

## **The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark.**

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Information regarding the 166<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark July 17-21, 2021 in Aarhus.

### **Topic: "SHARING LIVING HOPE IN TIMES OF FEAR"**

Your sister- and partner church in Denmark gives thanks to God for a blessed confessional fellowship in Christ with you. If you have a chance to send us a greeting it will be highly treasured, and it will be shared with the congregations during the convention.

Greetings in Christ, pastor Leif G. Jensen, president

### **PROGRAM:**

#### **Saturday July 17**

**The business-meeting has these headlines:**

**1. Opening:** God's word, 1 Peter 1:3 and prayer.

**2. Our common work:** Annual reports from the synod and the congregations.

+ Topic of the year 2020-21: Christ for us, in us, with us. Paul's letter to the Colossians. Corona-restrictions. Christ was with us, for us and in us. Growth in the congregations in Aarhus and Copenhagen + some preaching stations at the Islands. Our former pastor Carsten Nielsen \*Sep. 23,1965 was called home to the Lord Nov. 30, 2020

**3. Our common economy and administration:** Annual report 2020 and Budget 2022

**4. Our common future**

+ God's care for His church through the Gospel and the Sacraments in the fellowship of love with hope also in our congregations and synod.

+ Preparing new pastors for the holy ministry: 4 theologians in our church meet with two confessional Lutheran pastors; ideas and hopes that by God's mercy will develop into plans and ordination/installation i 2022-23.

+ Calendar: Synod May 8th 2022 in Copenhagen. Summer-camp July 16-21, 2022 at Hald Ege.

**5. Contact to and pulpit and altar-fellowship with others**

+ Report from Nordic Network for Ev.-Luth. Church Work Febr. 1-3, 2021

+ Report from NYLT, Febr 13, 2021

+ Report from Evangelical Lutheran Conference June 2-4, 2021

+ North European Luther Academy

+ Visit and lecture at Danish Bible Institute October 2021

+ Church Fellowship: Because of corona-restrictions meetings face to face were limited. A dear servant in Christ's church rev. Gunnar Edwardsson ELBK was called home to the Lord.

**Evening Prayer:** Sermon on 1 Peter 1:17-21, Rev. Sigmund Hjorthaug

#### **Sunday, July 18**

**Morning: Divine service.** Gospel Mark 8:1-9

**Afternoon:** Walking together in the forest - sharing the living hope

1 Peter 1:3-5: Living hope ... in heaven; 1 Peter 1:21: Hope to God; 1 Peter 3:15: The hope that is in you;

**Late afternoon lecture:** The first sign of the Church: That we have God's word.

**Evening Prayer:** Sermon on 1 Peter 3:14-22; cand. theol. Mikkel Søtbæk

#### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday July 19-21, 2021**

**Bible study on 1 Peter 1-5:** Rev. Peter Nissen, cand.theol. Mikkel Søtbæk, rev. Leif G. Jensen.

**Open lectures inspired by ELC, June 2-4:**

\* What do we fear - and what do we not fear? What does Christ say? (based on a paper by rev. Sebastian Grünbaum June 2, 2021)

\* Hope in Christ: Radical, Certain, Eternal (based on a paper by prof. Christian Neddens, June 3, 2021)

\* Hope in hardship: Luther shares hope with us in times of sickness, tribulation and death (based on a paper by prof. Asger Chr. Højlund June 3, 2021)

**Children's bible study:** Peter's Life: Fisherman. Do not fear! Walking on the Sea: Do not fear! Denying Christ of fear: Christ dies for you! Catching lots of fish. Do not fear – follow me!

**Evening Prayer:** Sermons on 1. Peter. Preachers: cand.theol. Mikkel Søtbæk, rev. Peter Nissen and rev. Leif G. Jensen.

**Program in Danish:** <https://www.vivit.dk/kalender/aarsmoede-og-sommertraef2021.htm>