

# Kirkkopulletiini

## OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

### March - April 2019

#### Seven weeks to Easter!

Maaliskuun 3. päivä oli kirkollisessa kalenterissa laskiaissunnuntai. Siitä alkoi seitsemän viikkoa kestävä paastonaika, joka päättyy pääsiäiseen.

Paasto on monelle tuttu asia. Joskus paastoamme ennen verikoetta, toisinaan paastoamme mahtuaksemme johonkin vaatteeseen, joka on käynyt pieneksi.

Kristillisen paaston juuret ovat kaukaisessa muinaisuudessa. Raamatussa paasto mainitaan ensimmäisen kerran tuhat vuotta ennen Kristuksen syntymää, eli noin kolme tuhatta vuotta sitten.

Heprean kielen sana paastolle on zom, joka muodostuu kahdesta kirjaimesta, meidän z ja m kirjaimia vastaavista. Vanhan kuvakirjoituksen aikaan ne piirrettiin kahtena merkinä – maassa makaavana hahmona ja vesilammikkona.

Kuvakieli on kuvaava: hahmo maassa tavoittelee uupuneena vettä. Tämä kertookin paaston syvimmän merkityksen: Jumalan kasvojen etsimisen.

Kristillisen paaston aikana mietitään Jumalan rakkautta luomakuntaa kohtaan ja omaa rakkautta, tai sen puutetta muita kohtaan.

Jotkut haluavat paastota jättämällä jonkin elämää hallitsevan asian pois paaston ajaksi. Jonkin sellaisen, jota ilman on vaikea olla. Joillekin se on kahvi, joillekin televisio, joillekin fb päivitykset, mitä kenelläkin. Paaston aikana voi huomata, kumpi on se, joka kontrolloi, minä vai tuo asia.

On sanottu, että paaston aikana, millaisen tahansa, aistit ja mieli terävöityvät. Paaston aikana voi tehdä jonkun tärkeän löydön ja oivalluksen omasta itsestä, muista, elämästä.

Hyvää alkavaa paaston aikaa ja riemullista pääsiäistä.

Nina pastori

It was Shrove Sunday on March 3rd. That started the Lent, which lasts for seven weeks. Lent, a time of fasting ends at Easter. Fasting is a familiar thing for many. Sometimes we fast for a blood test, sometimes to lose weight so we can fit into an outfit which has become too small.

The roots of Christian fasting are in ancient times. In the Bible fasting is mentioned the first time around a thousand years before Christ, that is around three thousand years ago. The Hebrew word for fasting is zom, which is formed by two letters, like our z and m. In ancient picture writing those were drawn as two pictures: a figure laying on the ground and a pond. This imagery is depictive: the exhausted figure on the ground tries to reach the water. This tells about the deepest meaning of fasting: searching for God's face.

During the Christian fasting we contemplate God's love towards the creation and our own love, or lack of it, towards others. Some people fast by leaving out something that has an important role in their lives during the fasting. To some it can be coffee, or tv, or fb, whatever.

During the fasting we can find out if we control that thing, or does it control us. It has been said that during fasting, whatever kind, the senses and mind get clearer.

During the fast one can find out something important about him/herself, other people and life.

Have a good beginning of Lent and joyful Easter!

Pastor Nina

#### Annual Meeting 2019

The annual meeting on January 27 2019 was very well attended by 43 church members and friends. The year 2018 was presented by the board.

The council officers 2019 are: Heikki Mannisto - President, Yvonne Vollan - Vice President, Erica Presley - Secretary, Debbie Rudback - Treasurer, John Pekonen - Financial Secretary. Council members are John Borland, Mark Hillman, Ilkka Kallio, Anne Karppinen and Eva Mannisto.

Several members of the church passed away during the year. We will keep them warmly in our memory:

- *Brad Borland*
- *Niko Suokko*
- *Pentti Koski*
- *Hilkka Toivola*
- *Laila Ottelin*
- *Sirkka Mustonen*

The annual meeting accepted the budget for 2019. The budget was based on the assumption that we will get a full time pastor starting in August 2019. The council was given the assignment to offer a 3 year service agreement to pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen. These discussions are continuing currently in their final steps, pending Green Card schedule.



### **Sad news – our dear friend Monica Anderson has passed away**



Our dear friend Monica passed away on March 2, 2019 on her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Monica was born in Helsinki on March 2, 1931 as Maire Vuorinen and was baptized in the Helsinki Cathedral. She was, as many other, a war child in Sweden during WWII. After the war she moved many times between Finland and Sweden before coming to the USA, first living in Pennsylvania and California and finally settling down in the Seattle area in 1983. Here she met Bill Rourke. They married in 1984, and spent 35 happy years together. Monica is survived by her husband Bill, and by daughter Sara Blomgren and son Tommy Blomgren. We, at FLC, warmly cherish her memory. Please be invited to the memorial for Monica on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 14514 20th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98155.

### **Snow!**

Despite the snowy weather we had services every Sunday.



Snow in Bellevue



Snow on the FLC parking lot



Inside two brave ones overcame the snow

### **Coming events at FLC**

- **March PITOPOYTA BRUNCH on Sunday March 24**
- **April PITOPOYTA BRUNCH on Sunday April 28**
- **Easter Service on April 21 with Cross Decoration**

### **2019 marks One Hundred Years since the FLC congregation was founded!!**

The congregation of the Finnish Lutheran Church of Seattle will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year since its founding in 1919. We will celebrate this significant milestone in November 2019 with special festive service followed by a lunch with music and other programs. Please look out for this event in later pullettiinis!

