



# Kirkopulletiini

## OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*January – February 2023*

ÄLÄ PELKÄÄ. MINÄ OLEN LUNASTANUT SINUT. MINÄ OLEN SINUT NIMELTÄ KUTSUNUT, SINÄ OLET MINUN.  
Jesaja 43:1

Uusi vuosi on alkanut elämässämme, koko luomakunnassa.

Vuodet eivät tule ja mene jälkiään jättämättä. Merkitsemme ikäämme yhden vuoden lisää, välimatka muistoihimme pitenee. Vaikka kulunut vuosi 2022 on ohi, sen merkitys kaikkineen ei tietenkään ole vielä tiedossamme, ei myöskään sen vaikutus tulevaisuuteen. Uusi vuosi merkitsee uutta vaihetta; eletty jää taakse, huomista ei vielä ole, on vain tämä hetki. Jokaisessa hetkessä on mukana Jumalan armollinen läsnäolo. Jos tuleva vuosi tuo tullessaan raskaita päiviä, on kuitenkin Jumalan armo ja rakkaus jo kiinnittynyt niihinkin päiviin. Tulevaisuus on aina tuntematonta ja siksi pelottavaa. Sen vuoksi ihminen mielellään pitää kiinni siitä, mikä on tuttua. Pelkäämme, että tuntemattoman edessä menetämme hallinnan ja kadotamme itsemmekin. Tuntemattomaan on vaikea luottaa. Kuitenkin Jumalan armo ja rakkaus on kiinnittynyt tuntemattomaan tulevaan. Jumalan viesti luomalleen ihmiselle kuuluu: älä pelkää.

Raamatussa on lähes neljäsataa kertaa kehoitus: älä pelkää. Vuoden jokaiselle päivälle.

Nina pastori

DO NOT BE AFRAID. I'VE REDEEMED YOU. I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME, YOU ARE MINE. Isaiah 43:1  
A new year has begun in our lives and in all of creation.

Years do not come and go without leaving a mark. We mark our age one more year, the distance to our memories is getting longer. Although the past year 2022 is over, of course, its significance in all its aspects is not yet known to us, nor is its impact on the future. The new year means a new stage; the lived days are left behind, there is no tomorrow yet, all we have is this moment. In every moment the merciful presence of God is there.

If the coming year brings heavy days, however, God's grace and love are already attached to those days. The future is always unknown and therefore scary. Therefore, a person likes to hold on to what is familiar. We are afraid that in the face of the unknown we will lose control and lose ourselves too.

It is difficult to trust the unknown. Yet God's grace and love is fixated on the unknown future. God's message to his creations is: fear not.

There are almost four hundred times in the Bible the admonition: fear not. Enough for every day of the year.

Pastor Nina

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**PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY FOR THE  
ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 29, 2023  
AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE AT 11 AM.**

**WE NEED THE PRESENCE OF AT LEAST 30 MEMBERS TO ACHIEVE QUORUM**

## **Annual Meeting Agenda, January 29, 2023**

1. Call to order and confirmation of quorum
2. Opening prayer by Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen
3. Minutes of annual meeting held on January 30, 2022
4. President's report
5. Pastor's report
6. Music ministry report
7. Financial Matters:
  - a. Financial Secretary's Report
  - b. Treasurer's Report
  - c. Presentation of Budget for 2023
  - d. Auditor's report
8. Nomination and election of new Church Council members
9. Discussion of the future of FLC
10. Other business
11. Adjourn

To join the meeting at 11 AM, click on the following link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2239421655?pwd=K2xtcUc1U3lJZW9jY252eDF6a0FkZz09>

Or dial in to 1 253 215 8782, Meeting ID: 223 942 1655, Password: 505118.

### **Your Council in Action**

Council: Anne Karppinen, Bill Cox, Eva Mannisto (President), Eila Winter (Treasurer) Ilkka Lähdesmäki (Secretary), John Pekonen (Financial Secretary), Marja Hall, Mark Hillman, Nina Tetri- Mustonen, Satu Mikkola (Vice President).

