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Emmaus Newsletter



All Saints Day Service with Emmaus Choir Nov 5th. MS



Pulla & Karelian Pastry Baking teams worked hard and had fun too!!
Pastry baking team photo by TS
Pulla baking team photo by Leena Mökkönen



Kiitos kaikille lahjoittajille ja käytettyjen tavaroiden tuojille! Kiitos FinnGoods! Bazaar was Blessing!
Thank you everyone for your contributions!



Christmas Bazaar November 25—All the Karelian pastries and pullas were sold!



Bazaar photos by Marika Saarinen

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Suomalaiskirkon Ystäväkirje

Valmiina juhlaan - Ready for the Christmas



Joululaulut alkavat soimaan radio-kanavilla jo marraskuussa. Lahjojen hankinnat alkavat myös monissa perheissä hyvissä ajoin ennen joulua.

Joulua edeltää neljä adventtisunnuntaita. Adventti tulee latinan sanasta tuleminen. Adventtiajan raamatuntekstit puhuvat Kristuksen tulemisesta neljässä merkityksessä: – Jumalan tuleminen ihmiseksi Jeesuslapsessa (Kristuksen ensimmäinen tuleminen) – Jeesuksen tuleminen lupausten täyttäjänä kansansa keskelle – Kristuksen tuleminen sanassa ja pyhissä sakramenteissa seurakunnan keskelle ja ihmisten sydämiin – Kristuksen tuleminen kaikkeuden Herrana aikojen lopulla (Kristuksen toinen tuleminen). (kirkkokäsikirja/evankeliumikirja).

Joulukiireiden keskellä on hyvä muistaa, että saamme viettää Vapahtajamme syntymäjuhlaa. Se on joulun todellinen syy. Jeesus tuli tähän maailmaan ihmisiä varten. Kerran hän on tuleva takaisin kaikkeuden Herrana aikojen lopulla. Seurakunta elää yhtä aikaa Herran tulon odotuksessa ja jonyt Jumalan läsnäolossa, ylösnousseen, synnin ja kuoleman voittaneen Vapahtajan seurassa.

"Jumalan on kunnia korkeuksissa, maan päällä rauha ihmisillä, joita hän rakastaa." (Luuk. 2:14).

Tervetuloa Adventin ja Joulun tilaisuuksiin Emmauksessa!

Siunattua Joulun aikaa sekä Uutta Vuotta! Timo-pastori

Christmas carols start playing on radio channels already in November and many families have bought gifts well before Christmas.

Christmas is preceded by four Advent Sundays. Advent comes from the Latin word coming. The biblical texts of the Advent period speak of Christ's coming in four senses: - God's coming as a person in the child Jesus (the first coming of Christ) - Jesus' coming as a fulfiller of promises in the midst of his people - Christ's coming in the word and holy sacraments in the midst of the church and in the hearts of people - Christ's coming as the Lord of all at the end of times (the second coming of Christ). (Church handbook/gospel book).

In the middle of the Christmas rush, it's good to remember that we get to celebrate the birth of our Savior. It's the real reason for Christmas. Jesus came into this world for people. One day, at the end of the times, he will come back as Lord of all. The congregation lives at the same time in anticipation of the coming of the Lord and already in the presence of God, in the company of the resurrected Savior who has conquered sin and death.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14 Niv

Welcome to the Advent and Christmas events in Emmaus!

May God Bless Your Christmas and New Year! Pastor Timo

**On Our Way -
Kastehetkestä iankaikkisuuteen**

**IN MEMORIAM:
AURA COURTNEY 93 YRS
ELINA KATAJA 94 YRS**



*Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life.
He, who believes in me will live even though he dies."
John 11: 25*

Emmaus Church Council members presented:



Pat Hulme

1. where did I grow up?
I grew up just outside of Salmon Arm. We lived on a farm and raised or grew most of our own food. The farm was started by my grandparents, and is still in the family today. The area was settled by several Finnish families so we grew up with plenty of Finnish influences, such as the all important Sauna, and many Finnish dishes were made by my Mummo.

