Kirkkopulletiini

OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

January - February 2026

”Hetken eilinen ja huominen ovat rinnakkain”

Elämän taitteet
tunnistaa haikeudesta.
Siitä, että hetken
eilinen ja huominen
ovat rinnakkain.

Uusi vuosi on käynnistynyt. Joidenkin elämä jatkaa kulkuaan tuttuun tapaan, joillakin on edessä uusia asioita tai vanhoista asioista luopumista. Vuoden vaihtuessa moni meistä pysähtyy hetkeksi katsomaan elämää taakse- ja eteepäin. Mitä haluan ottaa mukaani vanhasta ja viedä kanssani tuleviin päiviin? Mistä olisi jo aika päästää irti ja luopua? Mistä ehkä joudun luopumaan, jopa vastoin omia toiveitani ja suunnitelmiani?

Mitä kaikkea tulevaisuus meille tarjoaakaan, Jumala on kanssamme jokaisessa päivässä, joka käänteessä: ”Minulla on omat suunnitelmani teitä varten, sanoo Herra. Minun ajatukseni ovat rauhan eivätkä tuhon ajatuksia: minä annan teille tulevaisuuden ja toivon.” (Jeremia 29:11)

Siunattua ja onnellista uutta vuotta 2026 sinulle ja läheisillesi!

- pastori Marita –

“For a moment yesterday and tomorrow are side by side”

Life's turns
are recognized by a sense of wistfulness.
By the fact that for a moment,
yesterday and tomorrow
are side by side.

The New Year has begun. For some, life continues in its familiar way, for others, there are new things ahead or letting go of old things. As the year turns, many of us pause for a moment to look at life backward and forward. What do I want to take with me from the past and carry into the coming days? What is it time to break free from and let go of? What might I have to let go of, even against my own wishes and plans?

Whatever the future may hold for us, God is with us in every day, at every turn:
"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Wishing you and your close ones a blessed and happy new year 2026!

-Pastor Marita-

Pentti Juntila In Memoriam



A long time FLC member and volunteer and a beloved husband, father, Pappa and friend Pentti Eero Juntila passed away on November 15, 2025, in the age of 98.

Pentti was born in Kokkola and served in the Finnish Airforce. He carrie a deep passion for aircraft and adventure that was reflected in his career choice of over 32 years with Pan-Am Air. Pentti married the love of his life, Kerttu in January 1956 and in 1958 Pentti became a US Citizen. He was active member in the Finnish-American Community, had a zest for life and a positive outlook. He was a jokester who loved to see people smile. He is deeply missed and will forever be in our hearts.

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Your Council in Action

In the month of December 2025, the FLC Council has been engaged with the following activities.

- Making preparations for the sanctuary back door replacement.
- Searching for a bookkeeping/payroll service provider.
- Getting a portrait painted of Laila Ottelin, to serve as her memorial display.
- Furthering the project to get FLC's history documented.
- Preparing for the 2026 annual meeting.

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Volunteering in Bible reading and Coffee Time

We are looking for more people to volunteer on Sunday services. If you would like to bring your offering in music by playing or singing as prelude or postlude, please, let us know. Or if you would like read the Bible texts in services, sign up for readers' list or send an e-mail or message to pastor Marita. You can read the texts either in English or in Finnish, on Zoom or being present at the church. Pastor Marita will send you the right texts beforehands in your language.

Google Docs sign-up sheet for Coffee Time and Bible readers:
FLC Coffee Time and Bible Readers Sign-up Sheet - Google Sheets

January and February 2026 at FLC

JANUARY

4th Sunday 10 am **Service: Epiphany of Our Lord** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

11th Sunday 10 am **Service: Baptism of Our Lord** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö, message Heikki Arponen

18th Sunday 10 am **Gospel Music Service** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö,
songs from 'Nuoren seurakunnan veisukirja', so called 'Punainen laulukirja'

25th Sunday 10 am **Service and Holy Communion** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö. After the service and coffee time there is the **Annual Meeting of FLC**. All are warmly welcome!

FEBRUARY

1st Sunday 10 am **Service: Candlemas** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

1st Sunday 12-1 pm Hiljaisuuden joogan harjoitus – Practice of Yoga on Stillness at Maki Hall

8th Sunday 10 am **Service** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

15th Sunday **1 pm Service at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue**,
2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue WA 98007 with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

18th **Wednesday 6 pm Ash Wednesday evening prayer on Zoom** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

19th Thursday 7 pm Lent Bible Journaling Group on Zoom

21st Saturday 12-2:30 pm Women's Clothing and Small Housewares exchange party in Maki Hall. Potluck items welcome.

22nd Sunday 10 am **Service and Holy Communion**: First Sunday of Lent with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

22nd Sunday 12-1 pm Hiljaisuuden joogan harjoitus – Practice of Yoga on Stillness at Maki Hall

26th Thursday 7 pm Lent Bible Journaling Group on Zoom





Last months of year 2025 included many fun events that were attended by both church and choir members and friends. In the beginning of November a Finnish-American Family Band Majority Finn gave a concert in Maki Hall and after snacks and refreshments there were even dance.

Finnish Holiday Market in the middle of November attracted over 900 visitors to participate. FLC had many homemade baked goods, Finnish and Moomin items and two large raffle baskets on the table. Finnish Choral Society was also singing Finnish Christmas music.



Hoosianna, Daavidin poika! The beloved song for First Advend Sunday is a 200-year old tradition in Finland and Sweden. Hoosianna means ‘O Lord, help us, save us!’ and the greeting was dedicated to a king or a Messiah.



The Finnish community and friends were singing Kauneimmat joululaulut – The Most Beautiful Christmas Songs on Fourth Advent Sunday right before Christmas in Bellevue St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

Sing-along event was accompanied by great musicians Maria Männistö, Akseli Leppänen, Jani Kuivalainen and Sini-Tuulia Simmons. A large number of people came together to sing and enjoy lovely Finnish and international Christmas music.

Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (Suomen Lähetysseura) offered and sent us
the new song booklets in Finnish and in Swedish.

Thank you for your valuable support!

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Women's Clothing and Small Housewares Exchange

The next Women's Clothing and Small Housewares exchange party will be Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the Finnish Lutheran Church from 12-2:30. Potluck items welcome.

This is a women-only clothing and small housewares exchange. Feel free to come or leave empty-handed or with many treasures. Bring nice quality, unscented items which can include but are not limited to hats, hair toys, jewelry, scarves, vests, blouses, tops, skirts, pants, shorts, leggings, dresses, jackets, coats, shoes, sandals, boots, tights, socks, lingerie, sportswear, bathing suits, and more. In terms of small housewares, no books please, but most everything else is welcome, including linens, small appliances, kitchen stuff, art, music, musical instruments, etc.

Everything is free. We'll be collecting goodwill donations as a thank you to the Church for the space and also monetary donations for Northwest Folklife.
Afterwards, we'll donate left-over items to worthwhile causes or you could take some yourself if you know of a clothing bank or another organization that could use them.

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Office hours

Pastor Marita will be at FLC for office hours twice a week, every Tuesday from 4 to 6 pm and every Thursday from 10 am to noon.
You can come to meet pastor at the church or if you would like to meet in some other place or pastor Marita to visit you, please let her know pastor@finnishlutheranchurch.org or call the church phone 206 789 0864.

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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!