



# Mindekirken

# COMMUNICATOR

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## ***Lysglobe — by Tom Latané, Artist-blacksmith in Pepin, Wisconsin***

I began construction of the *lys globe* for Mindekirken in the summer of 2012 after some months of exchanging drawings and ideas. Because the church had a Christ candle from which all other candles were lit, it was decided that the globe would not have a central candle of its own. However during the forging process a visit to my shop was made by a delegation from the church including a visiting Norwegian ecclesiastical architect, Arne Sæther, who was adamant about the importance of a central source of light in the *lys globe*. After discussion, it was decided that the light source could be the Christ candle, from which flame would be transferred to four central candles in the globe representing the four evangelists, and from there symbolically disseminated to all the globe candles.

Work produced by the hammer in a blacksmith shop has a grace due to the tapered elements and a



**Blacksmith Tom Latané**

drama resulting from changes in stock shape that are difficult to produce by arc welded fabrication. Since I do not arc or gas weld, my parts would be assembled by forge welds, rivets and mortise and tenon joints. Forge welding is a process

that fuses the steel together by heating to the point at which the surface becomes molten and parts bond. If the steel is heated too much it can burn causing material to be lost

In my shop the steel is heated in a charcoal fire through which air is forced by a hand cranked blower to increase the heat. The metal is noticeably softer when glowing hot, and is shaped with the hammer until it cools to the point of greater resistance. When struck with the hammer the steel is pinched between the face of the hammer and the surface of the anvil.

*Cont. on p. 3 Lysglobe*

## **Sunday, Feb. 3 10 a.m. Bilingual Service 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting**

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Full Members are eligible to vote. Regular business at the annual meeting includes reports to the congregation, report of the Nomination Committee, election of officers, members of board of deacons, members of board of trustees, committees, delegates to synod & conference assemblies and adoption of financial guidelines for the year.

Please come and celebrate what we have accomplished together this past year and look forward to what God has in store for us during our 91st year.

**Annual Report Booklets for 2012 are available to pick up after the 11:00 a.m. family service on Jan. 27.**



*Mindekirken's "Lysglobe", candle globe, was built by blacksmith Tom Latané in his shop in Pepin, Wisc.*

*In 2010, Tom had the opportunity to spend two weeks working with blacksmith Håvard Berglund in Hamar, Norway.*

## From the Pastor: “Kirkekaffe” — Church Coffee



Pr. Kristin Sundt

Church Coffee (kirkekaffe) is an integral part of life at Mindekirken. We invite all worshippers at Mindekirken to join us for church coffee every Sunday. It has been jokingly said that coffee is a third sacrament in the Lutheran Church. It is of course essential that we worship together, but is also important to provide opportunities for Christian fellowship. Members & friends at Mindekirken live all across the Twin Cities metro area and many people may only be able to come to Mindekirken on Sundays. So Sundays become the prime time to extend Christian Fellowship to friends and visitors alike. Sitting around tables eating a meal is a good way to practice Christian hospitality.

Church Coffee at Mindekirken is usually a full meal with a Norwegian flavor. This meal is prepared by volunteers from our congregation. For the last 3+ years Mindekirken has employed a part-time kitchen coordinator whose task is to recruit & resource our church coffee volunteers. Our current kitchen coordinator, Ter-

ry Parker Madson, equips & helps the volunteers to do their job; setting up the kitchen and dining room for the volunteers. She also is willing to order all the food and have it brought to Mindekirken. It was never the intention that the kitchen coordinator should do church coffee on Sundays mornings on a regular basis in addition to the other duties of this very part-time position.

However, it has for some reason become increasingly difficult to recruit enough volunteers to do church coffee on Sundays. I hope and pray that this problem is only of temporary nature as I, and others, thoroughly appreciate the opportunities we have to visit with each other at church coffee. It would be a great loss to our congregation if we wouldn't be able to continue with our church coffees because of lack of volunteers. Please consider becoming a church coffee volunteer and sign up on the calendar in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office.

Another way the Congregation Council is addressing the lack of volunteers to do church coffee is to again make it possible for in-house groups to do fundraising for church related items at church coffee by

receiving the net proceeds from this event. Using church coffee as a way to raise funds for various projects will be permitted on a limited basis. We still have some details to work out in implementing this new policy so please be patient with us in this period of transition.

