



Our New Lodge Home!!

Faith Lutheran Church-926 W. 6th St., JC



It is with a positive & happy heart that I let you all know we have a new Lodge home!!! Our vote last month with 18 members responding was a unanimous YES for Faith Lutheran Church. So starting this month we will be meeting at Faith Lutheran Church. They have been beyond generous in our dealings with them & sooo "accommodating. They REALLY want us to become a member of their community!! We will be deciding "details" at our meetings this month, please attend either/or both meetings to give your input! We will not have access until at the earliest January 13. They are spending time cleaning the room for us as it has been being used as storage. One of our key decision points... we have our OWN key & access door (not depending on someone to be there to let us in, we can use it any time). Plenty of parking. We will have Wi-Fi available also. There will be a bathroom in the next room, a sink is available if we want to make tea & coffee again. Flags, chairs, etc. will NOT have to be put away & reset up each time! The floor is carpeted (indoor-outdoor) so we will need to be diligent about keeping things cleaned. There is also a piano available. We will also be able to use the kitchen & hall on occasion with advanced requests. See Hlstory of Faith Lutheran on page 7.



Cruising a Fjord in January

Meetings

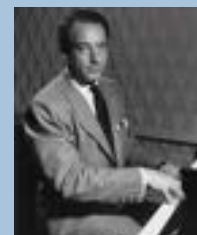


There will be a board meeting on **January 11 at 10:00 am** but it will not be via Zoom instead by **Google Meet**. Watch your email Reminder for log-in info on **January 8**.

REMEMBER!!!

Our Regular meeting will be **January 18 at 10:00 am**. At Faith Lutheran Church...926 W. 6th St., Junction City. (see info opposite)

Famous Scandinavians

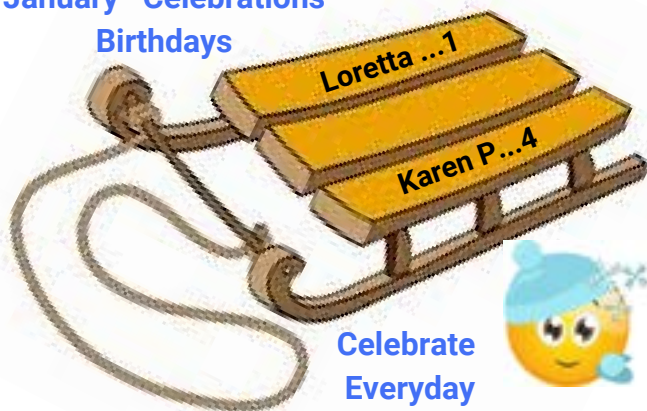


Victor Borge

Victor Borge, was a Danish and American actor, comedian, and pianist who achieved great popularity in radio and television in both North America and Europe. See page 6

January Celebrations

Birthdays



Celebrate Everyday

Stay Connected

Email: daughtersofnorway52@gmail.com

Face Book: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/amw52>

Email us with questions or comments. Check out our Face Book page. We try to post Scandinavian items often & we do post pictures of our in-person meetings.



Information (Informasjon)

Stamps for the Wounded

<https://www.stampsforthewounded.org/>

Representative Shirley



The stamps from the past year were sent on November

KEEP COLLECTING & SAVING THOSE STAMPS!

We will continue saving stamps for *Stamps for the Wounded Project*. Hope you saved all those stamps from your Holiday mail!! You can bring them to the Jan. meeting, the box will be on the Welcome Table or just keep them until *next* October.

Check It Out



Jean: information on Victor Borge:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victor_Borge

Candice: Victor Borge videos:

Happy birthday:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hkkHz8xq7IE>

Page turner: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=LWqFaGwNCMU>

Duel: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XXxER1FVprw>



Jean: Icelandic Noir on a dark, windswept island, is the review of 3 dark mysteries in the Norwegian-American:

<https://www.norwegianamerican.com/icelandic-crime/>

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Jean: Lapland Hotels SnowVillage (Finland):

<https://www.laplandhotels.com/en/hotels-and-destinations/yllas/lapland-hotels-snowvillage>

Elderly

Submitted by Kae

They call us "The Elderly"

We were born in the 40-50-60's.

We grew up in the 50-60-70's.

We studied in the 60-70-80's.

