

Kirkkopulletiini

OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

July – August 2020

Unohtumaton kesä

Tämä kesä on ollut meille monella lailla erilainen pitkiin aikoihin. Muutimme Suomeen 2011, jonka jälkeen olemme käyneet USA:ssa, Portlandissa ja Seattlessa, ainakin kerran vuodessa. Tänä kesänä ei saa matkustaa moneenkaan maahan, USA mukaan luettuna.

'Loppuuko tämä epidemian aiheuttama tilanne koskaan?', minulta on jo kysytty monta kertaa puhelimesta, kun olen ollut puhelinpäivystäjä. Kun ahdistaa, ihminen toivoo, että joku voisi sanoa tai tehdä jotain, joka ottaisi ahdistuksen pois.

Viime kesänä oli aika, jolloin olin läheisen sairauden vuoksi ahdistunut. Silmiini osui unkarinkielinen Päivän Sana- kirjanen, ja sen verran ymmärsin, että tuon päivän teksti oli psalmista 118. Etsin tuon kohdan suomenkielisestä Raamatusta.

'Kiittäkää Herraa! Hän on hyvä, iäti kestää hänen armonsa.

Julista, sinä Israelin kansa: iäti kestää hänen armonsa.

Julista, sinä Aaronin suku: iäti kestää hänen armonsa.

Julistakaa, te Herran palvelijat: iäti kestää hänen armonsa.

Ahdingossani minä huusin Herraa. Hän kuuli ja avasi tien.'

Tästä psalminkohdasta on tullut läheinen minulle. Se muistuttaa myös tärkeästä tehtävästä: julistaa hyvän Jumalan armoa, joka kestää iäti. Jumala kuulee meitä, kun olemme ahdingossa. Rakkaudessaan hän avaa meille tien aina uudestaan ja uudestaan.

Niin hyvän ajan kuin vaikean ajan keskellä Jumalan hyvyys ja rakkaus ympäröi meitä. Ahdistuksen läsnäolo ei tarkoita sitä, että Jumala olisi poissa. Hän on siinä meidän kanssamme, hän avaa meille tien.

Rakkain terveisin Nina-pappi

A Summer to remember

This summer has been different from previous summers in many ways. We moved to Finland in 2011, and after that we have visited Portland and or Seattle at least once a year. This summer, travelling to many countries, including USA, is not possible.

'Will this situation caused by Corona ever cease?', I have been asked many times on the phone, when I have been on pastor's call. When being under distress people hope that somebody could say or do something which would take the distress away.

Last summer there was a time, when I was distressed because of an illness of a loved one. My eyes happened to pick a Daily Text written in the Hungarian language. I was able to figure out that the verse for that day was from Psalm 118. I looked up that verse from the Finnish Bible.

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His love endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting me free.'

This text has become dear to me. It also reminds us of an important mission: to declare God's grace, which endures forever. God hears us, when we are distressed. In his love he sets us free over and over again.

God's goodness and love surrounds us in good times and in difficult times. The presence of distress does not mean that God is absent. He is with us in it, he sets us free.

Pastor Nina

Pastor's availability: Pastor Kristy Daniels will be available for counseling during these difficult times:

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This time we remember two of our church members who recently passed away: Ritva Kivinen and Leo Nalli.

Ritva Anneli Kivinen (5/28/34 - 5/5/2020) was born on May 28, 1934 in Tampere, Finland. She grew up in Lahti Finland. Ritva met her future husband of 66 years when they were 13 years old. Ritva and Raimo married in April 11, 1954. They had 2 children, Tuuli Haigh and Kirsti Tichy. The family moved to America on Jan. 23, 1961 and lived in the greater Seattle area. Ritva began her career as a bank teller and moved on to become a vice president of inventory and supply before she retired at age 65. Ritva was a fantastic hostess welcoming anyone who entered their home. There are many happy memories at Lost Lake in Shelton, Washington. In recent years Ritva was diagnosed with Dementia/Alzheimer's and still had a sweet disposition. She was always happy to see everyone and always ready to go on trips or adventures.



She was a member of the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters, Lodge 11 of Seattle for over 25 years and was a member of the Finnish Lutheran Church in Seattle.

Ritva passed away suddenly on May 5th 2020 at Orchard Park Long Term Senior Care Center in Tacoma. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters and daughter Kirsti Tichy. The family will truly miss her wonderful smile. She leaves behind her husband Raimo, daughter Tuuli Haigh and her family: husband Ken and grandsons Robert and Nikolaus, grandson Troy Tichy and great grandsons Conner and Sawyer Tichy. Due to the Co-Vid quarantine a memorial service will be scheduled in the future. You are missed every day Äiti.