A Table Grace by Vidar Kristensen can be found in the book *Kirkekaffe – boller, bønner og beretninger*. I'd like to share his words with you;

*“Takk for ordet du har gitt oss, takk for gavene vi fikk, takk at vi får være sammen og får møtes blikk mot blikk. La rettferdighet få fargelegge felleskapet her. La vår kirkekaffe speile hva du vil og hvem du er. Amen”*

Here is my English translation of this table grace -

“For the Word you gave us, thank you, for the gifts we received, thank you, for the time together when we meet face to face, thank you. Let justice color our fellowship here. Let our church coffee be a time to reflect on what you want us to do and who you are. Amen”

Kristin Sundt, Pastor

## From the President: “The first year of the last decade of our first century”



Orlyn

This is the first year of the last decade of Mindekirken's first century! Those were my opening words at the January 2013 Mindekirken Foundation/Klubb 500 *Julebord*. I said it twice to be sure that I got my point across. I was honored to serve for the third time as the Master of Ceremonies at this wonderful event and fundraiser for the Foundation. Since Marit Kringstad has been co-chair for the event since its inception, my participation isn't necessarily benevolent volunteerism – I think I was “appointed”. In any case the event

was a success. Funds were raised for the benefit of the Foundation's outreach and we touched the lives of many friends who are not members of Mindekirken. It was a wonderful beginning for Mindekirken's 91<sup>st</sup> year.

Last February at the conclusion of our annual meeting I invited several members to the podium to give two minute presentations on how we all could participate in making Mindekirken's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year a time of growth and progress. Great ideas were presented, all based on Pastor Sundt's Sermon that day – “*that we each have God given talents/gifts to use for the betterment of the church*”. Our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year was truly a

great year. Much progress was made on needed maintenance projects, including the rebuilding of the front stairway into the church sanctuary – a major reconstruction project; A feasibility study was initiated and completed for funding the replacement of our aged Wurlitzer Organ; the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Leiv Eriksson International Festival was truly impressive and the tradition of including a forum about “issues of the day” was reinstated.

During the past year the Norway House Board of directors initiated purchase of properties adjacent to Mindekirken for the eventual construction of a Norwegian Business,

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## Lysglobe cont. from p. 1

The force of the blow makes the stock thinner, wider and longer. A piece can be tapered in two dimensions by rotating the stock and reducing the width with hammer blows as well as the thickness. This results in even more increase in length.

Tools can be driven by the hammer to create impressions in the surface (as when forming features on the creature faces) or punch holes all the way through a piece (such as when creating a mortise)

The first part I worked on was the staff in the center which was made from one inch square bar forge-welded on the end.

A student, Chris Kells, who was working with me one morning each week, helped twist the lower section of the staff. He also swung the sledge hammer while I used a hand hammer to taper the legs of the tripod. The tripod was formed by forge-welding two pieces, one twice as long as the other, together. A second student, Paul Nyborg was on hand to help bend the legs to the jigs formed to get the same curve on each leg.

The cross arms that support the globe were tapered and joined to the staff at the point where it is reduced in width.

The globe arcs were also bent to jigs designed to match the full size drawing.

The equator ring which supports 24 candles was bent on edge and the ends welded together. Making this ring flat and round took a lot more fussing than I anticipated. The ring is held on the globe in the mouths of four whimsical animal faces

Paul Nyborg cut out the steel for all the drip pans and raised the edges on a jig which holds their centers the proper distance from the edge of the stake. Together we forged the candle holders. The crown was hammered from a flat piece of steel.

The dedication plate was chisel cut and the writing done with letter stamps. The serifs were added with a small chisel to give extra detail and lend the letters more of a hand formed appearance.

I painted the *lysglobe* with a mixture of flat paint over which I rubbed oil and wax to create some variation in finish.

T. L.



*The Light Globe at Mindekirken is given by the Grefsrud/Sorknes Family in memory of Lorinda Joy Grefsrud 1958-2011. It is in the front of the church on the pulpit side. Everyone entering the sanctuary is welcome to light a candle & pray a silent prayer for what is on your heart. Lysglober/Light Globes are commonly found in Norwegian churches and we at Mindekirken have long been interested in getting one. We are grateful that the memorial gift from the Grefsrud/Sorknes family has now made this possible*

K.S..