We were dating in the 70-80-90's.

We got married & discovered the world in the 70-80-90's.

We venture into the 80-90's.

We stabilize in the 2000's.

We got wiser in the 2010's.

And we are going firmly through and beyond 2020.

Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...

TWO different centuries...

TWO different millennia...

We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.

We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email & Whats App.

From live matches on the radio, to black & white TV, colour TV & then to 3D HD TV.

We went to the Video store & now we watch Netflix.

We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks & now we have gigabytes & megabytes on our smartphones.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood & then long trousers, Oxfords, flares, shell suits & blue jeans.

We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, polio, tuberculosis, swine flu & now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, petrol or diesel cars & now we drive hybrids or electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!

They could describe us as "exennials"; people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood & a digital adulthood.

We've kind of "Seen-It-All"!

Our generation has literally lived through & witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.

It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE".

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE!

-Author unknown



Member News (Medlemsnyheter)

Randi

Happy Thanksgiving! We had a great day with the Greatgrands.



Sue

Well I did it! Got me a new to me car



Randi

Heard from Randi at Christmas and they are doing well. She has written more children's books.



Kae

My two fur babies turned 4 yesterday (12/5). They love their new cat tower (thank you Karin/Sverre) and enjoyed playing with their new catnip mice.



Carol

My granddaughter, Lila, was asked to attend a Santa Lucia party, given by some friends of ours. She loved walking around the guests and passing out saffron buns!



Loretta

I spoke with Loretta before Christmas. She is well, and "trying" to retire but as she says "How does a chaplain retire when someone needs your help?" Her mother is doing ok but is 120 miles from her so she only sees her periodically. She would like to make the Party at the Lutheran church Dec. 5 as well as our Jan. meeting.



Edla

I spoke with Edla & she is doing well. She got rid of her car since she no longer drives & now has a caregiver with a cat (Edla has never had a house cat...so something new). She gets' confused very easily which makes life interesting. She enjoyed a pleasant but small Christmas with her family.

Jean

We had a good Holiday Season this year. Steve had 3 Santa gigs plus a special visit to deliver a package on Christmas Eve to Shirley & Eldon then a great Christmas including David, Candy, Matthew & Casey. & of course Maggie



Traci's Trip via Face Book



Dec. 3, 2024 Amsterdam!



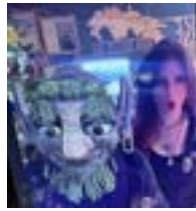
Cologne! These Christmas markets are gorgeous!



If it's Saturday, it must be Belgium (Brussels)



Beautiful Bruges!
Dinner back in Brussels



Enjoyed a winter wonderland in beautiful Tromsø with my daughter. Didn't catch northern lights but we tried!



My cousin builds pipe organs in Sweden. His wife is a superstar organist. They took me to the local church's St Lucia service



I got home late night, Dec. 15. My husband is suddenly in surgery in Albuquerque, NM so I had to hurry up and repack and get out of here for a midday plane flight, Dec. 16. His appendix burst when he was returning home from a crash reconstruction down here. I was able to have dinner with a friend in Albuquerque. He is doing well.



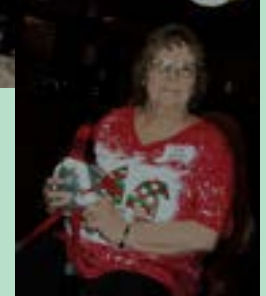
Albuquerque, you were NOT on my travel itinerary (Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Oregon for a few hours and then ALBUQUERQUE??) but that's where I went! At least I got to visit Kathy di Gangi Young as I waited the week. But when we arrived home, our only local kid (Steve's oldest daughter Caitlin) and her GF Indiana surprised us with a warm house/fire lit plus a decorated Christmas tree and lots of nutcrackers up, and a refrigerator filled with more than three days of meals (thank you @Justin Groff for the chicken!!) SO cozy to return home after 22 days? to a big bowl of soup and a Christmasy house!! Everyone returned for Christmas including my kids from Portland, Kenny (Jackie went to see her mama in Idaho), Laura and Sky and Mac. Steve is healing nicely tho' the first part of our yearly Mexico trip has gotten delayed a bit. Beyond grateful!



