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Ystävänäpäivän kirkko Emmauksessa 9.2. Celebrating Valentine's Day at Emmaus with the Choir!



Talvisodan päättymispäivän jumalanpalvelusta vietettiin Emmauksessa 9.3.2025. Kiitos kaikille esiintyjille ja osanottajille! Kiitokset naisille voileipä-kahvitarjoilusta! Commemorating the end of the Winter War Church service at Emmaus on March 9.



Kuoro esitti Terhi Miikki-Broersman johdolla laulut: Laulu Suomelle, Pohjalainen Uskonnustus, Finlandia ja Täällä Pohjantähden alla.



Esko Kajander toi veteraanien tervehdyksen Tammenlehvän perinneyhdistykseltä.



Matti Viitanen ja Seija Kronholm lauloivat "Pienet kukkivat kummut".



Sepele sankarivainajien muistoksi.



Meri Saarinen lausumassa V.A. Koskenniemen Kenttäpostia runoa.



Emmauksen myyjäisiä la 12.4 valmistellaan jo kovaa vauhtia. Muistathan tulla!! Kuvassa pullanleipojat: Seija, Eva, Jukka, Leena V., Leena M., Bibbi, Anne, Eleonora, Nina ja Emma. Emmaus Bazaar will be soon: April 12, Sat. at 11 am - Welcome!!



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Suomalaiskirkon Ystävälehti

Kevään iloja

The Joys of Spring



Keväinen luonto heräilee ympärillämme, silmut avautuvat puissa, maasta nousee kukkia, jotka sinne on siemeninä kylvetty. Silmuja voi pudota omien silmiemme päältä yhtä lailla ihastellessamme luontoa, nähdessämme ja kokiessamme Jumalan hyvyttä ympärillämme. Jeesus vertasi Jumalan valtakuntaa itsestään kasvavaan viljaan ja sinapinsiemeneseen, joka on pienin kaikista puutarhan siemenistä, mutta kasvaessaan se on suurin puu kaikista.

Tänä päivänä puhutaan paljon siitä mikä ihmistä voimaannuttaa, ja mikä taas kuluttaa ja vie voimia. Neuvoja ja tutkimuksia on moneksi, niin kuin on ihmisiäkin. Toiset tarvitsevat enemmän vetäytymistä ja omaa aikaa. Toisille taas lukuisat ihmissuhteet ovat elämän eliksiiriä. Joku lukee paljon, toinen viihtyy puutarhassa, joku nikkaroi-massa ja kunnostamassa taloa. On tärkeää löytää ja toteuttaa niitä asioita, jotka itseä ruokkivat ja virkistävät, ja välttää taas niitä, mitkä syövät miestä tai naista, kuten sanonta kuuluu.

Kevääseen kuuluu pääsiäisen ilo, Jeesuksen ylösnousemuksen juhla. Sitä edeltää Pitkäperjantai ja Jeesuksen ristinkuolema. Ilman kärsimystä ja kuolemaa ei ollut ylösnousemusta. Kristillinen kirkko ei ole mikä tahansa yhteisö tai harrastuskerho, vaan sen on perustanut Jeesus Kristus. Hän antoi tehtäväksi seuraajilleen viedä eteenpäin ilosanomaa, evankeliumia kaikille kansoille. Kirkon ydinsanoma on juuri pääsiäisessä. Jeesus voitti synnin ja kuoleman vallan nousemalla kuoilleista. Usko ylösnouseeseen Jeesukseen on myös avain taivaan iloon ja ikuiseen elämään, kun tämä elämä kerran tulee valmiiksi maan päällä.

Siunattua Pääsiäisen aikaa!
Timo-pastori

Spring nature awakens around us, buds open on the trees, flowers rise from the ground that have been sown there as seeds. When we admire nature, we see and experience God's goodness around us. Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a grain that grows by itself and a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all the seeds in the garden, but when it grows, it is the largest tree of all.

Today, there is much talk about what empowers a person, and what deprives strength. There is as much advice as there are people. Some need more retreat and their own time. For others, numerous relationships are the elixir of life. Some read a lot, others enjoy gardening, others do crafts and renovate the house. It is important to find and implement those things that nourish and refresh you, and avoid those that eat up you.

Spring includes the joy of Easter, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is preceded by Good Friday and Jesus' death on the cross. Without suffering and death, there was no resurrection. The Christian church is not just any community or country club, but was founded by Jesus Christ. He commissioned his followers to share the good news, the gospel, to all nations. The core message of the church is precisely in Easter. Jesus defeated the power of sin and death by rising from the dead. Faith in the resurrected Jesus is also the key to the joy of heaven and eternal life, when this life on earth is once completed.

Blessed Easter time! Pastor Timo

**On Our Way -
Kastehetkestä iankaikkisuuteen**

In Memoriam:

Eero Klemola 95 yrs



Pastoral services: If you have lost your loved one, we are happy to serve you and arrange Celebration of Life and Memorial Services at Emmaus.

