



Velkommen, til Vennelag (The Circle of Friends) Lodge's Webpage in Mt. Horeb, WI!

Whether you are interested in learning more about the travel opportunities available through Borton Overseas, have a desire to apply for the Norwegian TV reality series, *Alt for Norge*, want to invest in a financial product for a loved one, have a family member in need of a scholarship, or you simply want to celebrate your heritage with other like-minded individuals, we're glad you've found us! This is a fantastic time to become a Sons of Norway member, as Vennelag Lodge is in a rebuilding phase. Our current membership stands at 175 members who live in many different locations. They are youth who are heritage members as well as adults. We encourage you to join us!

In September of 2017, our members took a fantastic journey to Norway where we traveled throughout fjord country. We participated in the rededication of Little Norway's stave church building from Blue Mounds, WI, and some members accomplished their goal of meeting family in Norway. Having experienced such a wonderful excursion, talks are already under way for a return trip in 2021, when Vennelag will be celebrating its 50th year Anniversary!

Our Norwegian Baking Workshop welcomes participants, including both youth and adults. This workshop is held the first Saturday of November each year. We offer three standard holiday foods: rosetter, lefse, and krumkaker. Four additional cookies or other Norsk foods are added. Participants leave with samples of all of the foods they make that day. Invite someone you know and pass on family traditions of the Norse people.

Our winter meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month, January-March at the Mt. Horeb Community Center, 107 N. Grove Street (behind Duluth Trading's flagship store). Beginning with the month of April, our Lodge meetings return to the last Thursday of the month, some exceptions apply. At the conclusion of the winter meetings, a small lunch is served. During the remainder of the year, we begin our gathering with a light meal at 6:30 PM.

Our Cultural Director Tiffany Schwoerer and our Social Director Allen Watrud have an exciting line-up of activities planned for 2019, but please know we are always open to new ideas, and we welcome yours!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have using one of the methods listed below. I am happy to respond, and I stand ready to welcome you to the Circle of Friends!

Med vennlig hilsen (With best regards),

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