



Kirkopulletiini

OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rukouksen voima-Oletko kokeillut rukousta?

Entinen suomalainen piispa huomasi eräällä matkallaan tien viereen jääneen autoilijan. Pysäytettyään autonsa, piispa tapasi konepellin alta tuhtuneen miehen, joka yritti selvittää kulkupelinsä vikaa. Piispa ei sen enempää osannut antaa teknisiä neuvoja auton omistajalle, mutta huomattuaan miehen kiroilevan epäonneaan, piispa tokaisi, ettei se auto ainakaan kiroamalla käynnisty, oletko kokeillut rukousta? Hämmästynyt mies murahti kieltävästi, johon piispa sanoi, että nyt rukoillaan.

Päästyään rukouksensa loppuun, piispa pyysi miestä palaamaan kuskin penkille käynnistämään autoa. Moottori pyörähti käyntiin ja ymmällään oleva mies lähti jatkamaan matkaansa.

Piispa palasi omaan autoonsa, istahti ratin taakse ja totesi kyydissä odottavalle matkaseurueelleen: en kyllä olisi itsekään uskonut!

Usko ja rukous ovat aika jänniä juttuja. Joskus tarvitaan kestävyyttä rukoilla, joskus rukousvastaus on jono oven takana. Yhtä kaikki rukous vie meitä lähemmäs Jumalaa.

“Pyytäkää, niin teille annetaan. Etsikää, niin te löydätte. Kolkuttakaa, niin teille avataan.” (Mt 7:7)
Siunattua Pääsiäisen aikaa ja tervetuloa kirkkoon juhlimaan Jeesuksen ylösnousemusta!

Have you tried praying?

One Bishop in Finland noticed a car driver who was stranded on the roadside. After stopping his car, he went to investigate the matter and found a distraught man under the hood trying to find out the problem with the car. The Bishop was not able to give any technical advice to the owner of the car. But after listening to the man cursing his bad luck, the Bishop blurted: your cursing will in any case not start the car, have you tried praying? The astonished man murmured a no, to which the Bishop said, now, let us pray.

After finishing his praying, the Bishop asked the man to sit down in the driver's seat and start the car. The car started easily and the confused man took off and continued his trip.

The Bishop returned to his car, sat down behind the wheel and uttered to his company: I just could not believe it myself!

Belief and prayer are quite exciting things. Sometimes praying requires endurance and patience, sometimes the answer to the prayer is already knocking on the door. Nevertheless, all prayer brings us closer to God.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Mt 7-7)

Have a Blessed Easter Season and welcome to the church to celebrate the resurrection of Christ!

From Timo Saarinen (April 2007)

In the Finnish Lutheran Church we especially want to serve Finns and Friends of Finland, and more, we want to serve as a home church for “new immigrants”, for the young, first generation Finns that have come to the Puget Sound area. As a dual even tri- lingual church we naturally want to welcome in our community everybody who is interested in our church (thus you do not have to be able to speak Finnish to be a member of the church).

Fellowship is the A and O of the church. On the church bench you see the back of the people, but during the coffee hour you have a good opportunity to get acquainted face to face. The Finnish Pulla coffee has for many been the beginning of new friendships and has in itself strengthened the ties and common grounds of the congregation.

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held on the last Sunday in January. The church services and finances continue to be strong. Services continue to be maintained by local pastors and Finnish volunteers.

The board for 2017 include Heikki Mannisto (president), Yvonne Vollan (vice president), Deborah Rudback (treasurer), Mikko Mannisto (secretary) and board members Mark Hillman, John Borland, Anki Damstrom and David Kidwell. John Pekonen is the financial secretary - working from distance, Denver CO.

Virsimaratoni - Marathon of Hymns



The Virsimaratoni had a good group of singers with the task to sing 100 hymns, singing all verses of each hymn in one day. Starting from 10 AM with 14 singers, ending at 4 PM with six brave remaining. Thank you to Terhi for the energetic lead and to both Terhi and Maria for accompanying and leading the singing! Next in the running is San Diego!

Baptisms in the Church

We are happy to announce the baptisms in the Finnish Lutheran Church of two newborn babies: On March 26 the baby of the Brinck family and on April 9 the baby of Aki and Kristin Sirkkola will be baptized. Pastor Jukka Joensuu and Pastor Kristy Daniels will service the baptisms.