2. How long have I been on the church council?
I have been on the Emmaus council for about 22 years. But did take sometime off when we moved to Australia. To be involved is important to me.

3. What has been my favourite thing about summer camp?
Summer camp is something I have always looked forward to, In Salmon Arm I was a Girl Guide leader for 5 years and loved taking the girls camping. At our summer camps seeing the children and adults having fun enjoying the outdoors and the camaraderie that is formed is so rewarding.

4. How are you planning on spending Christmas?
I will be spending Christmas with my daughters and their families. We take turns cooking and going from one house to the next.

5. Any advice you would give to young people?
Young people today really need to get a good education, but enjoy their youth. Don't put all their trust in social media, go out and see the world.

6. Your favourite bible verse?
I have too many bible verses that I like, it depends on the moment. But I do like Psalm 133 and Isaiah 66-5, they speak to me at the moment.

**Christmas at Emmaus—Welcome!
Joulunajan tapahtumia –Tervetuloa!**

- ◆ Sun. 3.12 at 11am Finland's 106 yrs Independence Day Service, Choir, Revontulet, Coffee
- ◆ Sat. 9.12 at 6 pm Emmaus Christmas party—**Sing-along We also welcome performers of all ages!** If you would like to play, sing, dance, recite a poem, tell some jokes, show off your nunchuck skills.
- ◆ Sun. 10.12 at 11 am Kauneimmat joululaulut, Carols # 1 with Emmaus Choir, Coffee
- ◆ Sat. 16.12 at 1 pm Christmas party in West Kelowna
- ◆ Sun. 17.12 at 11 am Kauneimmat joululaulut, Carols #2
- ◆ Sun. 24.12 at 5 pm Bilingual Candle Light Service
- ◆ Mon. 25.12 at 11 am Bilingual Christmas Day Service, Choir
- ◆ Tues. 26.12 Christmas Party in Victoria at 12pm
** Sun 31.12 No Service*
- ◆ Mon. 1.1.2024 Uuden Vuoden juhla – New Year's Day Service at 12 pm.

Tulevat jumalanpalvelukset Victoriassa sekä Länsi-Kelownassa:
Victoria: Grace Lutheran-kirkossa, 1273 Fort St.
**Tues. at 12 pm! Dec 26th Christmas party,
Sat. at 2 pm! Feb 24 & May 4**
West Kelowna: Grace Lutheran-kirkossa, 1162 Hudson Rd.
**Sat. at 1 pm Dec 16 Christmas party
Sat. at 1 pm Jan 13, Feb 10, March 9,
April 13 & May 11**

Memorial Gifts



Muistolahjoituksia

Donors names not published on website...

*Thank You for your support!
May God Bless You!*



Memorial donations after Nov. 26 in the next Newsletter



****Tax receipts 2023 will be mailed in the next Newsletter at the end of January/early February.**

****Emmauksen jumalanpalvelukset sunnuntaisin ja joulunaikaan myös Zoomin kautta –Tervetuloa kirkkoon tai voit osallistua virtuaalisesti Zoomin kautta jumalanpalveluksiimme!**
We offer both in-person and online services! Huomaa eri Zoom-linkit jouluna ja uutena vuotena – see Zoom links for each meeting!
**If you would like to receive an email invitation to services via Zoom, please let me know: timo.emmaus@gmail.com*

zoom	Timo Saarinen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Emmaus Lutheran Church Sunday Service (including Carols on Sundays) at 11 am Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 858 3251 8901 Passcode: 3zqXaT	zoom	Timo Saarinen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Bilingual Candlelight Service Time: Dec 24, 2023 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 839 3323 5620 Passcode: 388 953	zoom	Timo Saarinen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Christmas Day Service at Emmaus Time: Dec 25, 2023 11:00AM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 874 6612 2599 Passcode: 403618	zoom	Timo Saarinen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: New Year's Day at Emmaus – Uuden vuoden juhla Emmauksessa Time: Jan 1, 2024 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 891 7670 6390 Passcode: 422066
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