### **Council meetings on November 22 and December 12, 2022**

- A water leak in the roof above the narthex was occurring in October. The leak was repaired in mid-November during a dry period. The cost for the repairs was \$1,150. According to the roofer, Mr. Christensen, the roof should be good for about 8 more years.
- Need for an Audio/Video Specialist. With the expansion to hybrid services an audio/video specialist may be needed to help with the virtual portion of the service. Thanks to the good work by our Cantor Maria and Pastor Nina the service is, however, flowing quite well, although they would like help with the technology. If someone is interested in helping please contact the FLC.
- The Council decided a Benevolence to Compass Housing Allowance and Ballard Food Bank of \$500 each and a Holiday gift of \$100 each to pastor, cantor, organist, and maintenance and coffee service.

### **Prayer Requests and Announcements**

Prayer requests and announcements can be emailed to [pastor@finnishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@finnishlutheranchurch.org) or [ninatrim@msn.com](mailto:ninatrim@msn.com) for inclusion in the service.

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## Donation to the church

Please consider making a donation as you are able, to help us maintain our services and music program. Donation checks can be mailed to the Finnish Lutheran Church, 8504 13th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117.

We also accept online donations using PayPal or Zelle. The email for Zelle is FLCSeattle@aol.com.

You can access the donations page on the Finnish Lutheran Church website:

[www.finnishlutheranchurch.org](http://www.finnishlutheranchurch.org). Click on the "Donate" tab.

Thank you very much for your support!



Heikki Männistö memorial service on May 28<sup>th</sup>



Easter Day April 17<sup>th</sup>



Leo Malberg confirmation September 18<sup>th</sup>



Lucia service with Molly and Walter Winter, Niilo Emerson Winter

# TAMMIKUU 2023 JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day <b>Service at 10 am</b>	2 Aapeli	3 Elmeri Elmo Elmer	4 Tiitus Ruut	5 Lea Leea	6 <b>Loppiainen Epiphany</b> Harri	7 Aku Akusti August
8 Titta Hilppa <b>Service at 10 am,</b> Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist Maria Mannisto	9 Veikko Veijo Veli Veikka	10 Nyyrikki	11 Kari Karri	12 Toini	13 Nuutti	14 Sakari Saku Sasu
15 Solja <b>Service at 10 am,</b> Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist Maria Mannisto	16 Ilmari Ilmo	17 Toni Antton Antto Anttoni	18 Laura	19 Heikki Henri Henna Henrik Henni Henriikka Henrikki	20 Sebastian	21 Aune Oona Netta Auni
22 Visa <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organsit Yvonne Vollan  <b>Council meeting at 8.30</b>	23 Enni Eine Eini Enna	24 Senja	25 Paavo Paul Pauli Paulus Paavali	26 Joonatan	27 Viljo	28 Kalle Kaarlo Kaarle Mies
29 Valtteri <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist Maria Mannisto Communion <b>Annual meeting</b>	30 Irja	31 Alli				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE IN JANUARY!

# HELMIKUU 2023 FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Riitta	2 Jemina Aamu	3 Valo	4 Armi Ronja
5 Asser Runeberg's Day <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist Maria Mannisto Joint service with Santa Monica	6 Terhi Teija Tiia Tea Terhikki	7 Riku Richard	8 Laina	9 Raija Raisa	10 Elina Ella Ellen Elna	11 Talvikki
12 Elma Elmi <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist Maria Mannisto <b>Ukraine Concert at 1 pm</b>	13 Sulo Sulho	14 Voitto Tino Valentin <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15 Sipi Sippo <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	16 Kai	17 Väinö Väinämö	18 Kaino
19 Eija <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist Maria Mannisto <b>Laskiainen Shrove Sunday</b> <b>Taize at 6 pm</b>	20 Heli Hely Helinä Heljä	21 Keijo	22 Tuulikki Tuuli	23 Aslak	24 Matti Matias	25 Tuija Tuire
26 Nestori <b>Service at 10 am</b> Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist Yvonne Vollan <b>Communion</b>	27 Torsti	28 Onni				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE IN FEBRUARY!