### **Other events:**

- **Seattle Symphony [untitled 2] Friday March 22, 2019 at 10 PM.** Music by Pierre Boulez and Luciano Berio. Conductor Ludovic Morlot, with Maria Mannisto singing in Berio's "Circles".
- **Seattle Symphony 'Contemporary Music Marathon March 23 – 24, 2019 Saturday, March 23, 2019** featuring Maria Mannisto 6 -7 PM. Benaroya Hall at the new Octave 9 Raisbeck Music Center.

# MARCH 2019 MAALISKUU

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Alpo, Alvi	2 Virve, Virva <b>FFN Lecturer of the year 3 PM</b>
3 Kauko <b>Service at 10 am,</b> Pastor Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto <b>Kalevala Festival 2 PM at Nordic Museum</b>	4 Ari, Arsi	5 Leila, Laila	6 Tarmo	7 Tarja, Taru	8 Vilppu	9 Auvo
10 Aurora, Aura <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Bill Moos Organist: Yvonne Vollan	11 Kalervo	12 Reija, Reko	13 Erno, Ernesti	14 Matilda, Tilda	15 Risto	16 Ilkka
17 Kerttu, Kerttuli <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Kristy Daniels Organist: Joan Purswell	18 Eetu, Edward	19 Juuso, Josefiina	20 Aki, Kim	21 Pentti	22 Vihtori	23 Akseli
24 Gabriel <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Bill Moos Organist: Maria Mannisto <b>CHOIR SINGING</b> <b>Practice 9 15 AM</b> <b>Pitopoyta Brunch</b>	25 Aija	26 Manu, Manne	27 Sauli, Saul	28 Armas	29 Jouni, Joni	30 Usko
31 Irma Pastor Jukka Joensuu Organist: Maria Mannisto <b>Communion</b>						

**March  
Birthdays  
to  
celebrate**



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

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# APRIL 2019 HUHTIKUU

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

**April  
Birthdays  
to  
celebrate**



Yvonne Vollan	3
Esko Mannisto	7
Paivi Kiaer	11
John Borland	13
Johanna Mannisto	13
Toini Wika	15
Antti Mannisto	19
Juha Niemisto	23
Raimer Tossavainen	25
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!

Kevät on todella tulossa, sitä näkee, kuuluu ja tuoksuu joka askeleella. Kevät on ihmismielessäkin toivon ja heräämisen aikaa. En muista täällä kuulleen koskaan sanaa kevätväsymys. Suomessa se oli yleinen puheenaihe keväällä. Niin onhan kylmä pimeä talvi useinkin väsyttävää ruumiillisesti ja henkisesti.

Täällä ainakin tavallisen perheenäidin katse kiinnittyy ikkunan pesuun ja muutenkin sitä ikuista pölyä aurinko loihitti joka paikkaan. Siitä kyllä selviää muutamassa päivässä, kun innostuneena ahertaa. Mutta ihminen ei elä ainoastaan leivästä.

On tulossa kristillisen elämän vuoden suurin, surun ja ilon juhla, Pääsiäinen. Pääsiäinen tuo tullessaan valoa, uskoa ja toivoa jokaiselle, missä tahansa maailman kolkassa asummekin. Se riippuu meistä itsestämme, otammeko vastaan tämän suuren armolahjan, joka meille tarjotaan. Antaa aiheen tutkistella tätä omassa mielessään.

Suomalaisen on melko vaikeaa mennä työhön Pitkänäperjantaina, ainakin minulla oli, mutta maassa maan tavalla.

Minun lapsuudessa kuulin, että Suomessa oli 3 päivää vuodessa jolloin kaikki isot tehtaakin pysäytettiin. Ne päivät olivat Itsenäisyyspäivä, Joulupäivä ja Pitkäperjantai. Kotonakin tehtiin ainoastaan, mitä välttämätön tarve vaati. Missään tapauksessa ei kyläily Pitkänäperjantaina. Se oli surun päivä. Toinen pääsiäispäivä oli kyläilyä varten. Ajat ovat ehkä muuttuneet sen jälkeen kun olen Suomesta lähtenyt v.1957.

Rauhaa siunausta ja iloa jokaiselle!

Spring is really coming, as one can see, hear and smell at every step. Spring is also a time of hope and awakening in the human mind. I do not remember in this country ever hearing the word spring fatigue. In Finland it was a common topic in the spring. After all, the cold dark winter is often tiring physically and mentally.

Here, at least, the spring work often is to get going on the window washing, and otherwise get rid of the eternal dust that the sun displays in every place. It'll be a few days of work once you get excited. But man does not live only on bread.

The biggest year of Christian life, the celebration of grief and joy, Easter is coming. Easter brings light, faith and hope to everyone, wherever we live in any part of the world. It depends on us ourselves do we accept this great gift of grace that is offered to us. It allows you to study this in your own mind.

It is quite difficult for a Finn to go to work on Friday, at least I had, but "when in Rome, do as the Romans do".

In my childhood I heard that there were 3 days a year in Finland when all the big factories were shut down. Those days were Independence Day, Christmas Day and Good Friday. Then stay at home and do only what was necessarily required. In no case did you visit with friends or have parties on Good Friday. It was a day of grief. The second Easter day was for going out. But times may have changed after I left Finland in 1957.

Peace, blessing and joy for everyone!

From Lempi Wilson's archive, first published in 2006