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## 2018 Event Schedule

Date and Time	Event	Location
4/14/18	BRIEF Business Meeting and Supper	Gethsemane Lutheran Church
5/13/18	Syttende mai 5-7	Calvary Baptist Church Picnic Area

Laskiaianen, celebrated on February 10, was great fun. Here are a few photos from our gathering.



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For some reason, my first draft disappeared, and now the colors and underlining have taken over, so I may keep this short.

As I let you know earlier, we lost Ken Hansson 2 weeks after Evelyn passed away. Virginia Bowles sang several Swedish songs at the service in LaGrange and it was beautiful. Ken's daughter, Karen, called to ask me to see if anyone would like some of Ken's Swedish books. There is quite a selection. Please let me know if you would like some. This is very generous.

On March 17, Kristie Eubank invited everyone to meet at Marika's newly renovated restaurant to meet two interns from Sweden visiting the company where she works, Avantor. Both Jon Stalhammar and Gustav Geier are students of science and have the good fortune to visit several companies in different countries as part of their university training. We all thoroughly enjoyed meeting them. Marika's has now expanded to include 2 indoor and 2 outdoor volleyball courts, in addition to a bar and restaurant. Several of us stayed for dinner and a photo follows. Valkommen!



We have thought of remembering Denmark in April, and I found an interesting item in The Local, a Danish newspaper on line in English. What do you think was the Nordic status symbol in the Roman Iron Age from 1-325 CE? It turns out to be the goose. Hens and geese were unknown in Nordic countries, it seems, until introduced by the Romans. There was a custom in Rome of honoring the deceased with the gift of an animal, such as a hen or goose. Geese represented Juno who was married to

Jupiter, at the peak of Roman mythological hierarchy. Such animals were rare and highly esteemed in Denmark and have been found in high status tombs with other Roman objects as well!



The Local invites one to share the article, so I have shared the photo and Briefly summarized the findings. You will find other details in the April 6 copy on line of The Local.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, April 14, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church at 6 pm. While there will be a business meeting after dinner, it will be brief. Last year, we brought Danish foods to eat, and it was delightful. If you feel so inclined, feel free, but any favorite food is welcome! See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

