

## Tuesday Open House “Gingerbread Wonderland” December 8 at 11 a.m. via Zoom

Max Stevenson, Director of Exhibitions and Programming at Norway House (next door to Mindekirken), will present on this year's Gingerbread Wonderland exhibit. For the first time it will be available to see online beginning on December 6, 2020. The TOH program about the Gingerbread exhibit will highlight a handful of the incredible structures on display. In addition, he'll take a moment to walk through part of the virtual tour and demonstrate how you can buy tickets online to experience the magic of the wonderland in person!



Max Stevenson



### Donations

Tuesday Open House is a program that has operated for many years based on participant donations. Although we do not have the fellowship and lunch, we are providing a monthly program that is viewed via zoom on internet. A link is provided in our Tuesday Open House section on the Mindekirken webpage. We would appreciate any donations to assist us with paying our speaker honorariums. Select “TOH Special Donation” on Donate to Mindekirken’s “Select a fund” field on our homepage, or mail in a check with the memo: TOH. Many thanks!

**Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021** 11:00 a.m. on zoom:  
*“The Norwegian American newspaper connecting with your community”*  
 Lori Ann Reinhall, Editor-in-chief,  
 The Norwegian American, Seattle, Washington

To attend the Dec. 8 virtual program, click on the waffle on the bottom of the church website, and follow the directions to open the zoom link. Allow extra time if this is a first time on your device.



## From the Treasurer — “Celebrate the Season with us” Jennifer Thue

*Så tenner vi et lys i kveld,  
 vi tenner det for glede.  
 (We light a candle this evening,  
 we light it for joy.)*

Advent is a time of reflection and anticipation. Normally, it is a season of celebration and giving with family and friends. Our celebrations will be different this year, but they do not have to be any less meaningful. In fact, they may be even more meaningful because of the challenges we have faced in 2020.

I try to focus on gratitude which is not always easy since the news is often disheartening but I am grateful that we are still here together. I heard someone say that sending Christmas cards should be on everyone’s to do list. Staying connected can be the best Christmas gift to give someone this year.

2020	August	September	October
Income	\$8,244	\$16,732	\$16,262
Expense	\$26,814	\$34,126	\$30,039
Net Income	-\$18,570	-\$17,394	-\$13,777

Our annual Treasure Chest sale went well. The Bake Sale is part of this online event and you have a second chance to shop online for all those yummy Norwegian chocolates and gifts. These events are so important because they generate a big portion of our annual income. It is going to be difficult to meet our budget this year which means that we may have to make some difficult decisions in our budget for 2021.



Please consider making a year end gift. Your support helps us fulfill our mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Norwegian traditions, culture and language with all people.

Please celebrate the season with us with our online services this month. We light the Advent wreath which symbolizes God’s love and the eternal life He makes possible. May you find hope, faith, joy, and peace this Christmas. *God Jul*