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From the editor: We all had a long winter here in Minnesota. Spring is here and we are so happy to see it!

In the last issue, I mentioned that we would include more on Mindekirken, the Norwegian Church in Minneapolis. We're including the sermon from April 6th in Norwegian and English. Find it starting on page 2. You can find more on their WEB site.

Millie and I have tried to help people find their ancestors and to "connect with cousins." One such person is Sarah Welch. She has written a note to us showing her appreciation on page 5.

We are featuring some of the "Wangen family" in this issue and next. Millie has written an introduction to this family on page 5. Then on page 6, find an ancestor chart for Lasse Thoraldsen Vangen. His gr-gr-granddaughters have written stories for us: Joanna J (Njos) Roberts- aka JJ - "Hannah's Treasures" (page 7), Joanie Leverentz - "Research on the Vangens" (page 9) and Bonnie Lampley - "Becoming Norwegian after 40" (page 10),

Unfortunately, in the last issue, the caption of Gordon Eddy's picture, Ohnstad/Onstad Pioneer Homestead was lost when sending the file to the printer by e-mail. We have reprinted it on page 11 so you can identify the people.

After seeing the story on the Julebukking in the last issue, Ed Ostrom sent us some stories from his father, Tom Ostrom's past when he lived near Douglas, ND- on page 11.

Richard and Lucie Urevig visited at Brekke Tours in Grand Forks last week. Dr. Larrie Wanberg, of the Nordic Heritage Network interviewed him and sent it to us. Find it starting on page 12 with a picture on page 13.

May 17th- Syttende Mai- is coming soon. To help you celebrate, we thought we should include some recipes that you could try out. Find them on page 13.

Gordon Eddy has sent obituaries for Rev Elling E. Ramsey, Valborg Treangen, and Ardes Staven. Find them on page 14.

Gordon has been busy writing for "Out on the Black Hammer", this time about the "Faith Lutheran Church of Black Hammer". They are celebrating their "150th Anniversary" this year with activities June 20-22, 2008. Gordon has written some history of the church and included many pictures. Find his article starting on page 15. There is a

schedule of events on page 19 with the RSVP to the meals. On the back page, find the schedule and directions to the Aurland Stevne (Reunion) which will be held at Uurland Church, south of Cannon Falls, MN on Sunday, July 27th. Please call or e-mail so we have a meal count.

Also note on the back page that Brekke Tours still has room on the Sognefjord/Voss/Valdres Heritage tour.

Gordon and Brit sent me a picture of their lovely grand-daughters, Anika and Grace, a few months ago before their 3rd grandchild was born. I

didn't have room for the picture in the last issue but wanted you to see them in their bunads. Aren't they precious!



AURLANDSTEVNE-JULY 27TH

Dr. Rasmus Sunde—our speaker, is from Vik I Sogn, Norway.

See the back page for our schedule and directions to Aurland Church. Please RSVP to Millie or Ann so we can get a count for lunch.