Submitted by Tuuli Haigh

Leo Nalli (1936 – 2020) was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario in and passed away March 24th, 2020 in Seattle, Washington at 84 years of age. Leo moved via Winnipeg to Seattle in 1963. Leo is survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Lyle and Walter; daughter, Amelia and their families. Also left to mourn in Thunder Bay: brother, Roy (Gloria); nieces, Joyce (Brent), Cindy (Tom), Marlene (Rob); nephew, Allan (Tanya), Edmonton, AB and their families. He was predeceased by his daughter, Pamela; his brother, Arnold; sister-in-law, Lorraine and parents, Jalmar and Ida Nalli. Leo will be greatly missed by all who loved him.



Leo performing in a skit at the Kalevala Festival in 1992

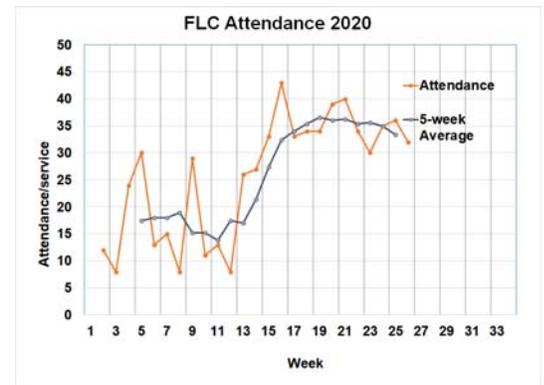
Leo was a member of the Finnish Lutheran Church. He was an active volunteer and a versatile handy-man and helper in all kind of problems and practical needs that the church faced, like with plumbing issues, plugged pipes, installation of toilets, kitchen equipment, locksmith tasks, electrical issues, etc. In the same way he offered his services to the Finnish community as a whole.

Leo was very active in the Finnish community and served in boards and as a member in most of the local Finnish organizations: the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters, Lodge 11, The Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter, The Nordic Museum Finn Room, the Finnish Heritage Committee, the Finnish folk dancing group Tanhuajat where he danced for 30 years. Leo helped to design and to build the Finn Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum, and he built at least 12 saunas in the Seattle area. Leo's happy smile and positive appearance in good and troubled situations will be fondly missed by us in the Finnish community and by many others.

Live Streaming of the Church Services will continue until further notice

We are fortunate to have our church building and to be able to do the services from the church with pastor and organist present. The streaming with ZOOM has turned out to be very well attended with 30 – 40 typically tuning in. The figure on the right shows the church attendance on 2020. The “attendance” during live streaming is the number of attendees that logged in to the Zoom link. The attendance has basically doubled since the live streaming started.

Our organist Maria Mannisto has taken care of the streaming, the music and the singing of the hymns so that you all can follow at home. You can join the services on Zoom from your laptop, Ipad, smart phone using video and audio. You can also listen to the services via a land phone line.



The link to join in is emailed to members and friends every Saturday. The same information is updated every Saturday on the FCL website: <http://www.finnishlutheranchurch.org/> where previous services are posted too.



ZOOM CHOIR

Our zoom choir is amazing with new virtual video songs presented during the Sunday services. A big thank you to Maria for handling the musical and the tough technical challenges so very well. We are expanding with singers from Portland, Washington D.C, and San Diego and even from Finland! If you want to join, please contact Maria or any choir member for the rehearsal schedule. All rehearsals are via Zoom!

Church Council in Action:

The church council has continued to meet as normal in monthly meetings via Zoom. Some highlights include:

- To improve the livestreaming internet service is now provided to the church by CenturyLink.
- In May 18 meeting the council decided to have an aluminum coating installed on the roof of the church in order to extend the lifetime. This was done in June.
- In May 18 meeting the council decided to open a PayPal account to enable donations to the church with credit card.
- In June 22 meeting it was decided to acquire an outdoor shed. A storage shed will be installed in the northeast corner of the property. This will provide storage for garden tools, other tools, seasonal items, etc. The shed is planned to be completed in late August.
- The disposition of Laila Ottelin’s estate is nearing completion. The church is thankful for being the main beneficiary.
- Nina Tetri-Mustonen applied for green card in February 2019. The coronavirus has further delayed the processing of the application. At the moment we do not know what the schedule will be.

Donations to the church:

Your donation to maintain the services and the music program in these different times would be highly appreciated. Donation can be by check to Finnish Lutheran Church 8504 13th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117. However, in order to make it easier to submit donations, the church now accepts donations via PayPal using credit cards. The PayPal can be accessed from the Finnish Lutheran Church’s website:

<https://www.finnishlutheranchurch.org/>

Click on the “Donation” tab!

Thank you very much for your donation!