## "President" continued from p.2

Cultural and Peace Center. Fundraising for the Norway House building is underway and the closing for the purchase of the Wings Credit Union building should be complete early this year. This is exciting news for Mindekirken! It means that Mindekirken, along with the new facility, will more than ever be the center for Norwegian events and activities in our metropolitan area.

Several Mindekirken members, spearheaded by Council Trustee Kari Friel, have formed the basis for an "Outreach Committee" and have suggested that we survey members to get their opinions about church participation, interest and suggestions for Mindekirken's future growth. I believe that this is a great idea and I want to thank Kari and her group for their initiative. I propose that we expand the idea

to hold "outreach coffee parties" similar to those that were held more than twenty years ago during Pastor John Mauritzen's tenure as pastor. These meetings were hosted by members in their homes inviting members, associate members and nonmembers to discuss Mindekirken's future growth over coffee and cake. I participated in many of those meetings and found them not only informative but also a catalyst for new members to join Mindekirken.

This being the first year of the decade that will lead us to our centennial anniversary in 2022, I believe that it is important to develop a Centennial Growth Plan that will prepare us to serve the many potential new members who may come to us through the new Norway House Business, Cultural and Peace Center with

whom we will share our property. Outreach activities will play an important role in increasing our membership and engaging a new generation of leaders for Mindekirken. I am reminded of the many attendees who enjoyed the *Julebord* but were not members.

We can be proud of our ninety year history of serving regional Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans in their spiritual lives and as the center for celebrating their cultural heritage. Now we need to help prepare the next generation for the next century of spiritual and cultural celebration in the Norwegian tradition at Mindekirken.

Orlyn Kringstad, President  
Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church

## Welcome to Tuesday Open House in February

11—11:30 a.m. Fellowship and Lunch

A suggested donation of \$7.00 is received at the door (elevator access from parking lot entrance)

11:45 a.m. Devotions and Announcements

12 noon—1 p.m. Cultural Program

tuesdayopenhouse@mindekirken.org

### Feb. 5 Patricia Montgomery— Brick by Brick: Building the Lyngblomsten Legacy

When we are in the mindset of present day, it can be easy to overlook the significance of women creating a home for the elderly in the first decade of the 1900s. What was life like a century ago when the planning and building of Lyngblomsten Home began? Why did the Lyngblomsten Society, a literary club for Norwegian women, shift its focus “from books to

bricks?” Who were some of the women who led the effort? Reflecting on the significance of their achievement, let’s travel back in time and explore the technology, economic climate, significant events, and social values that were part of the founding women’s experience during their new business venture—known today as Lyngblomsten.

Presented by Patricia Montgomery  
Director of Marketing Communications & Church Relations for Lyngblomsten



### Feb. 12 Jerry Evenrud — Luke 15 Collection: music/prodigal son artwork

Jerry Evenrud will speak about his extensive collection of Prodigal Son art which will be shown in a major exhibit at the Basilica of Saint Mary’s, opening on Ash Wed., Feb. 13.

In his presentation at Mindekirken, Evenrud will include several references to Norway, including a hymn by Gracia Grindal and Daniel Kallman commissioned by Luther College for an exhibit of Evenrud’s collection at the October 12, 1994, Luther College Homecoming. See the cover story on the Feb. 2013 issue of “Metro Lutheran” for more on Evenrud.



*“The Prodigal” by Robert Hodgell,  
1960 Linoleum block print*

### Feb. 26 Prof Lois Farag — The Coptic Orthodox Church *A Witness to the Faith through the Ages*

The Coptic Orthodox Church is an Apostolic church founded by Mark the Evangelist in AD 42. Almost two millenniums of Christianity in Egypt is a testimony to the faith of the Copts that endured through a turbulent history. We will spend some time introducing the Coptic Orthodox Church and explain the challenges facing the Copts in a region whose political and religious landscape is changing rapidly. We will also discuss how these political and religious changes in the Middle East affect us here in the United States. Dr. Lois Farag is Assistant Professor of Early Church History at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul. She is a nun of the Coptic Orthodox Church who earned an undergraduate degree at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, a Master of Divinity Degree at Harvard Divinity School, and a doctorate from Catholic University of America. Her latest book is: “balance of the Heart, Desert Spirituality for Twenty-First-Century Christians.

