

The Scandinavian Scoop

Scandinavian Society of

Winterfest & Fastelavn

Family Fun!! - Saturday evening, **February 22**. Festivities start at 3:30 p.m. @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran; 3100 S Five Mile Rd, Boise (just south of Victory).

3:30 Social Hour. This is a wonderful time to visit with old and new friends. Enjoy a cup of coffee or punch. Listen to our Scandi Band.

4:00 Potluck Dinner – Bring a main dish and a salad or dessert, plus your own table service. Club furnishes coffee and cold beverage. Remember – bring your name tag (if you had brought it home). **4:45 Short Annual Meeting.** Election of officers and directors. Nominations may be made from the floor if you have contacted the candidate in advance. The Board meets about 4x's a year.

5:00 Fastelavn Fun. Fastelavn is the name for Carnival (Mardi Gras) in Denmark, Norway and the Faroe islands which is either the Sunday or Monday before Ash Wednesday. This holiday occurs seven weeks before Easter Sunday and is sometimes described as a Nordic Halloween, with children dressing up in costumes and gathering treats for the Fastelavn feast. The holiday is generally considered to be a time for children's fun and family games. **We encourage all adults to also dress in costume.** Bring lots of pennies.

Bingo!! A simple, fun game. Reusable Bingo cards – three for \$1. Bring a white elephant (unwrapped). Even children have fun. There may be Surprise or two. Try to bring a photo of yourself as a child, preferably between ages 4-7.

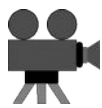


******NOTE ON DUES** - Single \$20.00 Family \$30.00. **Some of our regular members are behind in their dues. Perhaps you are!** Your mailing label says to which year you are paid through. If you are receiving this electronically, feel free to call Kirk and ask which year you are paid through. Your small dues pay for rents and incidentals are needed to support the Scandinavian Society and to help it grow!!

All events are free. Membership shows your support. Bring your Friends.

We really need your pictures of our activities!

Our scrapbook is pretty thin for the last few years!

**Movie Nights**

No March.

Friday Apr 4, 7 pm.

Friday May 2, 7 pm.

Friday Jun 6, 7 pm. Movie Nights are at Kirk Higginson's home, 6900 West Pomona Road, Boise (halfway between Cole Road and Mt. View, on Ustick Road turn south onto Redway, then turn right onto Pomona, house on the corner). Snacks and conversation.

**Ya Sure Ya Betcha Lunch Bunch**

March 13, 1pm, Casa Robles Mexican Restaurant, 3143 E Greenhurst Rd, Nampa, Corner of Greenhurst and Southside Blvd. near the Idaho Central Credit Union Bldg.
April 10, 1pm, The Tower Grill, 105 Municipal Dr, Nampa.
May 8, 1pm, Elmer's Kitchen, 1385 S Capitol Blvd, Boise.
June 12, 1pm, Bodacious Pig, 34 E State St, Eagle.
For RSVP, call Brian/Jill Stockham 208-965-2877

Sunshine Person - Know someone who needs a get-well card, sympathy card, or "just thinking of you"? Call Connie Bruijn 208-250-3361

Spend some time getting to know each other. Scandinavians are known for their shyness, but also for their loyalty. Make our Society your extended Family.

Need to pay your dues? Mail your check, payable to **Scandinavian Society**, send to Treasurer Kirk Higginson, 6900 West Pomona Road, Boise, ID 83704. Single \$20.00 Family \$30.00



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Scandinavian Society of Southwestern Idaho – Check this out for some great submissions!!

Kudos to those members who offer these delights.

Bring your talents to our Society. **We would love to show you off!!**



Check out our site on Instagram: scandisocietyswidaho and request to follow. Then post your Scandinavian-themed photos!

Our new Website at <https://yasureubetcha.com>

******Red Thor vs White Christ:**

Got an Idea for our Society? Step up and lead it!

**Scandinavian (and German) Folk Dancing -**

We do not have a Teacher. If interested in being an instructor, we have all the notes. For Information, call Alan at 208-939-4763.



Family Nights – Friday, April 25, 6:00pm. Bring your own picnic basket, perhaps something to share. Bring your instruments and Scandinavian stories, both personal and general. @ Hans and Connie Bruijn's "The Red Cow" 6627 Airport Rd, Nampa, Idaho, 208-250-3361. Just east of Robinson Road.

