



# KIRKKOPULLETIINI FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## JULY 2010 HEINÄKUU

### A Time to Stand and A Time to Move!

The Church has “pillars” and “movers.” It needs both those who stand firm and uphold the Truth and those who push for change, when needed.

Luke says: “In Him (God) we live and move and have our being...” (Acts 17:28) And Paul says that James and Cephas (Peter) and John were “acknowledged pillars” who “recognized the grace that had been given” to Paul to move the Gospel to Gentiles. (Galatians 2:9).

And so after the Pentecost outpouring of the Holy Spirit “the Church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth” (I Timothy 3:15) spread among Jewish and Gentile peoples.

A story I found some time ago speaks of “Pillars and Caterpillars.”

“There are two kinds of people in the Church...Pillars and Caterpillars. The pillars hold up the Church, and the Caterpillars simply go in and out.

When I first heard this quotation, I took it to mean the caterpillars are the bad guys and the pillars are the good guys. But the more I thought about it, the more I wondered. Pillars do not change. They are made of stone. Sometimes people get so intent on holding up the Church they become too set in their ways. They support the Church, but they forget about God, who is “the Triune One the Church is all about. Perhaps they ‘hold up’ the Church in another way and keep it from advancing.

Caterpillars, on the other hand, are alive. As long as they keep ‘going in and out,’ — ‘In’ to receive the Word and Sacraments and to worship, praise, and pray, and ‘out’ to spread the Good News in the world — they are moving and changing and becoming. And we all know what happens to caterpillars — the Big Change which comes when they break out of the cocoon and they lift their beautiful wings.

And so it goes both ways. The pillars would profit by adding ‘cater’ to their name, and breaking out of their stony shells. And the caterpillars should remember that their last name is ‘pillar,’ and that they had better do their share of the ‘upholding’ so that there will continue to be a church in this place to go in and out of!”

God, the Son Jesus Christ moved in his ministry too slowly for some with different ideas. When He came to a motionless halt at His death on the cross, many concluded that it was all over. But He rose victorious over sin and death and the butterfly became the symbol of that victory. Jesus was transformed and revealed for who He was: the one who could and would set humans in motion to serve God and neighbor. And Christ’s risen word for the faithful: “If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it.” (Rev. 3:12)

See you with the Church at worship and going out to serve!

Greetings from Pastor Kangas

**Finnish Lutheran  
Church  
Mission Statement**

Led by Christ's love,  
and empowered by  
the Holy Spirit, we  
gather in our worship  
around Word and  
Sacrament to Praise  
God.

We study and learn  
God's Word in  
order to strengthen  
and serve one  
another within our  
community and  
beyond



Ladies Singing on Fathers Day at the Finnish Lutheran Church

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Aaro, Aaron	2 Maaria, Kukka-Maaria, Maija, Maiju, Maikki, Mari, Maria, Marika, Meeri	3 Arvo
4 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost American Independence Day Pastor Kangas Organist: Maria Männistö  Ulla, Ulpu	5 Untamo, Unto	6 Esa, Esaias	7 Klaus, Launo	8 Turkka, Turo	9 Ilta, Jasmin	10 Saima, Saimi
11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Lundahl Organist: Maria Männistö  Eleonoora, Elli, Nelli, Noora	12 Herkko, Herman, Hermann	13 Ilari, Joel, Lari	14 Aliisa	15 Rauna, Rauni	16 Reino	17 Ossi, Ossian
18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Transfiguration Sunday Kirkastussunnuntai Pastor Liljenstolpe Organist: Maria Männistö  Riikka	19 Saara, Salla, Salli, Sara, Sari	20 Maaret, Maarit, Margareeta, Marketta, Reeta, Reetta	21 Hanna, Hanne, Hannele, Jenna, Jenni, Joanna, Johanna, Jonna	22 Leena, Leeni, Lenita, Mataleena, Matleena	23 Oili, Olga	24 Kiia, Kirsi, Kirsti, Krista, Kristiina, Tiina
25 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Lundahl Kalevala Trio  Jaakko, Jaakob, Jaakoppi	26 Martta	27 Heidi	28 Atso	29 Olavi, Olli, Uolevi, Uoti	30 Asta	31 Elena, Helena



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**Finnish Lutheran Church** is located in Ballard , 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!

## Lempin Terveiset

Kyllä kesä vielä joskus saapuu Seattleenkin. Älkää menettäkö toivoa. Kyllä täällä todella tuntui kolealta, kun saavuin kotiin. Olen ollut viimeiset kaksi viikkoa Hawaiiin lämmössä ja kyllä se tuntui hyvältä, vaikka lämpö oli yli 80 astetta yölläkin. On se toisaalta mukavaa, kun lapsia riittää ympäri Yhdysvaltoja. Minun kolmas tytär Paula on asunut Hawaiiilla lähes 30 vuotta. Oli taas aika vieraila siellä vaihteeksi. Päivät menivät ihan liian nopeasti, tuli taas nähdä saaren jylhää kaunista luontoa. Tulivuoresta en nähnyt edes savuakaan, vaikka se on toiminut siellä noin 25 vuotta.

Luonto on ihmeellisen rehevää, kukat ja puut kukkivat sekä tuoksuvat ihanalta. Linnut ovat aamuisin laulemassa, niin kuin Seattlessakin. Meidän Taivaallinen Isämme on ihmeellisesti suunnitellut myöskin tämän kasvillisuuden ja kauniin luonnon, Ja myöskin asukkaat. Hawaiiin ihmiset ovat erikoisen

iloisia, herttaisia ja ystävällisiä meille vierailijoillekin.

Heillä on oma perinteellinen kulttuurinsa jota kunnioittavat ja rakastavat, niin kuin meillä toisillakin, myöskin uskonnon vapaus. Siellä on Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist, Christian, ym. Kaikki sulassa sovussa keskenään. Ukulailin soittoa kuulee myöskin kirkollisissa ohjelmissa. On myöskin tämä Kunigarar Pele joka säätää tulivuoren toiminnan. Kun maasta alkaa tulla tuiskimaan, niin joku on pahoittanut Pelen mieltä. Koitetaan lepyttää Peleä kukkakimpulla ja monella hausalla tavalla.

Annetaan kiitos korkeimmalle kun Pele on hyvällä päällä. Niin sielläkin: `Turvani on Jumalassa, turvassa on paremmassa. Kuin on tähti taivahalla, lintu emon siiven alla.` Lämmintä kesää toivoo

Lempi.

### Borrowed Wisdoms

Lord, teach me to give thanks for what I have, rather than pine for what I don't have. Dear Lord, in all bright and beautiful I see Your great love and creativity. We are just the clay pot, Jesus is the true treasure within us.

God provides the power we need to persevere. Service done well here on earth, will receive a "Well done" in heaven. Never be afraid to entrust the unknown future, to the all – knowing God. Man's greatest goal is bringing glory to God.

A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. When you're working for Jesus, it's always too soon to quit.

The only way to make things is right, is to admit you're wrong. To prepare for tomorrow, trust Jesus today.

- I wish that summer will come soon.

Lempi.