Coming Events:

- **March 26 at 1:30 PM \$1st Annual Kalevala Festival** with Finnish Choral Society and Guest speaker Dr. Börje Vähämäki, the Centenary Lecturer of the Finlandia Foundation National, presenting "Kalevala and the World View of the Finns". Other highlights include folkdancing by the local Finnish dance groups and performances by the Kalevala Trio and kantele playing. A social 1/2 hour starting at 1:30 PM kicks off the Festival with **sahti (a traditional Finnish Brew, made by the Nordic Heritage Museum's brew club)** and mini bites, followed with the program.
- **April 23: Celebration of Finland's 100th Anniversary at the Finnish Lutheran Church** with the famous Kantele player Ida Elina from Finland, with church choir and with showing of the Nordic Heritage Museum's video "War Children of Finland". **Pitopoyta Lunch - Brunch!**

Coffee service after Church: We want to maintain the coffee service after church. Please help us do that by signing up for taking care of the coffee service!!

Wedding, Birthday, Graduation or other events..

Rent a space in the Finnish Lutheran Church, Sanctuary, Maki Hall and kitchen. For more information please contact: Heikki Mannisto (206-910-7427) e:mail mannisto.heikki@ekono.com

MARCH 2017 MAALISKUU

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Alpo, Alvi	2 Virve, Virva	3 Kauko	4 Ari, Arsi
5 Leila, Laila Service at 10 am, Pastor Bill Moos Organist: Maria Mannisto	6 Tarmo	7 Tarja, Taru	8 Vilppu	9 Auvo	10 Aurora, Aura	11 Kalervo
12 Reija, Reko Service at 10 am Pastor Kristi Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto Church Choir	13 Erno, Ernesti	14 Matilda, Tilda	15 Risto	16 Ilkka	17 Kerttu, Kerttuli	18 Eetu, Edward
19 Juuso, Josefiina Service at 10 am Pastor Malcolm Brown Organist: Aaron Otheim	20 Aki, Kim	21 Pentti	22 Vihtori	23 Akseli	24 Gabriel	25 Aija
26 Manu, Manne Service at 10 am Pastor Jukka Joensuu Communion Organist: Yvonne Vollan 41st Annual Kalevala Festival 1:30 PM at Nordic Heritage Museum	27 Sauli, Saul	28 Armas	29 Jouni, Joni	30 Usko	31 Irma	

**March
Birthdays
to
celebrate**



Monica Andersson 2
Gunnar Damstrom 4
Marja Hall 5
Jouni Paavola 7
Tuulikki Keyes 13
Stefan Olofsson 15
Larry De Hart 18
Ilkka Kallio 19
William Rourke 20
Mia Sillanpaa 21
Magnus Olofsson 22
Melvin Rongerude 31

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APRIL 2017 HUHTIKUU

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2 Pellervo Service at 10 am, Pastor Bill Moos Organist: Aaron Otheim</p>	<p>3 Sampo Veeti</p>	<p>4 Ukko</p>	<p>5 Irene, Irina</p>	<p>6 Ville, Vilho</p>	<p>7 Allan , Ahvo</p>	<p>1 Peppi, Raita</p> <p>8 Suoma, Suometar</p>
<p>9 Agricolan p. Elias, Eelis Service at 10 am, Pastor Kristy Daniels Organist: Aaron Otheim</p>	<p>10 Tero</p>	<p>11 Verna, Minea</p>	<p>12 Julia, Julius</p>	<p>13 Tellervo</p>	<p>14 Taito</p>	<p>15 Linda , Tuomi</p>
<p>16 Jalo, Patrik Service at 10 am Pastor Jukka Joensuu Organists: Maria Mannisto, Yvonne Vollan</p>	<p>17 Otto</p>	<p>18 Valto, Valdemar</p>	<p>19 Pilvi, Pälvi</p>	<p>20 Nella, Lauha</p>	<p>21 Anssi, Anselmi</p>	<p>22 Alina</p>
<p>23 Yrjö, Jyrki Pastor TBA Suomi 100 Celebration Organist: Maria Mannisto, Yvonne Vollan</p>	<p>24 Pertti, Albert</p>	<p>25 Markku, Marko</p>	<p>26 Terttu, Teresa</p>	<p>27 Merja</p>	<p>28 Ilpo, Tuure</p>	<p>29 Teijo</p>
<p>30 Mirja, Miia Service at 10 am Pastor TBA Organist: Maria Mannisto</p>						

**April
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Sirkka Mustonen	2
Yvonne Vollan	3
Esko Mannisto	7
Hilkka Toivola	8
Paivi Kiaer	11
John Borland	13
Johanna Mannisto	13
Toini Wika	15
Antti Mannisto	19
Juha Niemisto	23
Raimar Tossavainen	25
Richard Kintner	29
Scott Strong	30

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Finnish Lutheran Church is located in Crown Hill, serving all the Finns in the Washington State area and people with any interest in Finnish language or culture. We have services both in **English** and in **Finnish** with Finnish Liturgy **every Sunday at 10 am**, everybody is welcome!!!! Finnish music is presented with our numerous and gifted members and friends. You are welcome to stay for a coffee and refreshments after church and get to know new people!