**Bogus Basin Road semi-annual road**

beautification. Sunday, May 18, 2pm. We maintain a two-mile section of the Road. Meet at Greenwood's Ski Haus parking lot at the rear of the store, 2400 Bogus Basin Road, just north of Hill Road. Volunteers should bring gloves, good shoes and a water bottle. After Pick-Up, we have the opportunity to socialize and relax at Harrison Hollow.

Mark Your Calendar !!

June 21, 7:30 Midsummer Eve

June 22, Sun- Midsummer

Sep 21, Sun- Fall Picnic



The term for "White Christ" or Hvítakristr came into currency among the heathen Icelanders at the time when pagan and Christian religions were in conflict with each other. That the Christian god was called Hvítakristr was originally probably due to the fact that the newly baptized converts were obliged to wear white robes during the first week after the baptism. By the Viking Age, the term hvítr had acquired a perjorative connotation. To call a man hvítr was to say that he was cowardly, effeminate, and guilty of argr. Thor had a red beard, was virile and spilled blood.

During the Early Middle Ages the papacy had not yet manifested itself as the central Roman Catholic authority, so that regional variants of Christianity could develop. Since the image of a "victorious Christ" frequently appears in early Germanic art, scholars have suggested that Christian missionaries presented Christ "as figure of strength and luck" and that possibly the Book of Revelation, which presents Christ as victor over Satan, played a central part in the spread of Christianity among the Vikings.

Also the Christian missionaries destroyed sacred pagan groves and often no harm would come to them. **A few sword fights between pagans and Christians with Christians winning were decisive.** That Christ had triumphed in the rich and fertile parts of Europe impressed many Vikings. Though many may have doubted Christ's power after they disrupted churches, Christians merely explained Viking victory as divine punishment for Christians' sins. Victories won by Christians were, in contrast, proof that their God was supreme. Miracles and the impunity with which missionaries and Christian kings destroyed idols and defied pagan taboos were further proofs of the power of Christ. Not until the 1100s did the concept of the suffering Christ take root in Scandinavia; before that Christ was depicted as a triumphant prince—even on the cross!

Another Christianizing influence was the mass emigration of Danes to England and Normandy in the Viking years. Thousands of Danes settled in east central England and in northern France displacing or intermarrying with the locals who were Christian. Once part of a Danish clan became Christian, it often meant that the rest of the family's view toward Christianity softened.



Christ crucified, on the looping boughs of Yggdrasil on the Jelling runestones from the 10th century in Denmark. The older of the two Jelling stones was raised by King Gorm the Old in memory of his wife Thyra. The larger of the two stones was raised by King Gorm's son, Harald Bluetooth, in memory of his parents, celebrating his conquest of Denmark and Norway, and his conversion of the Danes to Christianity.

The stones are strongly identified with the creation of Denmark as a nation state. The larger stone explicitly mentions the conversion of Denmark from Norse paganism and the process of Christianization, alongside a depiction of the crucified Christ; it is therefore popularly dubbed "Denmark's baptismal certificate."

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“We say cheers to our Friends, and those that we know, and those that we don’t know, we say cheers to them as well.” - Danish Toast

25 March – Våffeldagen (Waffle day)



Waffle day, Våffeldagen, is a day celebrated in all the Scandinavian countries. This day occurs on Mary’s Annunciation Day, Maria Bebådelsedagen in Swedish also called Spring Lady’s Day, vårfrudagen. The waffle day thus takes place nine months before Jesus’ birth. In Sweden, this day is believed to be the official waffle day because Spring Lady’s Day sounds like the word waffle day in Swedish, and someone perceived that it was this day they were talking about.

There is no direct link between Christianity and waffles other than that the waffle iron is similar in design and construction to the wafer iron. Also, the first waffles were baked in the monasteries of southern Europe before the year 1000. The waffles are considered to have come to Sweden in the 16th century. It was at the beginning of the 20th century that waffles’ popularity started to increase⁴.

Today Swedes, Norwegians, and Danes celebrate this day with crispy waffles together with toppings such as whipped cream, ice cream, fresh berries, jam, or marmalade.