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This year we are unable to gather for the Lucia Fest which is sad, but necessary for everyone's safety. Perhaps our past and future Lucias will want to follow the tradition of being Lucia in their household, serving their families with Lucia buns or something similar on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup>. If some do, they might take a photo and send it to me by email for the next newsletter. Photos of past Lucia events would also be very nice. I may have a few, but not a complete selection.

Perhaps we could prepare our own mini smorgasbord for the occasion or for Christmas Eve. What would you consider absolutely the essential items? Perhaps herring and boiled potatoes, meatballs, Jansson's Frestelse, red cabbage salad, limpa rye bread with butter and cheese, and coffee with almond tarts or Pepparkakor. (On Christmas Eve, one might add oven-baked ham or Lutfisk and rice porridge with milk.) If someone recorded last year's service, please send it to me and perhaps I could forward the link. God Jul!

Dan Lindskog's sister, passed away earlier this year in Minnesota, and the family was able to gather at that time. Please accept our condolences, Dan. You may remember Rowena Green who sang with our choir and once performed a beautiful program of songs for us at Spindletop. Rowena taught music at Sayre School. Rowena's husband, Bill, taught government and political science at Morehead State University. First Bill, and then Rowena passed away. Morehead State University published the following:

Dr. William Green Professor of Political Science Dr. Green (Ph.D. SUNY, Buffalo, J.D., University of Kentucky) researches constitutional and civil liberties issues and the legal dimensions of economic development, labor relations, language rights, and pharmaceutical drug policies. He offers courses on Constitutional Law, Courts and Civil Liberties, Environmental Law and Policy, Administrative Law, Politics of Europe, and Human Rights. As of the Summer 2017, he has recruited 66 MSU students to participate in the five week Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program, prepared them with a course on North American Politics, and provided each of them with Canadian Studies Scholarships.



I cannot find an obituary for Rowena;  
More remembrances of Bill may be found on the Morehead State University Website.

I will be happy to provide more information about Dan Linskog's sister in the next newsletter. I was unable to reach him and Jan in time for this one.

Another member, also named Bill Green, passed away this year. You may Remember seeing them at the Lucia Fests.



Bill was originally from Michigan, and became an engineer. His wife Ruth was an educator in Lexington. They moved to Houston around 2 ½ years ago to live near their daughter. Gethsemane Lutheran Church has kindly provided the following:

Bill Green, husband of Ruth and long-time member of Gethsemane, passed away in the early morning hours of June 30th. The couple moved to Texas in 2019 where Bill entered the Memory Care Home Barton House. Ruth visited him everyday until COVID-19 precautions separated them for two months. Finally on May 1st, Ruth was able to resume her daily visits, but Bill had regressed and entered hospice care. In June, Bill tested positive for COVID-19 and Ruth had to quarantine away from him for several more weeks. She was able to see him the afternoon before he died, the day before their wedding anniversary. At 1:30 a.m. on June 30th, she received the call that Bill had passed.

Bill will be cremated, and the family is awaiting a time when they can safely gather and take his ashes to Michigan, where they will celebrate Bill's life and that of his sister, who also recently passed.

To get in touch with Ruth, you may write to her at:

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Rest in Peace, Dear Friends!

NOBEL prize announcements came out from October 6-12 this year for wonderful  
And amazing accomplishments.

1. The prize for Physiology or Medicine went to Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice for their fight against blood-borne Hepatitis, and discovery of Hepatitis C.
2. The prize for Physics went to Roger Penrose, Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez. Mr. Penrose discovered that black hole formation is a strong prediction of the theory of relativity. Genzel and Ghez discovered a supermassive compact object at the center of our galaxy.
3. The prize for Chemistry went to Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna for the development of a method for genome editing. This may impact cures for diseases.
4. The prize for Literature went to Louise Gluck:  
"for her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal."
5. The prize for Peace went to the World Food Program, the world's largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security. The UN set a goal in 2015 to eradicate hunger which in recent years has become more difficult due to war, other armed conflicts, and now, COVID-19.
6. Sverige's Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel went to Paul R. Milgrom and Robert B. Wilson of Stanford University. They added an improvement to auction theory and invented new auction formats. You might be surprised at what is now sold by auction.