**Prodigal Son Exhibit – Jerry Evenrud –at the Basilica**  
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13 – April 28.  
Reception on Sun. March 17 at 1 p.m.  
The Basilica is located on Hennepin Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### Feb. 19 David Ringstad—Saga Hill and Skogsbergh Point: Norwegian and Swedish Encampments On Lake Minnetonka

In 1885 several families from Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis bought 40 acres on Lake Minnetonka near Mound. The Saga Hill Association was formed. The land was divided into lots. Cottages were built and a close relationship developed for several years. By the 1950s only the Deaconess and Fairview nurses’ cottages remained.

A near neighbor was Pastor Skogsbergh of the Swedish Tabernacle (First Covenant Church). He purchased Rest Point for outdoor spiritual gatherings. Today Fairview Covenant Church near Mound is its legacy.



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## Lent & Easter Service Schedule

### Wednesday, February 13

7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

### Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday  
9 a.m. English Service  
11 a.m. Norwegian Service

### Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday  
5 p.m. Communion Service  
6 p.m. Seder meal  
(reservation info. available in March)

### Friday, March 29

Good Friday  
3 p.m. Good Friday Service

### Sunday, March 31

9—10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
11 a.m. Bilingual Easter Service  
with Holy Communion

## March 2013 TOH Programs

- 5 Gracia Grindal—Women get the vote in Norway: ripples of the struggle among Norwegian American Lutheran Women
- 12 Christina Carleton and Britt De Lange Ardakani— Vice Consuls Honorary Norwegian Consulate General, Minneapolis
- 19 Arne Selbyg—Trade Unions in Norway
- 26 Robert Lee—Many facets of Hans Nielsen Hauge



*Vi er i gang* and 2013 is off to a strong start with solid enrollment in our language and culture classes! Our spring session will begin **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, watch for more information on <http://www.mnlcp.org> about upcoming classes and events.

### LANGUAGE CLASSES

This term we are offering a selection of **10** language classes for learners of various backgrounds and abilities. *Vil du lære norsk?* Email [norsk@mnlcp.org](mailto:norsk@mnlcp.org)

### FOLKEDANS

We are sad to report that *folkedans* has been cancelled for this winter session.

### GENEALOGY SEMINAR

The Norwegian-American Genealogical Association (N-AGA) and Mindekirken's Norwegian Language and Culture Program (NLCP) invite you to participate in our next genealogy seminar "**Going Home to Norway**". The seminar will help participants work with a variety of records including those available in the US (i.e. farm information, Norwegian civil and church divisions, and port records), as well as Norwegian records that are available in print and on the Internet. We will illustrate how to research using the various types of records on Internet especially how to use the many databases on the *Digitalarkiv*.

### Saturday, February 2nd

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Seminar runs from 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$20 if you pre-register by January 25th     \$25 for same day registration

### FILMAFTEN

Friday, Feb. 22 (6:30) 7:00 p.m. "Et Ski-eventyr" episodes 4-6 "Norwegian Ski Legends" English subtitles (Free)  
The rebuilt Holmenkollen ski jumping hill in Oslo, Norway opened in March 2010. The 2011 ski world championship was held at the new facilities. Come at 6:30PM (a half hour early) to see a slide show of present day Holmenkollen. Traditionally, the Holmenkoll Day (Holmenkoll dagen) is held at the end of March every year. Come to *filmaften* and see why this is the biggest national holiday event after *Syttende Mai* in Norway and ski-jumping is a national passion in Norway!!  
See next page for info. on "Et Ski-eventyr" →

### NORDIC LIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL



The Nordic Lights Film Festival (NLFF) –Twin Cities is back for its fourth season! The mission of the NLFF is to attract audiences of all ages to celebrate Nordic connections and also foster new appreciation for contemporary Nordic culture. Hosted at the **St. Anthony Main Theatre, February 8-14, 2013**, NLFF showcases a variety of feature-length and short films from the Nordic regions of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Sápmi.

