

New Hope Lutheran

Newsletter

March 2024

From the Pastor's Pen....

MARY



March promises us spring. Sunny days are clearly warmer, although the weather can be quite unpredictable. There is a saying in Italy that you should always bring an umbrella in March. Maybe in

these latitudes I would still bring a scarf and gloves.

We have already entered the season of Lent. Before we know it, March will be over and we will be living the Easter season. In our congregation, this year we are experimenting with how the Lenten series works every other week in Finnish and English. The place also changes every other week, between Finlandia Village chapel and Regent Street. Experiments and renewal can also be done in the church. Sometimes it's the only option.

The Sunday that remembers and honors Mary falls in the middle of March in the Finnish church year. I suppose it's some sort of memory from Roman Catholicism, and for some a bit of a strange holiday: What should a Lutheran think about Mary, and even in the middle of Lent? In the Canadian Lutheran church, Annunciation of our Lord is celebrated on the 25th of March, but not specifically at a Sunday service. Of course, some genius has calculated that in March it will be exactly 9 months until Christmas, i.e. the birth of Jesus. Aha!

Martin Luther had a lot to say about the saints and also about Mary, of whose position as intercessors he was critical. The Christian's only intercessor is Jesus Christ; no other middlemen or women are needed. Luther uses Mary and her

life as an example of God's grace and way of working. During her life, Mary experienced suffering and anxiety, according to Luther, this is a comforting example for other Christians. The suffering experienced by the mother of Christ gives comfort to other sufferers. Mary is also an example through her eternal virginity, but not as we think, concretely and physically, but spiritually: Just as Mary is untouchable in marriage under the authority of a man, the Christian is also free from the authority of the law thanks to the liberating effect of the gospel. Although Mary's faith is profound and exemplary, Mary's exemplary nature also includes her fallibility. God takes away this faith from Mary so that she would understand that she needs God and not fall back on her own merits. Mary considers herself the greatest of sinners and is therefore, according to Luther, a true saint. Mary's faith is also exemplary because Mary strives to grow in it after her mistake. Luther

sees the mother of Jesus as an exemplary Christian and a Christian example in several different ways. Mary's exemplary faith, when the angel announced that she would become pregnant under the influence of the Holy Spirit, is



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apt to inspire and support Christians when matters of faith seem contrary to reason and impossible.

During Lent, we are invited to see and wonder, like Mary, at God's wonderful works. The focus of Lent is on Easter, on the resurrection of Christ, which takes place by God's power and love. Although it can sometimes be difficult and strange for us to understand, we can believe in the Resurrection even though it is against reason and impossible. We don't have much faith, even more faithlessness, but we can trust that God will give you faith even when it is impossible to find it yourself. Jesus Christ prays without ceasing for you and your faith. Amen.

Pastor Johanna

Council Corner

Here is the news from the February Council Meeting.

1. The Finlandia Village New Hope Church office is now located on the main floor at Lepokoti.
2. Suomi Conference 2024 information and registration is now on the church website and people are encouraged to register early.
3. The new church council will be installed at both worship services on March 10, 2024.
4. Council agreed for the church to assist six confirmation students with \$240 each toward the cost of attending camp Lutherlyn. When the students are assisting with coffee at fellowship, the coffee money will go towards their camp costs.

God Bless you and keep you safe.

Marita Saari
Secretary, NHL Council

Remembering

Aili Elina Mäntylä 87 yrs

Upcoming events

English Worship and Sunday School

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 11:30pm
Regent St

Finnish Worship

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 9:30am
Voima

Kahvi Time

March 6, 13, 20, 27 10 - 1 Regent St

Kammari

March 5, 12, 19, 26 2:00pm Impola

Mission Circle

March 20 2:00pm Finlandia

Council Mtg

March 12 6:30pm Regent St

LCW

March 13 11:00am Regent St

Meadowbrook

March 12 10:00am

Finnish Lenten Service

March 7, 21 6:00 Lenten Service
Finlandia Chapel

English Lenten Service

March 14 5:30 Souper-Time
Regent St
6:15 Lenten Service
Regent St

Maundy Thursday March 28

2:00 Finnish service Voima
6:00 Souper-Time with Trinity
Regent St
7:00 English service with Trinity
Regent St.

Good Friday March 29

9:30 Finnish service Voima
9:30 English service with Trinity
Regent St.