Meeting Information (møteinformasjon)

Our Christmas Party

We had such a good time, thank you to Judy & The Garden Way Retirement Community for hosting us! It was well attended by 13 of us. We played the RIGHT family game to choose our lovely gifts, ate ourselves silly with delicious & pretty decorated cookies, Judy even brought licorice from Scandinavian countries. Amey was unable to attend due to a cold so no entertainment but she saw that we had napkins & goody bags to take cookies home. These ladies know how to bake & lots of it! We had lots to take home. We even got some business taken care of by deciding we will have a donation place at each meeting to take care of our rent.



Sorry some pictures are dark (camera not working well) & mine are always on the blurry side. Lighting not ideal either.



Famous Scandinavian Victor Borge Submitted by Candice



Victor Borge was an entertainer, conductor, classical pianist, songwriter, actor, philanthropist, and comedian. Born Borge Rosenbaum on January 3rd, 1909 In Copenhagen, Denmark to musical parents. Bernhard and Frederikke Rosenbaum. His father was a violist for the Royal Danish Philharmonic Orchestra & his mother was a pianist. She started teaching him to play at age 2. He began reading music at age four and performed his first recital by age 8. When he was 14, while performing, he noticed that half of the audience were falling asleep, and the other half gravely watched, as if they were at an execution. He started playing faster and faster and the orchestra followed until the conductor lost his place. Victor walked over and pointed to the music in front of the conductor and the audience laughed. He realized then that interacting with the audience helped his stage fright. He received a full scholarship to the Royal Danish Academy of Music. He later studied in Vienna and Berlin. Victor, a Jew, publically satirized Hitler before WWII and so was blacklisted by the Nazis. He was performing in Stockholm when Germany invaded Denmark in 1940. From there, he fled to Finland and then escaped on the last Passenger ship from Europe to America, the *American Legion*. He arrived in America with \$20.00 in his pocket. (With \$3 due to customs) and unable to speak the language. He taught himself English by watching movies. For 15 cents he could watch a movie three times and he would challenge himself to be able to repeat every word by the 3rd one. He got language tapes and put a tape recorder under his pillow at night to go to sleep by. In 1941, just days after failing at a job pumping gas because of his poor English, he got a slot on Bing Crosby's radio show. In 1942, he received the award for *Best New Radio Performer Of the Year*. He had his own show by 1945, the same year as his Carnegie Hall debut. His humor combined deadpan delivery, clever word play, satire, irreverence, physical comedy, and music. His distinctively Danish comedy encouraged audience interaction, and he found humor in the mundane, and used physical and visual elements, maintaining dynamic energy and a high level of spontaneity marked by impeccable timing. He became a US citizen in 1948. In 1953, he starred in his Broadway show, *Comedy In Music*, which still holds the record for longest running one man show on Broadway, with 849 performances. In 1960 he was the highest paid entertainer in the world. In 1963 he founded "Thanks to Scandinavia", a fund dedicated to those who helped the Jews escape the German persecution during the war. He co-authored two books. He appeared in the New York Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Chicago Orchestra, the London Philharmonic, and The Royal Danish Philharmonic. He performed on several TV shows and specials, and was in movies. He's the recipient of the 22nd Kennedy Awards Center honors of lifetime achievement. He received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He was knighted by all five of the Nordic countries, and honored by US Congress. He received the Brotherhood Award, the Wadsworth Intern Award, the Georg Jensen Silver Award, & the Schubert Foundation Award. He was given several honorary doctorates and degrees. He married his first wife, Elsie Chilton, in 1933. After divorcing Elsie, he married Sarabel Sanna Scaper in 1953, and they stayed married until her death at the age of 83 in September 2000. He had five children and nine grandchildren. He started a poultry business In Connecticut in the 50s that developed the Rock Cornish game hen industry. He was still performing over 60 shows when he was 90. He died in his sleep in Connecticut on December 23, 2000, at age 91.

