

# Kirkkopulletiini OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH March – April 2020

## Hiljennä! Calm Down!

*Ihminen tarvitsee lepoa ja rauhaa voidakseen olla luova ja voidakseen hyvin. Ostokset voi tehdä tai palvelun saada mihin aikaan vuorokaudesta tahansa. Tämän on mahdollistanut digitalisaatiokehitys ja muuttuneet elämäntavat.*

Samalla ihmiset kaipaavat entistä enemmän hiljentämistä. Hiljaisuuden viljely ja erilaiset rauhoittumiseen liittyvät menetöt kasvattavat suosiotaan.

Pohjimmiltaan kirkon tulisi olla vastavoima asioiden nopeutumiselle ja hektisyydelle.

Nyt on hiljentämisen aika. Läntisessä kristikunnassa aloitamme tuhakeskiviikosta pääsiäiseen ulottuvan paastonajan. Paasto kutsuu meitä yksinkertaisuuteen ja hiljentämään. Ihminen tarvitsee lepoa ja rauhaa voidakseen olla luova ja voidakseen hyvin.

Paastossa tutkimme, mikä minua erottaa lähimmäisestä, luomakunnasta ja Jumalasta. Tämä tapahtuu hiljentäen ja rukoillen.

Paasto on hengellinen asia, mutta tulee todeksi tässä maailmassa. Paastossa ei ole kyse vain yksilöstä, vaan meistä kaikista yhteisönä.

Paastonaika on tarkoitettu muistutukseksi oikeudenmukaisuudesta ja hyvään pyrkimisestä. Voisiko tämä näkyä tänä paastonaikana esimerkiksi vihapuheen loppumisena tai kasvavan yhteiskunnallisen vastakkainasettelun lieventymisenä? Tämä voisi alkaa vaikkapa sen tarkastelusta, mitä kirjoitamme sosiaalisessa mediassa.

Tuiran seurakunnan kirkkoherran ja Oulun ev.-lut. seurakuntien yhteisen kirkkoneuvoston puheenjohtajan kirjoitukseen perustuen (evl.fi)

*Man needs rest and peace in order to be creative and well.*

You can do shopping or get service at any time of the day. This has been made possible by the digitalisation trend and changing lifestyles.

At the same time, people more and more need silence. The nurturing of silence and various methods of peacefulness are gaining in popularity. In essence, the Church should be a counterweight to the speed and hectic nature of things.

Now is the time for silence. In Western Christianity, we are fasting from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Fasting calls us to simplicity and silence. Man needs rest and peace in order to be creative and well.

In fasting, we study what sets us apart from our neighbors, creation, and God. This is done through silence and prayer. Fasting is a spiritual thing but comes true in this world. Fasting is not just about the individual, but about us all as a community. Fasting is intended as a reminder of justice and the pursuit of good.

Could this be seen, for example, in this time of fasting as the end of hate speech or the easing of growing social confrontation? This could begin with a look at what we write on social media.

Based on Evl.fi

*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.*

## Annual Meeting 2020

The annual meeting on January 26 2020 was attended by 32 church members and friends. The year 2019 was presented by the board. The council officers in 2020 are: Heikki Mannisto - President, Yvonne Vollan - Vice President, Ilkka Lähdesmäki - Secretary, Eva Mannisto - Treasurer, John Pekonen - Financial Secretary. Council members are John Borland, Ilkka Kallio, Anne Karpinen, Erica Presley and Satu Mikkola.

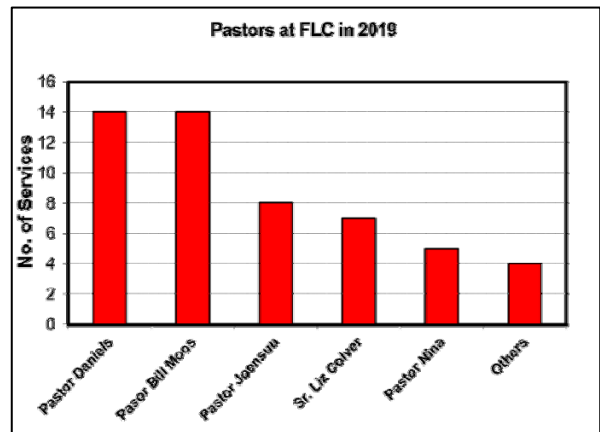
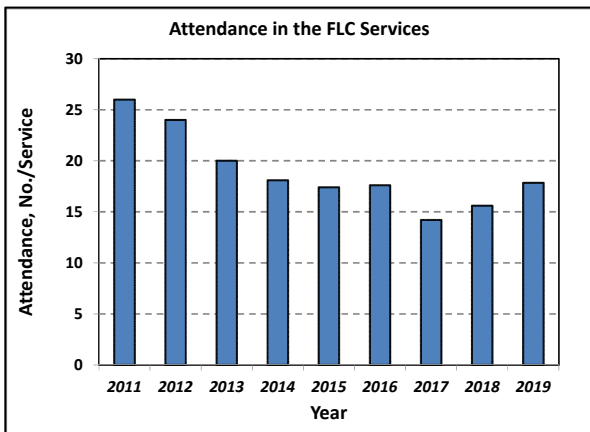
Two members of the church passed away during the year. We will keep them warmly in our memory:

- *Alvar Koski*
- *Monica Anderson*

The annual meeting accepted the budget for 2020. The expense budget was based on the assumption that we will get a full time pastor starting in April 2020. Results from 2019 are presented below:

**Attendance** in the Sunday services averaged 17.8 persons /service. This is an improvement compared to 2017 (15 persons/service)

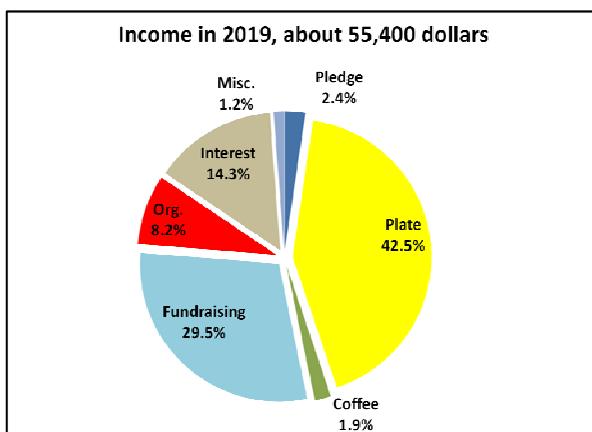
**Pastors:** Pastor Nina did not get a green card in 2019, so we have continued to rely on visiting pastors with Pastors Kristy Daniels and Bill Moos most frequent.



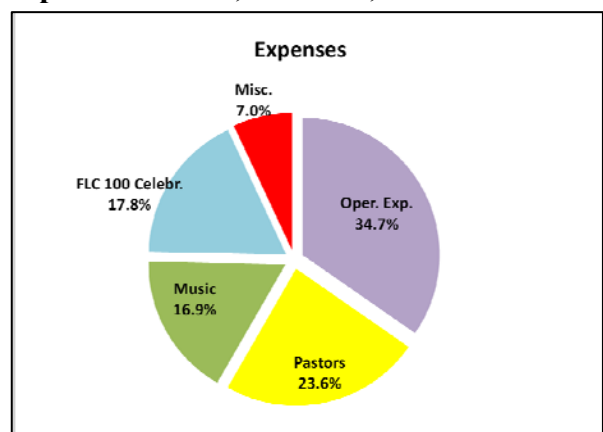
**Annual income** exceeded the budget by about 10%, thanks to donations by congregation members and friends. Thanks also to Laila Ottelin who graciously bequested part of her estate to FLC

**Expenses:** Maintenance and utilities were the highest expenses. We also had a very well attended celebration of the FLC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in November

### Income in 2019



### Expenses in 2019, about 60,300 dollars



## **COMING CHURCH EVENTS**

- Church Services every Sunday at 10 AM. Choir singing; Kalevala Trio – see calendar
- Pitopöytä Brunch on Palm Sunday, April 5. 11.15.. 1 PM.
- Special Easter Service with Cross Decoration, choirs, special music on April 12 at 10 AM.
- Pitopöytä Brunch on Sunday, May 3. 11.15.. 1 PM

## **OTHER EVENTS:**

### **The 44th Annual Kalevala Day Festival - A Tribute to the Finnish Sauna**

Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 2:00 pm at the National Nordic Museum, 2655 NW Market St in Seattle.