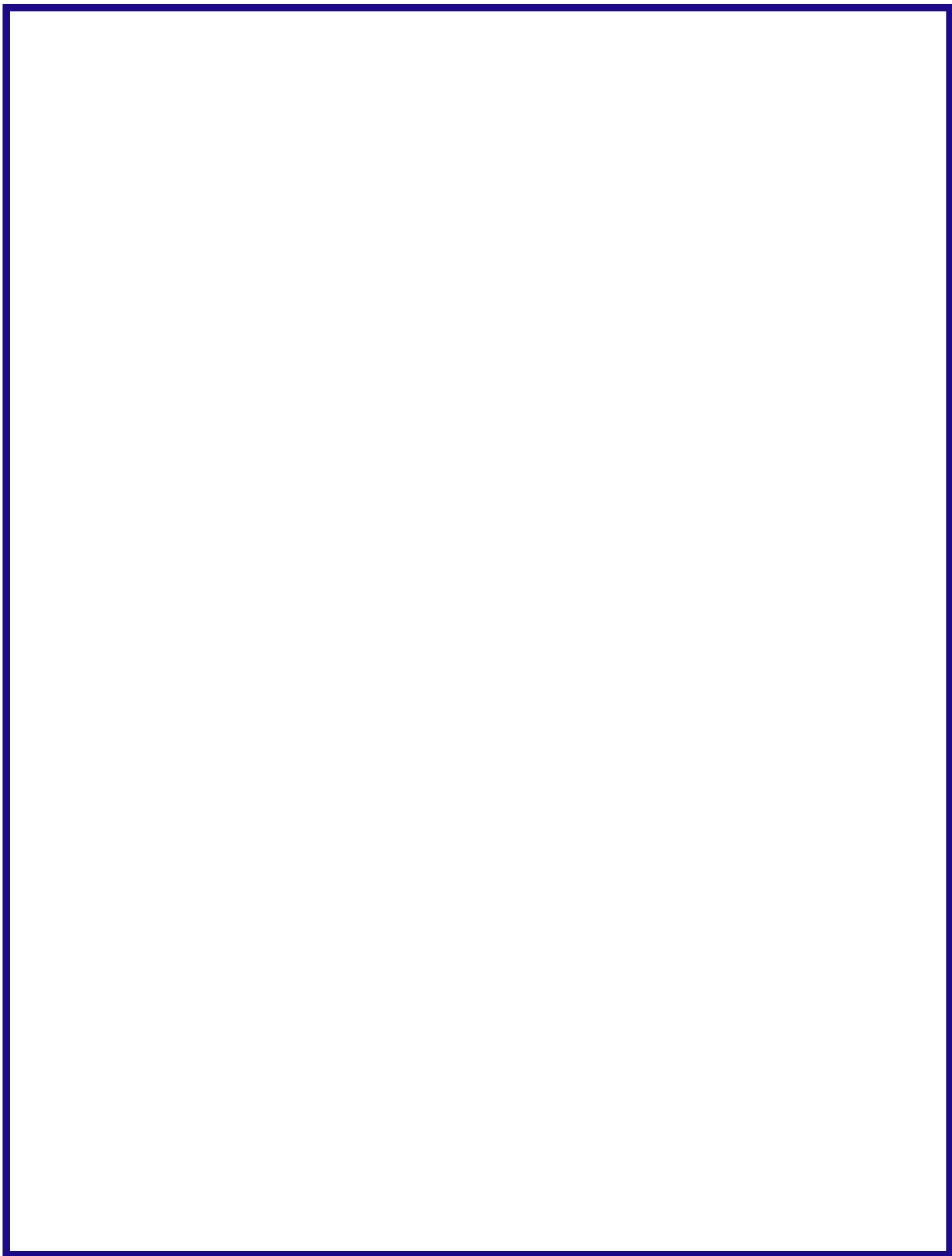
By the way, did you happen to see the article on the web about Allan Krill, a Norwegian Geology Professor who was hiking with students in the Grand Canyon in 2016 when he noticed a boulder that had fallen when a cliff collapsed on the Bright Angel Trail. There were Fossil markings on it, later revealed by Paleontologist Steven Rowland to be, "by far the oldest vertebrate tracks on Earth of Shelled-egg laying animals, such as reptiles, and the earliest evidence of vertebrate animals walking around in sand dunes." The age of the tracks is estimated to be 313 million years old!

Have you heard that this is the Danish Home of Chicago's Quasquicentennial celebration? They publish a weekly on-line diary called The Hope chest. This article lists 10 of the best Scandinavian inventions. For more details, see [danishhomeofchicago.org](http://danishhomeofchicago.org).

1. Legos, invented by Ole Kirk Kristiansen in Billund, Denmark in 1932. The name comes from leg godt, meaning, "play well."
2. Pure yeast, developed by Dr. Emil Christian Hansen in 1887. This ended a beer disease that the country had suffered from.
3. Tetra-Pak was developed by Erik Wallenberg and his team in 1951. This facilitated packaging, storing and distributing liquids. (They Look like triangles)
4. While handball has been played at least since the early days of the Greeks and Romans, the game as played today is attributed to Germans, Danes and Swedes. Holger Nielsen, a Danish athlete is said to have formalized the rules of the game.
5. Copenhagenization is a phrase coined by Mikael Colville-Anderssen in 2007 for exporting to other cities the Danes' ubiquitous use of bicycles for transport.
6. The zipper was invented by Gideon Sunback in 1913.
7. While Americans first invented the wind turbine in 1888, Denmark became the Green Capital of Europe in 2014 and now leads in innovation in the field of wind power.
8. Dynamite was invented by Alfred Nobel in 1866. He had 355 patents, and created 90 companies. He set up the Nobel Prizes in his Will.
9. The sharing of Scandinavian culture through food, and design is known as the New Nordic Wave.
10. Finally, the author presents us with Hygge, a Danish concept that you will enjoy exploring at the website. It's heart-warming.

You might enjoy a recipe for something called Swedish Toast. My cousin said it is a big favorite in her family. This is twice baked, like biscotti, but sounds a bit easier. It is a bit long to include here, so you might want to check out [www.grouprecipes.com](http://www.grouprecipes.com) for the Swedish Cardamom Toast Recipe.

I wish you Light and Hope as we enter the Christmas season!  
Stay safe, dear friends.



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