History of Faith Lutheran Church Junction City, OR

<https://www.faithlutheranjc.org/faith-history>



history



In early 1902 AC Nielsen took an option on a 1600 acre ranch east of Junction City. He divided the tracks into smaller AC Nielsen parcels and advertised in Danish newspapers in the mid-west inviting Danes to move and purchase the parcels. When AC Nielsen helped found Faith Lutheran on April 23rd 1902, Oregon had it's first and only Danish congregation. The church met in the current Fellowship Hall (Forsamlingshus) which was built in 1902 until the current sanctuary was completed in 1908. The church and hall were on Ivy (Hwy 99) until it was moved to it's current address in 1940. The statue of Thorvaldsen's Christ in the sanctuary was purchased by the Danish Ladies Aid and shipped from Denmark in 1913. The church prospered and grew with the Danish community in Junction City. By the 1940's English language services were firmly established with every other service being in Danish or English. In 1951 was the last regular service in Danish. The name Faith Lutheran Church was proposed by Pastor Harold Olsen in 1954 and accepted by congregation.

The now Faith Lutheran participated in the trend amongst other Lutheran churches in merging and uniting with other Lutheran bodies to form the Lutheran Church in America in 1963. In 1961 Faith Lutheran was a founding member of the Junction City Scandinavian Festival. Over the years its aebleskiver booth has become famous. Many families come and stand in line to eat this unique Danish treat. For many it is a long standing tradition to both buy the aebleskiver and work in the booth.

13 to 15 years old for Social Media

Submitted by Carol



The Norwegian Government announced plans to raise the age limit for children's consent to social media data processing from 13 to 15 years old. A consultation note will be presented to address this change, signaling that children under 15 should not use social media.

Tove Jansson's Beloved Moomins Turn 80 With a Major Exhibition in Helsinki

<https://news.artnet.com/art-world/tove-jansson-80-years-of-moomins-2550132>



A monumental exhibition celebrating the artist and author Tove Jansson opens at Helsinki Art Museum on October 25 as part of a series of events held around the country, to mark the 80th anniversary of the Moomins.

Book Review

Submitted by

Candice & Jean

The Long Ships



Frans G. Bengtsson, Michael Meyer

We read this book as an audible book which we would highly recommend! The narration was wonderful...the names were pronounced well the often done humor was well executed.

It is a story of one man's life, told with realistically with sarcastic humor This book was NOT like other Viking type books we have read ...not a lot of dry historical data, it was there but not a lot of detail. Not a lot of violence...some you just can't have Vikings without it. Humor...a nice sprinkling to tickle the funny bone.

The story was very well executed so when we finished it we were sorry to see it end...though it was complete as a story goes.

Our Sister Lodge

<https://www.daughtersofnorway.org/>

Submitted by Amey

Sigrid Undset Lodge #32

was founded in 1987 and is based in Palo Alto California. They meet at a Lutheran Church the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:45am, skipping July and August.

Throughout the year, they schedule educational programs and outings, and small groups occasionally meet to pursue common interests including Nordic cooking, crafts, crawfish dinners and literature.

Lodge Name

Sigrid Undset was born in 1882 in Denmark, but was raised in Norway. She won the Nobel prize for Literature in 1928 for her historical novels of life in medieval Norway. The best known of these major works is the trilogy *Kristin Lavransdatter*, available in two English translations and a film adaptation. She wrote at her home in Lillehammer, which was occupied by Germans during WWII, when her family fled to Sweden.



Culture (Kultur)

DID YOU KNOW?

Christmas Lights...Fairy Lights

Submitted by Shirley



According to Norma Gavick of The Chronicle (Springfield Newspaper) Scandinavians & Germans are the first cultures to decorate their homes specifically for Christmas. They would put candles in the windows to welcome weary travelers, particularly Christians. They traditionally burn a Yule Log, meaning the Christmas season, Christ's birth. The log was large enough to last from Christmas to January 6, The Twelfth Night. What was left would then be placed under a bed for good luck & protection from lightning & fires. Sounds a bit dangerous to me!



Ice hotel, Jukkasjärvi, Sweden.



Beds made of ice, chairs made of ice, walls made of ice, ceilings made of ice. What could be cooler than a night in an ice hotel In Arctic temperatures?

The very first Icehotel was built back in 1989. Where? In the Swedish village Jukkasjärvi, some 200 kilometres above the Arctic Circle.

Fast-forward to now, which brings us to Icehotel number 33 – built in 6 weeks and consisting of 500 tonnes of ice!

Each room is a unique work of art. Every year, guesting artists bring their own touch to transform frosty bedchambers into suites with ice sculptures and other creative elements. And every spring, the hotel and accompanying art exhibition melt back into the nearby Torne River – where the ice blocks and snow originally came from.