Kirkko Suomessa: Kirkon jäsenmäärän kehitys - The membership in the Lutheran Church of Finland

Tutkija Veli-Matti Salminen, Kirkon tutkimuskeskus

Suomen evankelis-luterilaisen kirkon jäsenmäärä oli vuoden 2016 lopussa tarkistettujen tietojen mukaan 3 956 277. Kirkkoon kuuluu 71,9 prosenttia suomalaisista. Kirkon jäsenten osuus Suomen väestöstä laski vuoden takaisesta yhden prosenttiyksikön. Kaikkiaan noin 50 100 suomalaista erosi viime vuoden aikana kirkon jäsenyydestä, samalla noin 17 000 liittyi kirkkoon. Vuoden 2016 aikana kastettiin 36 600 alle 1-vuotiasta, ja kirkon jäsenistä kuoli 44 800. Jäsenmäärän kokonaismuutos vuonna 2016 oli jokseenkin saman suuntainen kuin vuonna 2015. Tuolloin kirkkoon liittyi 17 600 henkilöä, eronneita oli 45 200. Vuoden 2015 aikana kuoli 44 000 kirkon jäsentä ja kastettiin 38 700 alle 1-vuotiasta.

Kirkkoon liittyjissä aktiivisimpia olivat 30–39-vuotiaat miehet sekä 20–29-vuotiaat naiset. Lähes puolet (48 %) kaikista liittyneistä kuului näihin ikäluokkiin. Kirkosta erosivat eniten 20–29-vuotiaat, joita oli 29 prosenttia kaikista eronneista. ”Kirkkoon liittymisen ja eroamisen kannalta keskeisin ikäryhmä on edellisten vuosien tapaan alle kolmekymppiset, jotka muuttavat herkimmin kantaansa jäsenyydestä suuntaan tai toiseen. Kirkosta eroaminen varsinkin perheenperustamisissä heijastuu usein kasteiden vähenemiseen. Toisaalta juuri perhetapahtumat pitävät yllä yhteyttä kirkkoon”, tutkija Veli-Matti Salminen Kirkon tutkimuskeskuksesta sanoo. - Jyväskylän seurakunta jatkaa väkimäärältään suurimpana seurakuntana. Jyväskylässä kirkon jäseniä on kaikkiaan 95 606. Vuotta aiemmin vastaava luku oli 95 799. Pienin on Pohjanmaalla sijaitseva ruotsinkielinen saaristoseurakunta Bergö församling, jossa jäseniä oli vuoden lopussa 414. Seurakunta kasvoi edellisvuoteen verrattuna kolmella jäsenellä. ”Vaikka kirkosta eroaminen on ennen kaikkea suurten kaupunkiseurakuntien ilmiö, väestö kasvaa muuttoliikkeen myötä eniten kaupungeissa. Tämä näkyy myös suurten seurakuntien jäsenmäärien kasvuna”, Salminen toteaa

According to revised data there were 3 956 277 members of the Finnish Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Finland at the end of 2016. Thus 71.9 per cent of the Finnish population belong to the church, about one percentage point less than a year ago. In total, about 50 100 Finns resigned over the past year, while about 17 000 joined the Church. During the year 2016 36 600 children under 1 year old were baptized, and 44 800 church members died. The overall change in the number of members in 2016 was more or less the same way as in 2015. In 2015, 17 600 people joined the church and 45 200 resigned. The most active were men 30-39 years and women 20-29 years of age. Almost half (48%) of all who joined the church belonged to these age groups. The people who separated from the church the most were from 20 to 29 years of age, which was 29 percent of all who separated.

Jyväskylä parish will continue as the largest populous congregation with 95 799 members. The smallest congregation is located in Ostrobothnia, Swedish-speaking archipelago church Bergö församling with 414 members at the end of the year. The church grew by three members in 2016. "While the Church's resignation is, above all, a phenomenon in the large urban parishes, the population is growing because of migration into the larger cities. This is also reflected in the growth in membership in large churches," Salminen says.