



*January  
2017*



Dr. Gene Pfeifer  
The Future of Bethany Lutheran College and Norwegians  
January 14, 2017 ~ 11:00am  
Heritage Room, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato

**January Servers**

James & Linda Bristol, Mark DeGarmeaux, Adrian Lo, Verone Nelson, Sonja Swanson, Laurie Williams, Phil Bachman, Robin & Synnove Grinnell, Jay Haugesag & Mary Anderson, George Patchin, Harold & Louise Rodning, and Jean Schimmele

Co-Chairs: Richard & Kris Norland, Carol Seifert

Dr. Pfeifer, the President of Bethany Lutheran College, will present his vision for the future of Bethany, which has a long and deep relationship with Norwegians.

*A kindly reminder:*

*The entrance doors from the parking lot will be open from 10:30-11:15. Please use the courtyard door on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street if you arrive earlier or later. Thanks!*

*The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.*

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION-We would like to continue to encourage scholarship applications for Norwegian language camps in Skogfjorden, near Bemidji (ages 7- 18), or Masse Moro, near Eau Claire, WI (ages 9-15). The camps are in June and July each year, with one, two, or four week sessions. If your children, grandchildren, or friends are interested, they can call Lois Kitzmann (507-344-1684) for more information. The youth do not need to be members of Sons of Norway to attend.

Hilsen Fra Presidenten, Karen Abbott

Godt Nytt Ar! 2017 has arrived and we have many good things planned for you in the upcoming months! I hope your Christmas and New Year holidays were filled with joy and laughter. The Elvingsvingen Julebord was held at 11:00 a.m. for the first time and we had a great turn-out. Thanks to Pam Borchert and Lois Kitzmann for decorating the tables and to the serving committee and board members for helping to see that everything ran smoothly. The meal was potluck and the serving tables were filled with delicious items. Eric Dregni entertained us with his Viking stories and I heard many positive comments at the end of the program.

Dr. Gene Pfeifer, President of Bethany Lutheran College, will be speaking on January 14th. To get some background information, I found this on their web site: In 1911, Bethany Ladies College opened with forty-four students and four faculty members, and a mission to educate young women. In 1927 the Norwegian Synod, later known as the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), purchased the college. The ELS operated the school as a co-educational high school and junior college until 1969, when the high school department was closed. Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary began in 1946 as a department of the college; in 1975 it became a separate institution. In May 1996, the Board of Regents resolved to start moving Bethany from an associate to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution. In the spring of 2001 Bethany entered a new era in its history by granting its first baccalaureate degrees. I think we are very lucky to have such an interesting institution in Mankato. Come join me to learn about Dr. Pfeifer's ideas for Bethany's future.

If you are planning on having a Norwegian themed New Year's party, About.com's web site has a page on Nordic New Year's Nibbles-Great items to include on a New Year's smorgasbord. Look at the ideas below, check out their recipes, and if you do have a party, I'm sure I'd be available.....

Scandinavia's most famous appetizer, cold-cured gravlax is a breeze to make, requiring only a few simple steps and next-to-no labor. Sliced paper-thin and served rye crispbread with sweet dill mustard, it is a necessary and delicious part of a New Year's smörgåsbord buffet. Cold-cured gravlax takes on a new dimension of flavor when lightly smoked for an hour or two before serving. It's an excellent alternative to provide for less adventurous guests who prefer their salmon cooked.

Kalles Caviar, in several varieties, is easy to find at IKEA or at specialty Scandinavian food shops. Enjoy it on rye crispbread, hardboiled egg halves, or open-faced sandwiches. Smoked salmon, ripe avocado, and piles of tiny baby shrimp contribute to the flavor and the beauty of this seafood smörgåstårta.

Havarti Cheese Cookies - Mellow Danish Havarti cheese pairs with the slight sharpness of caraway seed to flavor these unique "cookie" appetizers.

New potatoes serve as an easy yet elegant appetizer when garnished with sour cream and red and white lumpfish caviar. Gjetost Fondue - Gjetost, Norway's very special brown cheese, melts so easily that it's a natural cheese to use in fondue. While most often used for "dessert" fondues because of its almost candy-like sweetness, it also works nicely as a savory dunk for meatballs and rye bread.



# Happy Birthday to you!!!

## January

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Lois Annexstad	9
George Orvick	9
Bruce Larson	10
Laurie Williams	10
Carol Rasmussen	12
Herbert Halvorson	13
Warren Mickelson	13



Dean Kluge	15
Karen Sandersfeld	15
Harold Rodning	20
Gen Carlson	23
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Our speaker in December, Eric Dregni, entertained us with his Norwegian stories and historic facts about Norwegians.



Thank you to Pam Borchert and Lois Kitzmann for providing the beautiful Christmas decorations for our Julebord!

# Norwegian Humor

Lars asked Ole, "Do ya know da difference between a Norwegian and a canoe?"

"No, I don't," said Ole. "A canoe will sometimes tip," explained Lars.



Ole, Sven and Lars die in a tragic Lutefisk accident. They are met by God on the stairway to heaven.

God says, "There are 3,000 steps to heaven. It's very serious up there. I'll tell you a joke on each 1,000th step you reach. If you laugh you go to hell."

So they start walking and reach to the first 1,000th step. God tells a joke, Lars laughs out loud and goes straight to hell. Ole and Sven look at each other nervously.

On the 2,000th step God tells another joke, Sven tries his best but laughs and goes to straight to hell.

On the 3,000th step God tells the last and best joke, Ole doesn't laugh and proceeds to the gate.

Suddenly, Ole bursts out laughing hysterically. God asks, "What are you laughing about?"

Ole replies, "Oh dat's funny. I yust got da first yoke!"

Due to Norwegian presence in Canada, we will be singing the *Canada National anthem*. We will also be singing the *table prayer* to the tune of the Doxology.



We still need a vice president! If you are interested in volunteering, please let one of the board members know.

Delores Buege and Thelma Asleson working on the newsletters

**A word about the weather:** In case of a winter storm, the Board of Directors will notify members and the serving committee, if a Lodge meeting needs to be cancelled. A cancellation decision will be made as follows:

11:00 a.m. brunch meeting: Decision by 7:00 p.m. the night prior  
5:30 p.m. evening meeting: Decision by 8:00 a.m. the morning of the meeting

Serving committee chair persons will be notified right away by phone and they are asked to call the other serving committee members. Program presenters will be notified by telephone. Please check media for notices:

- \*a message will scroll across top of our local web page
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*Calendar of Events*

**Bethany Lutheran College  
and Norwegians**

January 14 ~ 11am

Heritage Room

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**Norwegian Bingo**

February 11~ 11am

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**Check out the Information Table:**

- Pick up information on area events, travel, or SON financial products
- Sign up for events/volunteer opportunities
- View a copy of recent Lodge Minutes/Treasurer's Report
- Check out the SON newsletter for children under 15

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