Thanks to the thick walls of ice and snow, the temperature in the rooms never drops below -5°C.

Ready for an amICEing night in a sleeping bag? **Also Check It Out page 2 the one in Finland .**



This month we are going to tour our Scandinavian countries for SOUP. January is a cold month, and a warm soup really helps warm the body and soul. Just like here, they have a variety of soups, and every recipe is different and individualized. All of the soups are found in all of the countries. The name of the soup is given in the country in which we are "visiting" it.

Let's start off in Finland for some BIDOS (Reindeer stew).

The Sami people have a close relationship with reindeer.

It is their livelihood. They live by the nose to tail diet; every part of the animal is utilized and nothing is wasted, including the hoofs. Don't worry there are no hooves in the soup. Their soup is characterized by the broth in which they slowly cook the reindeer meat in water. Often-times, it can include the bones and heart. Once they have the stock ready, the meat, carrots, & potatoes are added. It is a very straightforward stew recipe.

<https://sulten.app/en/recipes/bidos-bidjos-reindeer-casserole-m3lm>



In Norway we shall try BERGENSK FISKESUPPE

(Bergen fish soup). To be truly authentic you

need to buy live pollack and make it on the same day. However any seafood or fresh fish (pollack and salmon are preferred) will suffice. For vegetables they use pickled purslane, onion, carrots, leeks, & celery. It also has vinegar, salt, pepper, & sugar. Traditionally but rarely practiced now, it contains bones of young saithe.

https://www.sofn.com/norwegian_culture/recipe_box/soups/bergens_fiskesuppe_bergen_fish_soup/



Now, let's go onward to Sweden where we'll get some ARTSOPPA (pea soup), which can be traced back to pre-Viking days.

Especially in the northern parts of Scandinavia they have a short growing season, & luckily yellow peas, which are protein rich, grow quickly. It is traditionally served on Thursdays ever since the Middle Ages. This is possibly because it was normal for maids to work only a half day on Thursdays. They could start the soup in the morning, and then have their half day off and the family would still have a good supper. They start with either chicken stock or water & add the yellow peas, ham, carrots, and onions. A combo of herbs & spices are added & can contain cardamom, coriander, cinnamon, nutmeg, thyme, salt, pepper, marjoram, ginger or cloves. It's usually served with Swedish pancakes.

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/dried-pea-soup-artsoppa-in-swedish-2952931>



In Iceland we'll have BLÓMKÁLSSÚPA

(Cauliflower soup). It often starts out as a cauliflower and juniper soup. You can either steam or toast the cauliflower and add some butter, flour, onion, paprika, salt, white pepper & cream. Many add some dry white wine or sherry and a generous splash of aquavit and add some cardamom and/or nutmeg. Not to dominate but just some flecks of spice dotting the soup for a whisper of flavor in each bite, lending a gentle warmth. It can be garnished with chervil, or bacon chives, maybe small prawns or grilled scallops or parsley and croutons.

<https://yummy-iceland.blogspot.com/2020/03/blomkalssupa-me-skyri.html>



In Denmark we will enjoy SØDSUPPE (fruit soup). This is a very versatile soup. Served warm in the winter and cold in the summer. It can be served for breakfast, lunch, supper, dessert and smörgåsbord. They have it on holidays, at celebrations and give it as a nutritious present for new mothers. Any fruit can be used. Whatever is available whether canned, store bought or dried. Prunes are almost always found in it as well as raisins. You can use peaches, pears, tart apples, apricots, currants, fresh berries such as lingonberries, cloudbberries and bilberries. I even found a rhubarb soup with ice cream. It also includes cinnamon, orange peel, tapioca, & lemon or grape juice. It's often cooked until it's nearly a compote. It can make a good one dish meal. <https://www.food.com/recipe/danish-holiday-fruit-soup-s-dsuppe-233762>



Recipe of the Month (Månedens oppskrift) HOLIDAY FRUIT SOUP-8 SERVINGS

<https://www.melskitchencafe.com/delicious-fruit-soup/>
I think this is pretty much American!



