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# Emmaus Newsletter



Seija, Anja, Päivi, Seija ja Leena kansallispuvuissa

Emmaus Christmas Party Dec 14. Thanks to the all performers & Santa & Ladies for puuro & refreshments!



Victoria Christmas Party Dec 26th.

Most Beautiful Carols—Kauneimpia joululauluja kuoron johdolla 21.12. Kaunis kiitos musiikin johdosta Terhille, sekä Dougille ja Ryanille, Jacobille, Karille ja Annalle ja kaikille upeille kuorolaisille!



Majataloilta la 17.1. Ilkka Puhakan tulkkina Eleonora Joensuu.

Pekka Simojoki ja Emmauskuoro Terhin johdolla.

Jukka Jämsen opettamassa rukouksesta.



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# Suomalaiskirkon Ystäväkirje

Rohkeasti kristitty - Courageously Christian



Pekka Simojoki, Ikka Puhakka ja Jukka Jämsen vierailivat hiljattain Kanadassa Suomi-Konferenssin kutsumina. Emmauksessa he pitivät Majataloilta ja olivat mukana sunnuntai jumalanpalveluksessa. Väkeä oli mukavasti liikkeellä, ja palaute oli hyvin myönteistä. Useat kertoivat saaneensa elämäänsä rohkaisua ja virkistystä.

Simojoen musiikki on hoitanut ja yhdistänyt kristittyjä Suomessa ja maailmankin yli kirkkokuntarajojen. Ilkka Puhakka on taas tehnyt pitkän uran evankeliumin julistajana, ja erityisesti hänet muistetaan Siperian vankilatyöstä. Jukka Jämsen on taas kokenut pastori, lähetyssaarnaaja ja rukouksen opettaja.

Yhteistä näillä miehillä on julistaa ja pitää esillä Jeesusta ja Jumalan sanaa, sekä elämään rohkeasti kristittyinä. Sanonta "polkupyörää ei tarvitse keksiä uudestaan", pitää hyvin paikkansa myös kristinuskossa. Polkupyörä on olemassa, Raamattu ja Jeesus on totta. Haaste on siinä kuinka polkupyörää käytämme. Pidämmekö sitä varastossa käyttämättömänä tai vain erityisiä ajoja varten, vai kulkeeko se mukana arjessamme?

Sellainenkin sanonta on, että menestyksen salaisuus on olla läsnä ja tulla paikalle. Seurakunnassa ei tarvitse tehdä ihmeitä ja kummia muuta kuin tulemalla paikalle. Jokaisen ihmisen läsnäolo tuo mukanaan jotain ainutlaatuisia ja persoonallista. Silloin on myös tilaa Jumalan moninaisten lahjojen esille tulemiseen ja vaikutukseen toinen toistemme kautta.

Siunattua alkukevättä!  
Timo-pastori

Pekka Simojoki, Ilkka Puhakka and Jukka Jämsen recently visited Canada at the invitation of the Finnish Conference. They held a Guesthouse Evening at Emmaus and participated in the Sunday service. There was a good turnout, and the feedback was very positive. Many people said that they had received encouragement and refreshment in their lives.

Simojoki's music has nurtured and united Christians in Finland and around the world, across denominational boundaries. Ilkka Puhakka has made a long career as a preacher of the gospel and is particularly remembered for his work in prisons in Siberia. Rev. Jukka Jämsen is again an experienced pastor, missionary and teacher of prayer.

What these men have in common is proclaiming and presenting Jesus and the Word of God and living fearlessly as Christians. The saying "there is no need to reinvent the bicycle" is also very true in Christianity. The bicycle exists; the Bible and Jesus are true. The challenge is how we use the bicycle. Do we keep it in storage unused or only for special rides, or does it accompany us in our everyday lives? There is also a saying that the secret to success is to be present and to be there. In the church, there is no need to perform miracles and wonders other than to be there. Each person's presence brings something unique and personal. Then there is also room for the diverse gifts of God to emerge and to have a blessed impact on each other.

Have a Blessed Early Spring!  
Pastor Timo

**On Our Way -  
Kastehetkestä iankaikkisuuteen**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
SAARA MIKKOLA 96 YRS  
PEKO RAITAMO 93 YRS  
ELVI SARAVA 95 YRS  
EILA PARVIAINEN  
ANNIKKI KUITULA 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

**Kirkon vuosikokous** su. 8.3.2026 klo 11  
jumalanpalveluksen jälkeen!

Tervetuloa mukaan! Nyyttikestikahvit

**Annual Congregational Meeting** Sunday March 8,  
following 11 am Service.  
Welcome! Potluck Coffee

**Tulevat jumalanpalvelukset Victoriassa sekä  
Länsi-Kelownassa:**

**Victoria:** Grace Lutheran Church, 1273 Fort St.  
**Sat. at 2 pm Feb 28 & April 25**

**West Kelowna:** Grace Lutheran Church,  
1162 Hudson Rd.

**Sat. at 1 pm Feb 21, March 21,  
April 18 & May 23**

**Emmauksen kevätmyyjäiset lauantaina  
maaliskuun 28 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 keskiviikkona 25.3 ja perjantaina 27.3.

**Spring Bazaar at Emmaus on Saturday,  
March 28, at 11 am—Welcome!**

You can buy delicacies: pies, buns, 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. Recycling works. (no clothes,  
shoes, or books) Karelian pie baking at Emmaus on  
Wednesday March 25, and Friday March 27.

**Emmaus Church Council President's Message**

*In the midst of winter, we're thankful for our church  
community and the support we share. It is a time of  
year that the darkness of the days asks us to slow down  
and reflect. Reflection can invoke gratitude but it can  
also include disappointment and uncertainty which can  
invoke feelings of unease or even fear. The unknown  
can be uncomfortable, yet it is woven into both life and  
faith. For us as a church family, this season calls us to  
reflect deeply on where we have come from—the  
challenges we've faced, the faith that has sustained us,  
and the community we have lovingly built together. We  
give thanks for the ways God has guided us and  
provided strength along the way. As a community, we  
have the ability to remain present in it and move  
forward together.*

*In the spirit of embracing the unknown, we wanted to  
share an update regarding the sale of the property.  
Earlier this month, there was a vote at the City of  
Burnaby to approve an envisioned project of the Buyer,  
and unfortunately the project was not approved. Given  
the outcome, the Buyer has informed us that they  
cannot move forward with the purchase of the property.  
This was not the situation we had hoped for or  
expected, however in this process we have learned to  
be flexible and trust that the right solution will come.  
The property is back on the market, showings have  
already begun, and we anticipate more offers in the  
near future. We will update the congregation as soon as  
we have some more clarity about when we will know  
more about offers and timelines. While uncertainty can  
feel challenging, it is part of both life and faith, and we  
move forward with trust and confidence together.  
Please feel free to reach out to Timo, myself or the  
council with any questions.*

*Wishing all the best,  
Sofia Joensuu*

**Memorial Gifts + Muistolahjoituksia**

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on the website...

Kiitos tuestanne ja  
muistamisestanne!  
Thank You for your support!  
May God Bless You!

\*\*Donations received  
after Feb 1st will be printed  
in the April-May newsletter.



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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**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting ID: 858 3251 8901**

**Passcode: 3zqXaT**

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

**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](http://www.emmauslutheran.ca)

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