Easter Sunday March 31

9:30 Finnish service Voima
11:30 English service and
Sunday School Regent St

Readings for March

March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading	Exodus 20:1 – 17
Psalm	Psalm 19
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18 – 25
Gospel	John 2:13 – 22

March 10, 2024 4th Sunday in Lent

First Reading	Number 21:4 – 9
Psalm	Psalm 107:1 – 3, 17 – 22
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:1 – 10
Gospel	John 3:14 – 21

March 17, 2024 5th Sunday in Lent

First Reading	Jeremiah 31:31 – 34
Psalm	Psalm 19:9– 16
Second Reading	Hebrews 5:5 – 10
Gospel	John 12:20 – 33

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4 – 9a
Psalm	Psalm 31:9 – 16
Second Reading	Philippians 2:5 - 11
Gospel	Mark 11:1– 11

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday

First Reading	Exodus 12:1 – 14
Psalm	Psalm 116:1 – 2, 12 – 19
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 11:23 – 26
Gospel	John 13:1 – 17, 31b – 35

March 29, 2024 Good Friday

First Reading	Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
Psalm	Psalm 22
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14– 16, 5:7– 9
Gospel	John 18:1 – 19:42

March 31, 2024 Easter

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6 – 9
Psalm	Psalm 118:1 – 2, 14 – 24
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11
Gospel	John 20:1 – 18

Finlandia NHLC office has moved!

If you are looking for the NHLC church office at Finlandia we have moved! We are now located on the main floor of Lepokoti, across from the Doctor's office.

Our secretary, Hilikka, is there Tuesdays from 10-12. Drop by and say hello! The office is small, but all the new signs are up, including the "New Hope Lutheran Church" sign on the door. For now we will still be keeping the old office on the 3rd floor for storage.



Chairman's Report

March has arrived and with its arrival, our Lenten season continues. During the season of Lent, we are holding services on Thursday's alternating between Finlandia and Regent Street. Please check the calendar for location and time.

March also brings us two other events. On Sunday March 10 we need to turn our clocks forward to start Day light savings time and on March 21 we get to welcome the first day of spring. With spring just around the corner, we start to think about planting seeds for new growth and watching existing plants awake from their winter slumber and begin a new season.

Spring is hopefully also the start of the construction season at Finlandia. We should see the start of the Tammi Koti building. Our new worship space will be located on the second floor of this building. As I write this article Finlandia has plans to break ground for the building and rearrange roads and parking this spring. The timing of this is dependent on getting an approved building permit and acquiring an acceptable tender for the construction of the project.

The construction phase for the new building will be at least 2 years. During that time there will be disruptions to traffic flow and parking around Lepokoti. This may result in some parking issues for our Sunday services. Hopefully these will be minimal.

As the weather warms I hope you take time to go outside and enjoy the warmer sunny days and prepare for spring

Jimmy Krats
Chairperson

Financial Reports

2024	
January	
Envelopes	\$7,678.00
Interest	\$1.10
Memorial	\$145.00
Chaplaincy at	
Finlandia	\$1,455.00
Other	\$1,911.75
Total Income	\$11,190.85
Expenses	\$18,790.32
Bank Accounts	
Memorial	\$26,204.67
Current	\$36,429.71
Building Fund	\$1,628.30
Food Bank	\$220.00
Choir	\$700.34
Mission Circle	\$943.87
	\$66,126.89
Investments	
ELFEC Current	\$291,696.34
ELFEC Memorial	\$217,218.02
	\$508,914.36

PAR

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) is a great way to contribute each month, to support your church.

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On the Facebook PAGE, click "like" and "following".

New Hope Lutheran Newsletter is created and translated by volunteers each month in both English and Finnish. The Newsletter accepts articles and pictures having to do with our church, its members or items of interest. Please send submissions to office@nhlc.ca and please keep all articles to under 250 words. We cannot guarantee to use all submissions, but will try our best! Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month in order to have time to translate. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Paula Reynolds through the church's office.

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March / Maaliskuu 2024

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* Pastor Porkola's days off
* Pastori Porkolan vapaapäivät

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 Messu + Voima Hall 11:30 Worship service + and Sunday School Regent St.	4 6:30 Luther Bells Regent St	5 2:00 Kammari Impola	6 10 -1 Kahvi Time	7 10:00 Ehtoollishartaus Hoivakoti kappeli 10:30 Kirkkokuoro Impola 6:00 Paastonajan hartaus Finlandia Chapel	1 *	2 *
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31 EASTER / PÄÄSIÄINEN 9:30 Messu + Voima Hall 11:30 Worship Service + and Sunday School Regent	PASTOR IN OFFICE / TOIMISTOSSA Regent St Wed 10 - 12		OFFICE OPEN / TOIMISTO AUKI Regent St Finlandia Tues 10 - 12			

