and teacher of Norwegian language and Norwegian heritage. When the Norwegian immigrants settled in America, they brought along their Christmas customs. To what extent did the traditional Norwegian Christmas with its centuries-old customs that were rooted in Viking times survive its encounter with the newly invented American Christmas that aimed to unite a nation of multi-cultural immigrants? To learn more about Kathleen Stokker and her books, go to: <http://modernlanguages.luther.edu/norwegian/stokker.htm>. We will also be holding officer elections at this meeting.

**December Meeting - December 8** - We all look forward to our annual *Julebord* (Christmas table). We have made plans for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and music - all members assist with this special potluck dinner. Mark the date on your calendar. Additional details will appear in our December newsletter.

**2008 Convention Planning Committee Update** For those who have volunteered for various committees, mange takk! You will be contacted with specific details - sometime between Fall 2007 and Spring 2008! If you haven't volunteered yet, we definitely need more volunteers (ticket takers, security staff, direction givers, etc) - call Dick Norland 625-6060!

If any of our lodge members are interested in renting a vendor booth at the June 12-13-14 convention, please contact Karen Abbott at 507-726-2724!

Holiday Gifts will be available at our November and December meetings! As a fundraising project, convention mugs will be sold for \$9 each or 2 for \$17. Tee shirt orders will be taken for \$10 each!

**Craft and Bake Sale:** Madison East Center is hosting **2007 Holiday Expo**, a bake and gift sale on Saturday, November 17, from 9 am to 5 pm. This sale has been a very profitable and enjoyable fund raiser for our lodge. We are counting on you to help make it so again. Please bring your baked goods and crafts to Madison East before 9 am. It is helpful to have goods there by 8:30. 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 PO Box 1091, Mankato MN 56002. Thank you. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Lefse Baking** - from 9 am to 1 pm at Grace Lutheran Church on November 7 and November 15. Let us know how you would like to help; please call Irene Mickelson at 387-7045

**Kringla Making Bee** - call Kris Norland (625-6060) if interested – baking date Nov 12-16.

**South-Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo 2007** The Expo includes sessions on a variety of genealogy related topics as well as a room where local organizations will be sharing information about their resources and services. **Date: November 3rd, 2007** at Centennial Student Union, Ballroom CSU 200 (Second Floor) Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN **From: 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

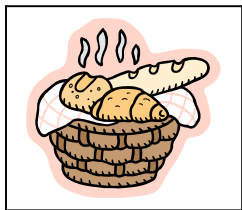
**Mange Takk** A belated thank you to the many members who have been donating items for our library cart - check it out - actually, check out a book or two for great reading at home!

**Ann Carlberg's 80th Birthday Come Celebrate.** Hosted by her children on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 1123 Marsh Street Mankato, Minnesota, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Your friendship is a treasured gift, we request no other. We are using a Norwegian theme for the party, so everyone is invited to wear their Norwegian outfits. Ann's brother will teach everyone a funny, jolly Norwegian folk song

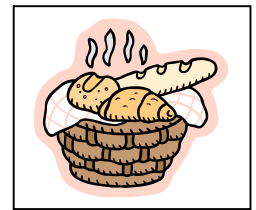
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**BAKE AND CRAFT SALE**  
**MADISON EAST MALL**



**Saturday, November 17, 2007**

**9AM- 5PM**

~ Lefse, kringla, krumkake, bars, plus crafts! Come and shop for holiday items at this **annual Sons of Norway and other non-profit organizations fundraiser.**

~ Donated crafts and baked goods can be dropped off before 9am at Madison East Mall.

~ If you are interested in joining a baking/craft making group or have questions, please call **Irene Mickelson** at **387-7045.**

**SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR**  
**November, 2007**

**Nov 3 - Genealogy Expo - at MSU**

**Nov 10 - Lodge Meeting - "Keeping Christmas" with Kathleen Stokker – 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.**

**Nov 17 - Bake Sale - at Madison East Mall.**

**Dec 8 - Lodge Meeting – "Julebord and Norwegian Christmas Sing-Along" – 5:30 pm in the dining room at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.**

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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