Ingredients

- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup peach juice or nectar, like Kern's brand
- 3 ½ tablespoons minute or quick-cooking tapioca, not large or small pearl
- 1 ½ cups orange juice
- 2 cans (11-ounces each) mandarin oranges, undrained
- 1 quart bottled or canned sliced peaches, drained (cut the peaches into smaller chunks, if needed)
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 cup blueberries

Instructions

1. In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, water, peach juice/nectar, and tapioca. Bring the mixture to a boil and cook for 12 minutes, stirring often. Remove from the heat and pour into a bowl or other container. Stir in the orange juice and cover the dish. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours until completely chilled or up to several days.
2. Stir in the mandarin oranges, sliced peaches, strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. Chill until ready to serve (no longer than an hour or so once the fresh fruit has been added).

Judy's Recipe Corner

JOAN ABBOTT BLØMKAL SUPPE (NORWEGIAN CAULIFLOWER SOUP) 4 SERVINGS

From Sons of Norway Recipes that Judy submitted a long time ago

Ingredients:

- 1 cauliflower
- 1 large carrot
- 1 large leek
- 2 celery stalks
- 4 parsley sprigs
- 4 cups meat stock or bouillon (preferably vegetable)
- Salt and pepper
- 3 Tblsp butter
- 2 ½ Tblsp flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp butter (softened; I use salted butter)
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 1 tsp. curry
- 1-1/8 cups coffee creamer (I use heavy whipping cream)
- 3 Tbsp breadcrumbs (I use Panko)
- ½ cup cheese, Jarlsberg or Gouda (I use Jarlsberg)

Directions:

Cut onions and boil onions until tender. Place in a 2-1/2 qt. baking dish.
Make white sauce using butter, flour and the cream.
Add grated cheese, salt, paprika, and curry and pour over the onions. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and bake uncovered at 350F for 15 minutes.



Newsletter Trivia

1. What is Blømkal Suppe?
2. When is our January meeting?
3. Bidos is: a) Cauliflower Soup; b) Reindeer Stew
c) Fish Soup
4. We send our saved stamps to "Wounded Warriors"? True or False
5. What is the name and number of our Sister Lodge this month?
6. What year was the last regular Danish service at Faith Lutheran Church? a) 1982 b) 1943 c) 1951
7. What game did we play to exchange gifts at our Christmas party?
8. Sue got a newer car? True or False
9. In what year did Victor Borge have his own show? a) 1945 b) 1964 c) 1955
10. What are not things?
11. The Christmas Party for Faith Lutheran Church is Jan. 5, 2-4pm? True or False
12. Address of Faith Lutheran Church is a) 926 W. 6th St. b) 915 W. 5th St. c) 925 W. 6th St.
13. It takes 8 weeks to build the icehotel in Jukkasjärvi, Sweden? True or False
14. Where was Traci for St. Lucia Day, Dec. 13?
15. Candice & Jean read The Long Ships? True or False
16. The name of the new hotel for Convention 2025 is a) Marriot b) Ramada c) Holiday

Answer on page 13

Winter Cryptogram

Decode the words by finding each substitute letter!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Solve the puzzle & color the picture, Answer on page 13

JOKE OF THE MONTH (Månedens Vits)



Saying



The most beautiful things in life are not things. They're people and places, memories and pictures. They're feelings and moments and smiles and laughter.

Upcoming Events (Kommende arrangementer)

Christmas Party Faith Lutheran Church

We have been invited to join the church for their annual Christmas Party.

Glaedelig Jull! Merry Christmas!

Annual Danish Ladies Aid Christmas Party

Sunday January 5, 2025, 2-4pm

Danish & American Christmas songs

Dance around the Christmas tree

Traditional Cooked Rice, Cookies, Pastries and Sandwiches

All are invited!



CROSSINGS
NORWAY & NORTH AMERICA
1825 - 2025



The sloop Restauration arrives in North America-October 9, 2025

<https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/>

The countdown has begun: In less than a year, the sloop Restauration will arrive in New York Harbor, and planning is in full force. Be sure to check out our website, and if your group is planning events, remember to submit them to our calendar. You can also download our planning guide to help you plan for your events. Get inspired and get ready for the commemoration of the century!

Trip to Scandinavia

<https://www.rrpark.org/spectacular-scandinavia-july-5-20-2025>

Submitted by Karin & Karen

You do not need to be a member of River Road Parks. Check the website for full information.