JULY 2020 HEINÄKUU

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| | | | 1 Aaro Aaron | 2 Maria, Maija, Mari | 3 Arvo | 4 Ulla, Ulpu |
| 5 Unto, Untamo Church Service at 10 AM Pastor: Sr. Liz Colver Organist: Maria Mannisto Prelude/Postlude: Yvonne Vollan, Peter Vollan | 6 Esa, Esaias | 7 Klaus, Launo | 8 Turo Turkka | 9 Jasmin, Ilta, Jade | 10 Saima, Saimi | 11 Elli, Noora,Nelli |
| 12 Hermann, Herkko Church Service at 10 AM Pastor: Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto | 13 Joel, Ilari, Jari | 14 Aliisa, Alisa | 15 Rauni, Rauna | 16 Reino | 17 Ossi, Ossian | 18 Riikka |
| 19 Sari, Saara Church Service at 10 AM Pastor: Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto Prelude/Postlude: Yvonne Vollan, Peter Vollan | 20 Marketta, Maarit, Reetta, Margareeta | 21 Johanna, Hanna, Jen ni, Jenna, Han nele | 22 Leena, Matleena | 23 Olga, Oili | 24 Kristiina, Tiina, Kirsti, Kirsi | 25 Jaakko, Jaakob |
| 26 Martta Church Service at 10 AM Pastor: Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto | 27 Heidi | 28 Atso | 29 Olavi, Olli, Uolevi, Uoti | 30 Asta | 31 Helena Elena | |

**Birthdays
to celebrate in
July**



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|------------------------|----|
| Anna-Leena Christensen | 10 |
| Eva Mannisto | 12 |
| Matti Niemisto | 12 |
| Clayton Vollan | 16 |
| Hans Olofsson | 19 |
| Richard Von Hagel | 19 |
| Anne-Marie Karppinen | 31 |

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AUGUST 2020 ELOKUU

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | | | 1 Maire |
| 2 Kimmo Church Service at 10 am Pastor: Sr. Liz Colver Organist: Maria Mannisto Prelude/Postlude: Yvonne Vollan, Peter Vollan | 3 Vanamo, Linnea | 4 Veera | 5 Salme, Sanelma | 6 Toimi | 7 Lahja | 8 Sylvi Sylvia |
| 9 Erja, Eira Church Service at 10 AM Pastor: Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto | 10 Lauri, Lassi | 11 Susanna, Sanna | 12 Klaara | 13 Jesse | 14 Onerva, Kanerva | 15 Marja, Marjatta, Marita |
| 16 Aulis Church Service at 10 AM Pastor: Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto Prelude/Postlude: Yvonne Vollan, Peter Vollan - | 17 Verner | 18 Leevi | 19 Mauno, Maunu | 20 Samuli, Sami | 21 Soini, Veini | 22 Iivari, Iivo |
| 23 Varma, Signe Church Service at 10 AM Pastor: Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto: | 24 Perttu | 25 Loviisa | 26 Ilma, Ilmi | 27 Rauli | 28 Tauno | 29 Iines, Lina |
| 30 Eemil, Eemeli Church Service at 10 AM Pastor: Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto | 31 Arvi | | | | | |

August Birthdays to celebrate



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|-----------------------|----|
| Eila Viitaniemi | 2 |
| Heli Suokko | 3 |
| Sandy Kallio | 3 |
| Mary Hillman | 9 |
| Jenni Makinen -Tang | 13 |
| Deborah Rudbäck | 17 |
| Ann Marie Huisentruit | 21 |
| Håkan Rudbäck | 23 |
| Sirkku Vasama | 29 |

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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!

How do I talk about the coronavirus with children, youth and families?

The coronavirus and the news coverage around it can cause fear in children, youth and families.

Fear can come in many different shades and degrees. Young people may be strongly affected by the feeling of being threatened. As they think about potentially frightening things, fear tends to become stronger. Also the body may start to react: a fast and violent heartbeat, an aching stomach, or intensive sweating. When scared, children may react by crying, by hiding or by aggressive behavior. Fear can come out in many ways. When it does, children and youth need a safe adult close to them. Even if the fear is only momentary, they should not be left alone with their fear.

When scared, children and youth need the experience that an adult can offer, as well as a safe environment in which to express their emotions. By sharing their difficult feelings with their parents, they can be reassured that they are not in danger, that it is not harmful to be afraid, and that they can share everything with the adults close to them.

It is important that children and youth receive answers to any questions they may have, in a way that makes sense in their specific age. Answers and explanations should be based on reliable information provided by health authorities. It is good to protect them from false or provocative information. The role of the adult is to correct wrong perceptions and misunderstandings. Children easily hear things and difficult terms (e.g. quarantine, corona, threat, pandemic, etc.) that they do not necessarily understand. It is also good to think through together whether it is wise to watch or listen to the news at all.

Preparing for the coronavirus is hard because it is a new and unknown phenomenon. Its strangeness and unpredictability can also raise fear in the adult's own mind. Therefore, it is important for adults to reflect on these matters and share their own confusion with other adults. It is good to stop and listen to what worries us most about all this. After that, it is easier to receive the anxiety of a child or youth and calm them down.

Fear of sickness and death can cause stress in the life of children and youth. A parent or other safe adult can dispel those fears. The familiar routines of everyday life and togetherness in a relaxed atmosphere calm us down and strengthen our feeling of security.

Still, death and sickness need not be hidden from children and youth. Often, their feeling of security is enhanced when their thoughts and questions are being heard.

You can also pray with children and youth. In prayer you can leave the emotions of fear and anxiety into the hands of your Heavenly Father.