

2024 FEBRUARY



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

Reservations due by Wed., February 7, 2024

If you make a reservation but don't attend, we will bill you since we are charged for your meal. Please let us know if you have special dietary needs when you make your reservations.

LOCATION: HyVee 2nd Floor Party Room
 1601 N 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68505

SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME & DINNER: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Cost \$15.00)

MEAL: Bratwurst & burgers; buns, kraut, sides & drinks

BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 to 6:45 p.m.

PROGRAM: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

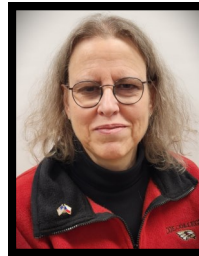
TOPIC: Religion in the Czech Republic

LEADER: Rev. Karen Moritz

RESERVATIONS: 402-416-6390

Since our January meeting was cancelled due to winter weather, we will have the January program in February.

RELIGION & FAITH IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC



You may have heard the assertion that “the Czech Republic is the most atheistic country in Europe.” After living and serving in the Czech Republic for 6 years the presenter has become convinced that a more appropriate assessment would be that “the Czech Republic is one of the most unchurched Country in Europe.” Less than 30% of the population claim any religious affiliation. However, one quickly learns that religion and faith weave their way throughout Czech history and culture. On 12 January 2024 the Rev. Dr. Karen Moritz will share her reflections and observations on this subject Karen speculates the Europe and the Czech Republic are about 20 years ahead of the US regarding the place of religion and faith. Perhaps there are things we can learn from their journey that will enable us to deal with the changes in religion and faith. Come join us as we reflect on this subject and our undoubtedly lively conversation.

WEBSITE

Lincolnczechs.org

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/LNKCzechs/>

NEWSLETTER

Contact lols@lolsrood.com

402-570-2333

2024 CLUB CALENDAR

February 9 Membership Meeting

March 8 Membership Meeting

April 12 Membership Meeting

May 5 Lincoln Festival

May 10 Membership Meeting

September 13 Membership Meeting

October 11 Membership Meeting

November 8 Membership Meeting

December 13 Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday: Conversation Club (Zoom)

Last Tuesday: Reading Circle (Zoom)

MEETING LOCATION

HyVee 84 & Holdrege

5:30 Social Hour 6:00 Dinner

MONTH AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 9, 2024

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, April 20, 2024

FESTIVAL KOLACHE

BAKING EVENT

Everyone is Welcome!!!

Everyone is Needed!!!

Need Volunteers

& Cash or Check Donations

Donation checks should be made out to the **Lincoln Czech Club**. Be sure you indicate on the Memo that it is a donation for the Bake Sale. Send to Linda Taborek, Treasurer, 524 S 53rd St., Lincoln, NE 68510

Location

Hickman Presbyterian Church

8:00 a.m. Dough Makers

9:00 a.m. Other Volunteers

300 E 3rd St., Hickman, NE 68372

Contact:

President, Andrea Volf

@ Avolf83@gmail.com or 402-416-6390

More details to follow!

Šťastného Valentýna! Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day has only been celebrated in the Czech Republic since the fall of Communism in 1989. **The traditional *day for lovers* in the Czech lands is celebrated May 1.**
 Under Communism people were not allowed to celebrate this "western" tradition.

Fun in February at the...
Czech and Slovak Educational Center and Cultural Museum

8106 South 84 Street
La Vista, Nebraska 68128; Phone: 402-686-9837



Saturday, February 3, 2024—10:30 to 12:30
Kolache & Potato Dumpling Presentation
with Carol Nieman Louis

Carol will be sharing her award winning recipes.

She will show us how to make the perfect potato dumplings,
kolache and other sweet and savory treats from traditional yeast dough.

The cost is \$30.00 per person and includes the presentation with instruction, recipes, a free drink and LOTS of food to enjoy; including lunch with pork roast, potato dumplings and sauerkraut. No refunds for no shows.



It's Taroky Time!

Whether you're a seasoned cardplayer or new to the game,

Come join us on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 1:00!

See you then!



THE COURTESY CORNER

Let us know if you are aware of someone who is celebrating something very special or is in need of our support.