This year's theme, **Love and Relationships**, features films that portray different relationships across generations, family members, friends and lovers. To learn more about NLFF and the events connected to this year's festival visit <http://www.nordiclightsfilmfestival.org>

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Vennlig hilsen

Krista Marie Schweppe, Program Administrator [norsk@mnlcp.org](mailto:norsk@mnlcp.org) <http://www.mnlcp.org>

## Syttende mai Parade Band

Calling all wind and percussion players to mark your calendars for Syttende Mai, which will be celebrated at Mindekirken on Sunday, May 19. We invite you to join us in playing festive music for the people's parade around the neighborhood. Let the church office know if you want to be notified further.

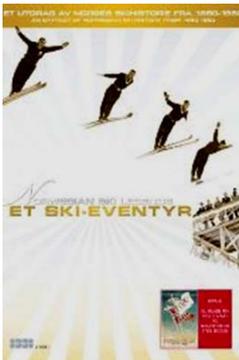


## Filmaften Friday, Feb. 22

6:30 p.m. Holmenkollen slideshow  
7:00 p.m. Norw. Ski Legends

In these film episodes you will meet legendary ski-jumpers Birger Ruud and his brothers Sigmond and Asbjørn Ruud. Together they dominated international ski jumping in the 1930's. We will also meet Reidar Andersen who is the only person to win the Holmenkollen ski jumping competition (Holmenkoll dagen) 3 years in a row. Bjørn Wirkola won Holmenkollen 2

years in a row in the 1960's and he set a world record with a 147m jump at the Vikersund ski-flying hill. Norwegian and English language with English subtitles. Bring a movie snack to share. FREE



## Lakselaget Offers Scholarships to Minnesota and Norwegian Women



Application  
Deadline:  
March 1,  
2013

Minnesota-based Lakselaget is offering scholarships for the ninth time in its ten-year history. Scholarships are offered to Minnesota women hoping to study in Norway and to Norwegian women wishing to study in Minnesota or at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. The organization also provides grants to Minnesota professional women who have intern opportunities in Norway and to Norwegian women who have similar prospects in Minnesota. The grants are meant to supplement wages lost for experience gained. Applicants should have an interest in contemporary Norway and preferably study or work in the sciences, technology, business, politics, language and culture, or in an area that promotes cooperation between the countries.

For more information about the scholarship and fund application process, visit: [www.lakselaget.org](http://www.lakselaget.org) and click on "Foundation."

## Help with Feed My Starving Children

The Board of Deacons has set up the following dates for volunteers to package food portions at Feed My Starving children:

**Thurs., March 21** 6 to 7:30 pm at the Eagan location.

(30 volunteers)

**Thurs., April 25,** 6 to 7:30 pm at the Chanhassen location.

(15 volunteers)

**Wed., May 22,** 6 to 7:30 pm at the Eagan location.

(30 volunteers)

At previous events some people expressed an interest in volunteering at a location where they have the potato based formula for infants and young children. The Chanhassen site offers this. This location might also work better for some people so we'll give it a try with a smaller group.

For more info. see [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org). Sign up with one of the Deacons, or the church office so we will know how many can attend. Welcome!



## Thank you for your support! *Tusen takk!*

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## Worship schedule—Everyone is welcome! *English transcripts provided for the Norwegian service*

Nursery care is provided during the 11:00 services

**Sun., Feb. 3** 4th Sunday after Epiphany  
(no 9:00 a.m. service)

10:00 a.m. All-congregation bilingual service with Holy Communion

11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**Sun., Feb. 10** *Fastelavnsøndag*—Transfiguration

9:00 a.m. English Service

11:00 a.m. Norwegian service

*Fastelavn* Buns served at Church Coffee

**Wed., Feb. 13** *Ash Wednesday*

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion (bilingual)

**Sun., Feb. 17** *1st Sunday in Lent*

9:00 a.m. English service / Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Norwegian service with Holy Communion/Sun. school

**Sun., Feb. 24** *2nd Sunday in Lent*

(no 9:00 a.m. service)

11:00 a.m. Bilingual Worship Service

## Other Meetings

**2nd Tuesday— Feb. 12**

6:00 p.m. Deacons / Trustees

7:10 p.m. Congregation Council

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**Filmaften—Norw. Film Night**

Fri., Feb. 22 at 7 pm—see p. 6

**Newsletter Assembly**

by volunteers Fri. Feb. 22 at  
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you'd like) — Please **call** to con-  
firm this date when the time is  
closer. Volunteers are very much  
appreciated!

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your lunch, or something to share.*

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