In Addition to Convention Nordic Fest-July 24-26, 2025 Submitted by Traci



Reading about the festival in Decorah, IA (where my Norse ancestors first settled) intrigues me, so I'm considering visiting my MN relatives after convention ends and then driving down to Decorah. So if anyone wants a ride to the Twin Cities that Sunday and/or down to the fest later in the week, feel free to join me. I'll rent a car.

No research at all yet, any discussions/preferences are welcome!

Convention-"Hasten to the Heartland"

<https://www.daughtersofnorway.org/>

Sioux Falls, SD - July 17-19, 2025



We're excited to see how quickly our Sisters are making plans to come to the 2025 Daughters of Norway Convention in Sioux Falls, SD next July! All of the rooms at the Sheraton Sioux Falls and Convention Center were reserved as of November. We were able to get a block of rooms at the Ramada Inn across the highway from the Convention Center. The rate is higher than the original rooms at the Sheraton. If you have made reservations at the **Sheraton Hotel**, please find your confirmation number and click on the blue link below to confirm that you had chosen one or two beds for Wednesday to Sunday. Cancellations may be made after Lodge Delegates are chosen so do check back on the Link.Website:

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/fdsi-sheraton-sioux-falls-hotel-and-convention-center/overview/>

Check-In: 3:00 pm; Check-Out: Noon
Group Room Options: All rooms: \$134 per night + taxes

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, June 15, 2025

Ramada Inn by Wyndham Sioux Falls Airport-Waterpark & Event Center

1301 W Russell Street; Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-937-6486

Website: Ramada by Wyndham Sioux Falls Airport-Waterpark & Event Center

Check-In: 4:00 pm; Check-Out: Noon
Group Room Options: King (one bed): \$199 per night OR Queen (two beds): \$209 per night. There is a \$2/night charge plus 8% tax.

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, June 15, 2025

Booking Link:

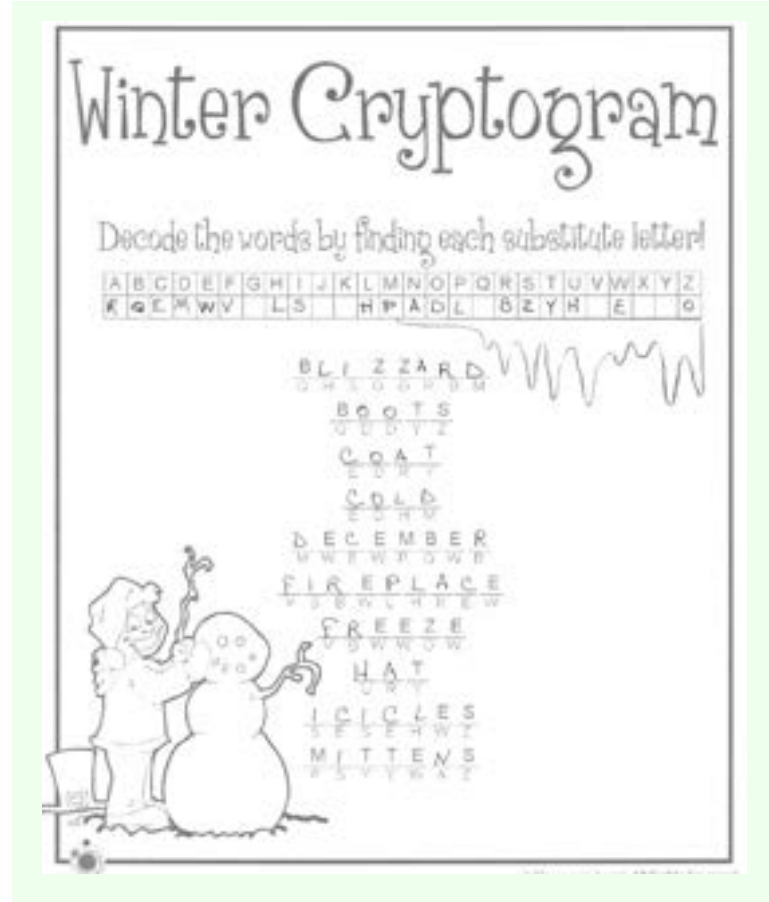
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