Kirkkopulletiini

OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FLC:n historiikki on valmis!

Eräs Helsingin yliopiston teologian opiskelija, Heikki Arponen on tehnyt viime vuoden puolelta alkaen kirkkohistorian alaan kuuluvaa opinnäytetyötä eli pro gradu -tutkielmaa FLC:n yli satavuotisesta historiasta. Hän tutki arkistoja sekä Suomessa että täällä kirkolla ja haastatteli tammikuussa muutamia Suomi-yhteisön jäseniä seurakunnan vaiheista. Tutkielma on nyt valmis ja sen tieteellisen version voi lukea Helsingin yliopiston opinnäytetöiden sähköisestä tietokannasta osoitteesta www.finna.fi. Tutkielmansa pohjalta Heikki kirjoitti myöskin historiikin FLC:n vuosikymmenistä ja sekin on nyt luettavissa sekä suomeksi etta englanniksi. Linkki historiikkiin tulee kesän aikana FLC:n verkkosivuille.

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Heikin arkistotyön ja haastattelujen seuraaminen sivusta on ollut minullekin antoisaa ja opettavaista. Heikin tekemän työn myötä on aina vain lisää kirkastunut, miten paljon lämpöä, paneutumista, välittämistä ja vaivannäköä Seattlen Suomi-kirkolle ja Suomi-yhteisölle on vuosikymmenten mittaan annettu ja vastavuoroisesti myös saatu takaisinpäin. Miten tärkeä kokoontumispaikka kirkko on ollut läpi vuosikymmenten ja miten arvokasta on liittyä sukupolvesta toiseen tuttuun yhteisöön, tuttuihin tapoihin, tuttuihin juhlapyhiin ja tuttuun maanläheiseen, armolliseen luterilaiseen kristillisyyteen.

Sinäkin olet tervetullut mukaan Suomi-yhteisön ja FLC:n tilaisuuksiin ja toimintaan! Fransiscus Assisilaisen rukousta lainaten: ”Antaessaan saa”. Yhteisö rakentuu sen osasista ja jokaisella on oma ainutlaatuinen paikkansa joukossa. Jumalanpalvelukset jatkuvat läpi kesän tuttuun tapaan kotikirkolla sunnuntaisin klo 10. Pastori Nina on mukana heinäkuun alusta lähtien kolmessa jumalanpalveluksessa. Tule mukaan moikkaamaan häntä ja muita yhteisön jäseniä.

Kaunista kesää sinulle ja läheisillesi! - pastori Marita –

FLC history is ready!

A student of Theology at the University of Helsinki, Heikki Arponen, has been working on a master's thesis, in the field of church history, on the more than one hundred-year history of FLC since the end of last year. He researched archives both in Finland and here at the church and interviewed a few members of the Finnish community about the congregation's history in January. The thesis is now ready and its scientific version can be read in the electronic database of theses at the University of Helsinki at www.finna.fi. Based on his thesis, Heikki also wrote a history of the FLC's decades, which is now available in both Finnish and English. A link to the history will be posted on the FLC website during the summer.

Following Heikki's archive work and interviews on the site has been rewarding and educational for me as well. Through the work he has done, it has become even more clear how much warmth, dedication, care and effort has been given to the Finnish Church and the Finnish community in Seattle and received in return. What an important gathering place the church has been through the decades and how valuable it is to join a familiar community, familiar customs, familiar holidays and familiar down-to-earth, merciful Lutheran Christianity from generation to generation.

You are also welcome to join the events and activities of the Finnish Community and FLC! To quote the prayer of Francis of Assisi: “In giving, you receive”. The community is built from its parts and everyone has their own unique place among others. Sunday services will continue throughout the summer as usual at the home church on Sundays at 10 am. Pastor Nina will be participating in three services starting in early July. Come and say hello to her and other members of the community.

Beautiful summer to you and your loved ones! - pastor Marita –

Retreat weekend in September 18th – 20th

FLC is organizing a retreat for the fourth time. The retreat is in September from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th. The weekend retreat will be in Gwinwood Retreat Center, in Lacey, address 6015 30th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503. We'll have the large Westwood building to stay and enjoy for ourselves. The program is flexible and suitable for all ages, including sing-along, swimming and canoeing at the lake, bonfire and makkaranpaisto, short devotions and free time to be in the nature and rest. More information and photos on website: www.gwinwood.org

Retreat starts on Friday at 5/5.30 with arrival and accommodation and 6 pm dinner. It ends on Sunday around 1 pm after lunch. We will have also buffet style breakfast, two hot meals and coffee table on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. We are staying in 10 rooms with double and twin beds and shared bathrooms. If we have more than 10 people to participate, then we will share some rooms. You can already save the date, plan to join and with whom you would like to share the room, if necessary.

