Hello everyone!

Today the first meeting of "snakk sammen" in 2022 started up, and it was very exciting to volunteer at the Salvation Army again. I am happy that we could start meetings again this soon, as meetings in December 2021 were canceled due to COVID.

At this program we help people in need of extra Norwegian language practice in an environment where they can practice speaking Norwegian as well as listening. I feel this is important work, because I was once new in Norway as well, and I remember how hard it was to learn a whole new language! Today the theme was "fruits and vegetables". We did activities pertaining to various fruits and vegetables while enjoying a big plate of them. It was very cozy, and it feels good to know that I could contribute to something good!

Tomorrow I am traveling to Finland with my significant other to get new winter tires for the family car. Living in Kirkenes means that we are in close proximity to both Finland and Russia, which provides us with plenty of travel opportunities. I am excited to get some shopping done in preparation for the semi finale. This will be exciting!

Hugs, Rebecca