The 44th Annual Festival will be a tribute to the Finnish sauna and sauna culture in honor of the authentic log sauna, built in 1914-1918, relocated from Finn Hill in Bothell, WA to the East Sculpture Garden of the Museum. On the program: Choir sings “sauna songs” and choral songs inspired by the Kalevala, Sauna stories and tales, Presentation of the “Finnish sauna culture” by Kaija Kauppinen, Fulbright Scholar at UW, Instrumentals by Kalevala Trio and, Evergreen Kantele Players, Maria Männistö solo performance, , Folk dancing, presentation of the NNM refurbished sauna. Traditional Finnish pastry and coffee will be served after the program. Tickets NNM members \$20, non-members \$25, students \$10; online at [www.nordicmuseum.org](http://www.nordicmuseum.org) or at the door.

## **SEASON MEMORIES:**

### **Ladies' Choir Singing**



### **Christmas Season Coffee Table is inviting!**



### **Snow in January in Bellevue!**



### **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)

# MARCH 2020 MAALISKUU

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Alpo, Alvi <b>Service at 10 am,</b> Pastor Sr. Liz Colver Organist: Joan Purswell	2 Virve, Virva	3 Kauko	4 Ari, Arsi	5 Leila, Laila	6 Tarmo	7 Tarja, Taru
8 Vilppu <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Kristy Daniels Organist: Yvonne Vollan	9 Auvo	10 Aurora, Aura	11 Kalervo	12 Reija, Reko	13 Erno, Ernesti	14 Matilda, Tilda
15 Risto <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Bill Moos Organist: Maria Mannisto <b>CHOIR SINGING</b> <b>Practice 9 15 AM</b>	16 Ilkka	17 Kerttu, Kerttuli	18 Eetu, Edward	19 Juuso, Josefina	20 Aki, Kim	21 Pentti
22 Vihtori <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto <b>Ladies' Choir Singing</b>	23 Akseli	24 Gabriele	25 Aija	26 Manu, Mann	27 Sauli, Saul	28 Armas
29 Jouni, Joni Pastor Kristy Daniels Organist: Yvonne Vollan and Kalevala Trio <b>Communion</b>	30 Usko	31 Irma				

**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 2020 HUHTIKUU

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

### **Pääsiäispuutarha - Easter Garden**

Voisiko niinkin käydä, että vaivihkaa ilo hiipisi taloon?  
Säpsähtäisi sitä, että enää ei pelota.  
Ujosti aavistaisi, että loppuja seuraavat uudet alut.

Tätä on pääsiäiskertomus.  
Petos ja pelkuruus, pienet valheet, isot ahdistukset.  
Tämän keskellä pääsiäinen tapahtui.  
Pääsiäisviesti on jokaista varten.  
Hänelle, joka ei yltänyt tulostavoitteeseen  
tai parisuhteensa pysyvyyteen.  
Hänelle, jota kukaan ei kaipaa  
ja hänelle, joka uupuu tarvitsevien taakasta.  
Hänelle, jota hävettää, ja myös hänelle, joka iloiten  
kukoistaa.  
Pääsiäispuutarhassa on tilaaitkulle ja kyynelille, naurulle,  
hymylle ja tanssiaskelille.  
Pääsiäispuutarhassa saa viipyillä ja ihmetellä.  
Omalla tavallaan ja omana itsenään kuulua siihen joukkoon,  
jossa toivo ja tulevaisuus, anteeksianto ja armahdus, lupaus  
ja lohdutus, ovat totta ja kaikille tarjolla.  
Jumalan tervetuloitovotus valaisee vapaiksi kaikki rajat.  
Yli elämisen ennakkoluulojen ja kuoleamisen kuormien  
kuuluu pääsiäisen viesti: Kristinusko kantaa, läpi elämän ja  
yli senkin.

Irja Askola Helsingin hiippakunnan piispa (2010-2017)

Could it be that joy is creeping into the house?  
One would be startled to no longer be scared.  
One would shyly fathom that endings would be followed by  
new beginnings.  
This is a story about Easter.  
Fraud and cowardice, little lies, big anxieties.  
In the middle of this, Easter happened.  
The Easter message is for everyone.  
To the one who did not reach the expected goal  
or a stable relationship.  
To the one that no one longs for,  
and to the one who is weary of the burden of the needy.  
To the one who is ashamed, and also to the one who is  
happily thriving.  
There is space in the Easter garden for crying and tears, for  
laughter, for smile and for the dance steps.  
In the Easter garden you can linger and wonder.  
In your own way and your own self, belong to a group where  
hope and future, forgiveness and mercy, promise and comfort  
are true and available to all.  
God's welcome greeting illuminates all boundaries.  
Over the burden of prejudice and death there is an easter  
message: Christianity carries, through life and beyond.

Irja Askola, Bishop in Helsinki Parish (2010-2017)