Please don't hesitate to ask me also baptismal ceremonies or weddings at Emmaus! Pastor Timo

Tulevat jumalanpalvelukset Victoriassa sekä Länsi-Kelownassa:

***Victoria:** Grace Lutheran-kirkossa, 1273 Fort St.
Sat. at 2 pm May 24

****West Kelowna:** Grace Lutheran-kirkossa,
1162 Hudson Rd.
Sat. at 1 pm April 5 & May 3

Emmaus Church Council President's Greeting:

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the uncertain times we are facing—not just as a congregation, but as a world. Geopolitically and economically, we are witnessing changes that can feel destabilizing. The news around us, the global shifts, and the challenges we see within our own country, even within our community, can often stir feelings of unease. The future, both in the world and for our church, can seem unclear, and at times it may feel like we are walking in the midst of a storm.

However, in the midst of these uncertainties, I encourage us to focus on the pieces that we do have the power to impact. We may not know all the answers yet, but we can seek out the information we need and lean into what we do understand. Though the world around us may feel unsettling, we have an anchor in our faith, and when we come together, there is strength. We are a family in Christ, and as we move forward, together we can find the certainty and hope that will guide us.

There are a few key things we know right now and I will highlight two of them. I want to be transparent with you about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for our church:

1. Our Financial Situation: As many of you are aware, our current financial situation is one that requires urgent attention. While it's a daunting reality, it's one we are addressing head and primarily through the possible Finnish Canadian Rest Home Association (FCRHA) partnership.

2. FCRHA and Property: The FCRHA has informed us that they are interested in purchasing the property in the near future. The plan would involve us leasing the current church space from them, and as we have discussed in the past, would look to build the project in the next 3 to 5 years. However, due to economic changes that are affecting not just our church but also Canada and the world, the timeline for the building project has shifted due to FCRHA timeline. We are currently in the process of consulting with real estate lawyers and obtaining an updated property assessment. As soon as we have all the necessary information, including a formal offer from the FCRHA, we will bring this to the congregation. We are hoping to have these details and hold a special meeting before the summer, where we will discuss our next steps. I know this has been a long journey for many of us, and at times, it may feel like we take five steps forward and ten steps back. But I remain hopeful. I believe that, through God's guidance, we are on the brink of an exciting partnership that will benefit our church for years to come. Let us move forward with courage, knowing that even in times of uncertainty, we have the power to make an impact—through prayer, through action, and through our commitment to Emmaus.

Thank you for your ongoing support, your prayers, and your dedication to our church.

Sofia Joensuu

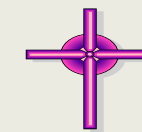
Emmauksen kevätmyyjäiset lauantaina huhtikuun 12 pv klo 11 – Tervetuloa!

Herkkuja voit ostaa leivonnaispöydästä: piirakat, pullat, kakut ja mämmiä! Suomituotteita (**FinnGoods**) myynnissä! Käytettyjen tavaroiden pöytä. Voit tuoda kirkolle hyvissä ajoin astioita, laukkuja, koruja ym. ehjää ja puhdasta tavaraa, jota et enää tarvitse (ei vaatteita, ei kenkiä, ei kirjoja). Piirakkatalkoot kirkolla ke 9.4 ja pe. 11.4.

Spring Bazaar at Emmaus on Saturday, April 12, at 11 am – Welcome!

You can buy delicacies: pies, buns and cakes and Mämmi! **FinnGoods** products for sale. The table of used goods, a rummage sale. You can bring to the church in advance dishes, bags, jewelry, etc. intact and clean items that you no longer need yourself. (no clothes, no books) Karelian pie baking at Emmaus on Wed. April 9 and Fri. April 11.

Memorial Gifts



Muistolahjoituksia

Donors names not printed on the website...

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



Donations after March 23rd will be published in the next Newsletter.



Kuoron Kevätkonsertti su. 27.4 klo 11 Mukana Sherman Andrus! – Tervetuloa!
Kuoron kahvitarjoilu!
Emmaus Choir Spring Concert with Sherman Andrus Sunday April 27, at 11 am. Coffee by Choir – Welcome!

Mukulamessu lapsiperheille ja kaikenikäisille sunnuntaina 4.5. klo 11. Tarjoilua! – Tervetuloa!



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Finnish and Bilingual services at Emmaus on Sundays

Timo Saarinen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Emmaus Lutheran Church

Sunday Service at 11 am (every Sunday same Zoom link!)

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 858 3251 8901

Passcode: 3zqXaT

Emmauksen jumalanpalvelukset sunnuntaisin myös Zoomin kautta – Tervetuloa kirkkoon tai voit osallistua virtuaalisesti Zoomin kautta jumalanpalveluksiimme!

We offer both in-person and online services!

****If you would like to receive an email invitation to services via Zoom, please let me know: timo.emmaus@gmail.com ***Zoom links are also available in website www.emmauslutheran.ca**



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