After two years of exclusively virtual operation, FLC services were opened to include in-person participation starting from the Easter service. Such hybrid operation is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Thanks to ideas by the FLC Planning Committee, and great organizing efforts by Pastor Nina and Music Director Maria, several new events were organized in the past year.

- Taize services (short, meditative services), alternating in Finnish and English
- Virsiä ja viiniä (Hymns and wine) event hosted by Ilkka Kallio in June
- A silent retreat at Fort Warden, Port Townsend, WA in October
- Webinar on creed by Dr. Outi Lehtipuu in October.

A workshop discussing the future of FLC was organized in May. The discussion was fruitful and touched on many important topics relating to FLC's operation. It will continue with further meetings in 2023.

In May, FLC organized a fundraiser sale. The revenue from the sale was donated to help Ukraine.

A memorial for FLC's former President Heikki Mannisto was arranged on May 28. The memorial was attended by many members of the Congregation, reflecting the great significance of Heikki's work for FLC and his extremely well-liked personality.

Pastor Nina organized confirmation school classes for a Finnish youth in the area. Following the classes, a confirmation event was held at FLC.

Many FLC members participated in an expatriate Finnish choir project titled "Yli rajojen". The project was initiated and managed by Maria Mannisto and Eva-Christina Pietarinen. It resulted in a CD released in late 2022.

FLC started organizing joint Sunday services with the Santa Monica Suomi Kirkko, led by Pastor Jarmo Tarkki. The joint services have taken place once a month and attracted a large attendance from different parts of the U.S., as well as Finland.

FLC participated in the Finnish Bazaar in November, organized for the first time after a two-year break due to Covid. The Bazaar was very well attended and provided nice visibility for the Church.

Kauneimmat Joululaulut was also resumed as an in-person event after a Covid-mandated break. It was organized at Lake Washington United Methodist Church in Kirkland and drew a large crowd of local Finns.

During the past year, a couple of maintenance / repair jobs were required on the FLC property.

- A roof leak was repaired in November.
- Dead trees and tree limbs were removed in November.

The Council decided to direct FLC's benevolence donations to Compass Housing Alliance and Ballard Food Bank, to the amount of \$500 each.

If you would like the pastor to visit you, please call her, send a text message or email.  
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Would you like to read a text in Finnish or in English at the service? Send an email, or go to the address  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1R3Z1XJDqQvQyof5UE-xvSxdQR7kAWDsGImynvxGwHGk/edit#gid=374794256> to sign up. Thank you!

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**CONCERT FOR UKRAINE** on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at the church.  
Performers: Folk Voice Band, Finnish Choir, Evergreen Kantele group.  
Free but donations are welcome! All proceeds go to Ukraine.  
Masks are recommended.



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**WELCOME TO THE FLC PLANNING WORKSHOP PART 2 on Saturday, January 14th at 12 - 3 PM.**

There will be refreshments!

The first Planning workshop was held on May 7th 2022.

Questions were: WHAT IS GOOD/WORKING IN THE PRESENT WAY OF BEING A CHURCH/WHAT IS NOT? WHERE IS FLC IN FIVE YEARS? DOES FLC NEED IT'S OWN BUILDING TO BE A CHURCH?

JANUARY 14 after reviewing the last workshop's results we will discuss the following:

In your opinion

- FLC should be an ethnic church only for Finns/their families/friends
- FLC should be an ethnic church for all Nordic groups
- FLC should be open to surrounding community
- FLC should get more involved with other Lutheran congregations to support each other in the common mission of the Gospel
- FLC should ...what?

- Whatever Your option for FLC is, how would that happen? What would it require? Who would need to be involved?

Looking forward to having good and constructive conversations respecting each others suggestions, hopes and dreams concerning the FLC.

Pastor Nina and the FLC council



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