Bring your own bedding, toiletries, and towels. The price for the weekend with accommodation, meals and programm is 220 USD in a single room and 190 USD per person for a shared room for adults. If you find that it's too much for you to participate, please, contact pastor Marita, 206-789-0864.

Your can sign-up to pastor Marita via e-mail pastor@finnishlutheranchurch.org. Please, tell also your allergies and food diet if you have any, when signing up, so we can inform the kitchen staff. Latest date to sign up is in the end of August.

Office hours

There will no office hours in July due to Pastor Marita's summer vacation. Starting from 11th of August the office hours weekly on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 pm and Thursdays from 4 to 6 pm.

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.



July and August 2026 at FLC

JULY

5th Sunday 10 am **Service: Apostle's Day** with Nina Tetri-Mustonen and Maria Männistö

12th Sunday 10 am **Service: 7th Sunday after Pentecost** with Nina Tetri-Mustonen and Maria Männistö

19th Sunday 10 am **Service: 8th Sunday after Pentecost** with Nina Tetri-Mustonen and Maria Männistö

26th 10 am **Service and Holy Communion: 9th Sunday after Pentecost** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

AUGUST

2nd Sunday 10 am **Service: 10th Sunday after Pentecost** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

9th Sunday 10 am **Service: 11th Sunday after Pentecost** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

16th Sunday **1 PM Bellevue St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Service: 12th Sunday after Pentecost** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

23rd Sunday 10 am **Service: 13th Sunday after Pentecost** with Marita Toivonen and Yvonne Vollan

23rd Sunday 12-1 pm Hiljaisuuden joogan harjoitus – Practice of Yoga on Stillness at Maki Hall

30th Sunday 10 am **Service and Holy Communion: 14th Sunday after Pentecost** with Marita Toivonen and Maria Männistö

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

Free Museum Visits continue in the autumn

Free Museums Visits during the spring time 2026 have been a great way to spend afternoon, enjoy cultural experiences, and meet people. Visits have been well received and well attented. Thank you to people to show up and make nice memories together!

Pastor Marita will continue organizing group visits to Seattle's Top Museums. Here is the program for autumn 2026. Let's go together and have a fun afternoon exploring interesting places!

Thursday 3rd September: National Nordic Museum NNM at 1 PM
(last call to see exhibition Moomins' Sea Adventures and Tove and the Sea until 6th September)
Price: 5 USD for Moomin exhibition, general admission is free on 3rd September

Thursday 1st October: Wing Luke Museum at 5 PM
Address: 719 S. King Street, Seattle, WA 98104
Price: Free on 1st October from 5 to 8 pm

Thursday 5th November: Northwest African American Museum NAAM at 1 PM
Address: 2300 South Massachusetts Street, Seattle, WA 98144
Price: 10 USD adults, 8 USD seniors (55+) and students

Thursday 3rd December: Museum of History and Industry MOHAI at 5 PM
Address: 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109
Price: Free on 3rd December from 5 to 8 pm

Let's go together to Mariners Value Game!

Seattle Mariners are playing at season 2026 a series of home games with low-priced game tickets at T-Mobile Park. Let's go together in May to watch and experience the game!

Game day is Thursday September 10th at 1 pm, Seattle Mariners vs.
Value tickets are 14 USD with taxes and service fees.

Send email to Pastor Marita latest on Sunday 6th September and Marita will buy the tickets for us all at the same row. Be ready to pay your ticket in cash or via Zelle to Marita.
We'll meet outside T-Mobile Park and go inside together as a group.

Womens' Clothing Exhange

The next Women's Clothing and Small Housewares exchange party will be **Saturday, July 11, 2026 at the Finnish Lutheran Church from 12-2:30**. Potluck items welcome.

This is a gigantic 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.

Afterwards, we'll donate left-over items to worthwhile causes or attendees could take some if they know of a clothing bank or another organization that could use them.

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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!