*Look, I am making
everything new.*

Suomi Conference
May 31 - June 2, 2024
Sudbury, Ontario

New Hope Lutheran Church
Sudbury, Ontario
(705) 673-2933
office@nhlc.ca



SUOMI CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2024

Friday May 31, 2024

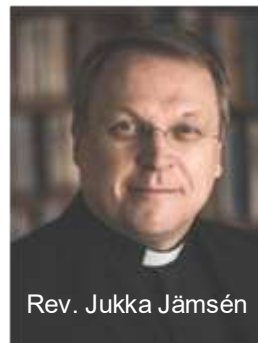
3:00 Registration begins
3:30 Board meeting
5:00 Supper
5:30 Choir practise
6:00 Evening gathering
7:30 Taize-prayer
8:00 Sauna
8:00 Evening Snack

Sunday June 2, 2024

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Choir practise
10:00 Bilingual Worship and
Sunday School
12:00 Lunch

Saturday June 1, 2024

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning prayer
9:30 Greetings from congregations
11:00 Bible studies Finnish and English
12:00 Lunch
12:30 Choir practise
1:00 Listening Prayer by Jukka Jämsén
3:00 Annual meeting
4:00 Workshops
5:00 Supper
6:00 Concert
7:00 Sauna
8:00 Evening Snack



Rev. Jukka Jämsén



Rev. Paul Gehrs
Asst. to National
Bishop

Suomi Conference 2024
will take place at beautiful
Hannah Lake Bible Centre
2469 Southview Drive
Sudbury, Ontario

SUOMI CONFERENCE, MAY 31 – JUNE 2, 2024

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

held at Hannah Lake Bible Centre

2469 Southview Drive, Sudbury, Ontario

REGISTRATION FORM / ILMOITTAUTUMISKAAVAKE

Please send your completed form to us by **May 1, 2024**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____

Advance \$139.00 meal package to be paid by May 1: No. of persons: _____ x \$139 = \$_____

Advance child meal package \$70 to be paid by May 1: No of children: _____ x \$ 70 = \$_____

Includes Friday supper and snack, Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper, and snack

Sunday breakfast and lunch.

There is no separate registration fee to attend.

Total: \$_____

If you wish to purchase individual meals, please see back of this page.

Etukäteen tilattu \$139.00 ruokapaketti maksettava 1.5. mennessä.

Etukäteen tilattu \$70.00 lapsen ruokapaketti maksettava 1.5. mennessä

Paketti sisältää perjantain illallisen ja iltapala, lauantain aamiaisen, lounaan, illallisen ja iltapala, sunnuntain aamiaisen ja lounaan.

Ei ole erillistä ilmoittautumismaksua.

Jos haluat ostaa yksittäisiä aterioita, katso tämän sivun takaosa.

Please note any food allergies. Ilmoita jos on ruoka-allergioita. _____

Please send your registration form and cheque to NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH as soon as possible so that we can finalize details of the conference and determine the number of people attending. Registration forms can also be sent by e-mail and payments can be made by e-transfer to office@nhlc.ca

Ole hyvä ja lähetä ilmoittautumislomakkeesi ja vahvista asia mahdollisimman pian NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH:lle, jotta voimme viimeistellä konferenssin yksityiskohdat ja selvittää osallistujamäärän. Ilmoittautumislomakkeet voi lähettää myös sähköpostitse ja maksun voi suorittaa e-transfer:n kautta osoitteeseen office@nhlc.ca

Mail to: New Hope Lutheran Church
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Would you like to receive the "Combined Choir" music by email?

Haluatko saada "Yhteiskuoron" nuotit sähköpostissa?

YES

KYLLÄ

NO

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Suomi Conference Registration continued ...

If you would like to purchase separate meals, please select the meal on the list below.

Jos haluat ostaa erilliset ateriat, valitse ateriat alla olevasta listasta.

All meals are to be paid in advance by May 1, 2024 to New Hope Lutheran Church.

Kakki ateriat on maksettava etukäteen 1.5.2024 mennessä New Hope Lutheran Church:lle.

Single meal prices:

Friday

Supper	\$20.00	_____
Snack	\$10.00	_____

Saturday

Breakfast	\$12.00	_____
Coffee	free will offering	
Lunch	\$15.00	_____
Supper	\$35.00	_____
Snack	\$10.00	_____

Sunday

Breakfast	\$12.00	_____
Lunch	\$25.00	_____

Total \$ _____

Yksittäiset ateriahinnat

Perjantai

Illallinen	\$20.00	_____
Ilta-pala	\$10.00	_____

Lauantai

Aamiainen	\$12.00	_____
Kahvi	vapaaehtoinen	
Lounas	\$15.00	_____
Illallinen	\$35.00	_____
Ilta-pala	\$10.00	_____

Sunnuntai

Aamiainen	\$12.00	_____
Lounas	\$25.00	_____

Yhteensä \$ _____

Children's meals are half adult price

Lasten ateriat ovat puolet aikuisten hinnasta