

Swedish

Cultural Heritage Society of the Red River Valley

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SANKTA LUCIA CELEBRATION - SATURDAY, DEC. 11

The annual celebration of Sankta Lucia is definitely happening! This event will be held at **Bethesda Lutheran Church**, 401 40th Ave S, Moorhead, MN. This year, the Lucia service will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 11, 2021. With all of the events that have happened over the past two years, we certainly need Sankta Lucia to bring us light, warmth, and hope to get through the winter months! **Bring a hearty, savory brunch dish to share with your fellow members!**

This year, we request that **all children participating in the Lucia program be at the church at 9:30 AM** to meet in the church library. No need to sign up the children in advance! All children are welcome to join in the procession. In order for a child to be named Lucia, they must have a family member who is a current Swedish Society member. **We need both Star Boys and Lucia contenders!**



There will be a bake sale *after* the Lucia service, if you want to purchase some tasty Swedish baked goods! Bake sale items are cash or check only (must be a separate check from membership dues).

Tjugondag Knut - Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022



Save the date for the annual plundering of the goodies from the Christmas tree before we throw it out for St. Knut's Day (tjugondag knut)! This event also will be at **Bethesda Lutheran Church** in Moorhead, at 5 pm. All of us can show that we are young at heart as we can dance away Christmas! Dancing away Christmas is a must! Once we dance it away, we can all enjoy the spoils from the plundering of the tree! After, we will be serving traditional yellow pea soup, so please add to the **potluck dinner by bringing a nourishing dish to share with your fellow Swedes on what will (most likely) be a chilly winter evening!**

Check out the new Swedish Society Website!

The Swedish Society of the Red River Valley has a new website! It is still somewhat under construction, but the board is hoping to use the website to keep in closer contact with all of you, as well as help us connect with potential members! Feel free to check out our website, <https://swedishsociety.weebly.com/> and watch for more updates and information posted there. Also, please add swedishsocietyrrv@gmail.com to your contacts - All FUTURE Var Dals and other updates will be sent from that email address!

Swedish Language Classes

The Swedish Society would like to offer Swedish language classes for our members, or anyone you know who might be interested. Chris Carlson is willing be the instructor, so contact him if you're interested!
Chris Carlson - chriscarlson64@gmail.com - 218-790-6066

The Swedish Society Welcomes New Members

Annual Member Dues

\$10/Individual
\$25 SuperSwede
(dues + donation)



Mail your form and check to:
Swedish Cultural Heritage Society
2207 10th Street South
Fargo, ND 58103-5308

Or bring the form and check to the
Santa Lucia celebration Dec. 11.

Memberships run from January-December 2022.

2022 Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you have questions about your dues, please call Sally Backman, membership chair, at 701-235-6357.

Please complete the above form and mail it in with your dues - or bring it to Sankta Lucia!

Future Events & News

The Nordic Culture Clubs (NCC) are planning events for 2022 - we'll keep you posted! Here is what we know so far:

- May 2022: Scandinavian Music, Coffee, & Treats
- June 2022: the Scandinavian Festival
- October 2022: Taste of Scandinavia (similar to the event held earlier this summer)

If you have ideas for events or other activities, contact any of the board members!

Current Board Members

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