Connie Jean Hulinsky

Chairman, Courtesy Committee 2023

402-464-5184 (leave message)

(land line with recorder after four rings)

NEBRASKA CZECHS OF LINCOLN CZECH READING CIRCLE & CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB

MONTH: February 27, 2024
TOPIC: **Weeds: A Farm Daughter's Lament** (1842-1930)
AUTHOR: Evelyn Funda, Ph.D.
LEADER: Evelyn Funda, Ph.D.
SUMMARY:

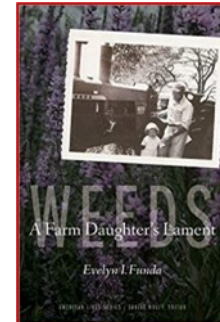
Weeds: A Farm Daughter's Lament is a family and cultural memoir about the loss of a family farm in western Idaho. The story unfolds within the larger context of our country's rich immigrant history, western culture, and farming as a science and an art. For those interested in Czech culture and history, Funda discusses, among other topics, Czech mythology, immigration patterns, Czech history (especially the Communist era when her mother escaped), and her first trip to the Czech Republic during which she visits one of her ancestral villages in Southern Moravia.

The memoir has been reviewed by *The New York Times Sunday Book Review*, *Kirkus*, and *Booklist*, as well as other journals, and in 2014, it won the Evans Handcart Prize for a memoir set in the Intermountain West.

From the *Booklist* review: "While patiently recounting the deep immigrant roots that permeate her personal history, Funda has crafted an intensely American story. She channels Willa Cather when writing of her mother, who traveled west from New York City on the promise of an epistolary friendship after only recently escaping Moravia with her life and little else. The romance between Funda's parents is built of heartbreak and hopefulness, and played out in big family gatherings and within a patient, if disappointed view of the world... It is a penetrating look at family, land, and the power of knowing one's past, stretching back from the American frontier to other lands. 'There is nothing inherently special about my family's farm in Idaho,' writes Funda, who then eloquently proves just how inaccurate that statement actually is."

OUR LEADER: Evelyn Funda, Ph.D. is Emeritus Professor of English at Utah State University. She received her PhD from University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and she is presently working on a book about Willa Cather who was influenced by Czech people and culture.

If you don't have time to read the whole book for our Reading Circle, please read the chapter "Wild Oats," which is about her mother's association with the dissident movement and her escape from Communist Czechoslovakia in 1951.



READING CIRCLE CONTACTS

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Plán Českého konverzačního klubu

Únor: Marie Sedláček Opera
Březen: Mila Pierce Média a Internet
Duben: Linus Voves: Typické (české?) Jídlo

Plan of the Czech Conversation Club

February: Marie Sedláček Opera
March: Mila Pierce Media and the Internet
April: Linus Voves: Typical (Czech?) food

CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB

Řekněte to česky!



Via ZOOM
February 20 @ 7:00 p.m.
February: Marie Sedláček Opera

Participants should already know some Czech, either as heritage speakers, or former students of the language. Members can prepare material for the themes that are conversed about and share it with the club members.

For information contact
msaskova-pierce1@unl.edu

National Czech / Slovak Museum & Library Celebrates its 50th year in 2024!

<https://ncsml.org/>

EVENTS

April 20-21
Czech Genealogy Society International
Symposium (see below)

May 2-3
Economic Summit: Understanding the
Past to Build the Future

May 4
President's Society Preciosa Gala

Mid-May 2024
Furdek Special Collection, Grand Opening

September 20
BrewNost

September 2024
Grand Opening of Prague-Style ORLOJ
(Astronomical Clock)

December 7-8
NCSML Old World Christmas Market

EXHIBITS

April 27 – September 29
Vaclav Havel: From Dissident to President

May 4 – September 1
Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau

We're all invited to....

Masopust

February 10, 2024

Pivo Brewery, Calmar, IA

THE CZECH HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP PROUDLY PRESENTS

The 18th Annual MASOPUST ~ 2024 ~

CZECH MARDI GRAS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024 PIVO BREWERY 101 Huber Drive • Calmar, Iowa

Doors Open At 12 Noon • Serving Dinner at 5:30 pm.
TICKETS \$40 *Advance Sales Only!*
CELEBRATION
Begins At 1 p.m.

Featuring: Malek's Fisherman Band

Also Featuring:

- ◆ Scholarship Award ◆ Live Auction ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Czech Style Meal ◆ Czech Skit ◆ Czech Beer

All Ethnic Costumes Welcome!

The Coat of Arms
this year is Varvazov!

Contact Any CHP Member or Call:

- Audrey Lensing – audnovak87@gmail.com or 563-380-3015
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FACEBOOK® - [czechmasopust](https://www.facebook.com/czechmasopust)

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Genealogy & Cultural Symposium April 20-21, 2024 in Cedar Rapids, IA

Forgotten Czech, Slovak & Carpatho-Rusyn Heroes

Research Presentations & Workshops

\$99 all inclusive fee for CGSI & NCSML members

\$149 for non-members

Registration at www.cgisi.org