



Budstikken



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**Next Meeting - Thursday, June 6
7:00 p.m. - Concert with Pie & Ice
Cream Social at North Presbyterian
Church - 1327 North Salem Rd.
La Crosse**



To Norway--- And Back

Chris Falteisek, musician, composer and recording artist will perform in concert . Chris will pay tribute to his Norwegian heritage in this special concert.

The concert will include some of Chris' personal compositions, as well as familiar Norwegian songs. Chris is currently working in several churches as an accompanist and choir director, and has also composed and recorded 14 albums.

There will be a free-will offering for Chris. Following the concert will be Wergeland's annual Pie and Ice Cream Social.

WERGELAND KALENDER

- June 6: 7:00 p.m.-Concert/Pie & Ice Cream Social at North Presbyterian Church
- June 11: 8:30 a.m.-Board Meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the Mall
- June 17: Deadline for Budstikken Articles
- June 22 & 23--Norskedalen Midsummer Festival
- June 26: Budstikken mailed to members
- July: No General Meeting; Board meeting July 9
- August 1: 7:30 p.m.-General Meeting and Pot Luck

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Fra Presidenten:



God Dag,

What a great turn out for our 110th Anniversary Syttende Mai banquet. I think it is safe to say we had the best turnout in Wergeland's history of Syttende Mai banquets. A big mange tak for all the work put in by our committee members and for the wonderful job Drugan's did on a fantastic meal and a great thank you to Hannah Scholze for her presentation on Norwegian immigrants who helped make Holmen what it is today.

We heard comments that all our Syttende Mai banquets should be at Drugan's every year. Your officers were wondering if everybody would come during the snowstorm, and of course being hearty Norwegians everybody made it.

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Land of the Midnight Sun

Now some words about the Land of the Midnight Sun. The midnight sun in Norway is a natural phenomenon which means the sun does not set during the summer months, in other words, given fair weather, you can see the sun for a continuous 24 hours. The duration of the midnight sun depends on how far north you are. At the Arctic Circle from 12 June to 1 July, at Finnmark from 14 May to 29 July, and at the North Pole the sun does not set for six months. I remember my dad telling me in Bergen the sun would appear to set and then would rise again.

There are several activities you can do. You can go on a cruise aboard a Hurtigruten ship for a costal voyage. You can play golf at 2:30 in the morning. An excellent way to experience the arctic nature is to hike in the midnight sun. The light gives the mountains a magical look at night. You can even run in the Midnight Sun Marathon on June 22, 2013. Every year runners from 50 different countries meet in Tromso to run in the arctic under the midnight sun.

Fraternally,

President Eugene Johnson

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North Cape during the Midnight Sun