

# TÕE TERA / THE SOWER - NOVEMBER

ST. PETER'S ESTONIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF TORONTO

EELK Toronto Peetri Kogudus



## UUDISED / NEWS

### EELK Archbishop Urmas Viilma's Visit October 29th

At the time of writing, Archbishop Viilma is scheduled to visit St. Peter's on October 29th. A reception will follow the service. If you are unable to attend, the service will be videotaped, and will be available to view on the church's YouTube channel at: [www.youtube.com/@eelktorontopeetrikogudus8966](http://www.youtube.com/@eelktorontopeetrikogudus8966)



Chung Lee, Pastor Pamela, and Väino Einola.

Bible readings were done by Linda Laikve and Toomas Trei. Part of Pastor Pamela's message referred to the Estonian

### English-language Service

With the blessings of Bishop Pryse, our pastoral supply minister Pamela Kormano held a beautiful English language service on Sunday, October 1st. Organist Chung Lee.



shawl she is wearing above - how individual threads come together to form a unique, one-of-a-kind tapestry that can be handed down for generations to come.

The next English-language service will be held on November 5th with a little Estonian added. We will be remembering our dearly departed ones.

*Palve: Surma tõsidust mind tundma eluajal õpeta, et võin kohtus aru anda, Issand, kui seal küsid Sa, kuidas aega kasutasin, mille Sinult kingiks sain, kas ma selles ustav olin, mis mu hooleks andsid Sa? Tundmatu autor*

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### Kantselei Tunnid/Office Hours

Teisipäeval/Tues. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Kolmapäeval/Wed. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
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## Maintenance & Repairs



Don't be alarmed if you see ladders and men on our beautiful copper roof. Repairs for the minor leaks will be done in the next few weeks, dependent upon the weather.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Ken Kakoullis, for helping us to secure tenants for our church apartment.

Ken has an almost 50-year real estate career and is a seasoned leader and business owner/manager, capable of dealing with all types of people at all levels of business.

He has mentored, trained, overseen, and reviewed the activities of real estate agents and

mortgage specialists for both commercial and residential clients and has overseen a



sales force of about 180 representatives, and about 30 mortgage agents. He is the founder, President and CEO of multiple real estate offices, a licensed real estate and mortgage broker, sales person, and instructor. He has recruited, trained, and motivated over 3500 sales representatives.

With his very expert knowledge and background, Ken **provided all his services to the church free of charge** including listing our rental, and preparing necessary rental agreement contracts. He has agreed to be our "voluntary property manager".

Ken has been an invaluable source of information to us and we appreciate his professionalism and his heartfelt care in helping our church. He invites you to contact him at anytime for advice.

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## REGISTRATION

### Confirmation Classes

If your child is interested in going to Confirmation this year, please advise the office as soon as possible to ensure that classes can be organized.



### Sunday School

It is our hope that we will begin to offer Sunday School commencing January 2024, to be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Please begin to register your child with the office immediately.

"What was your sermon on this week?" one preacher asked his friend.

"I preached on the rich man's responsibility to give to the poor," the other answered.

"How'd it go?"

"Well," he sighed, "I know I convinced the poor."

**Pauluse kirik Koloslastele 3:23-24** "Mida te iial teete, seda tehke kogu hingest, nõnda nagu Issandale ja mitte nagu inimestele, teades, et te saate Issandalt palgaks pärisosa. Teenige Issandat Kristust!"

**Colossians 3:23-24** "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ."

## Looking for Volunteers

Would you like to help out our church community? We have many volunteer opportunities:

### **Pastoral Care Committee**

We are looking for individuals to be a part of our "Friendly Calls Program". Contact Anne Keelmann at [akeelmann@rogers.com](mailto:akeelmann@rogers.com)

### **Sunday School & Youth Work**

Are you interested in working with our young people? Do you like teaching Sunday School lessons? songs? organizing Sunday School events? providing snacks? Please contact Tiiu Roiser at [tiiu-roiser@rogers.com](mailto:tiiu-roiser@rogers.com), or Tiina Jenkins in the office.

### **St. Peter's Guild**

Do you like helping to help out with church events? Contact the Guild's Chairwoman Aida Shelton at 416-483-3761 (home) 437-432-1512 (cell) or by email at: [aida.shelton@sympatico.ca](mailto:aida.shelton@sympatico.ca)

Would you like to participate in services by greeting people at the door? Reading Bible passages? Do you have a musical talent you'd like to share? What can each of us contribute to enrich our church community?

The fact that there's a highway to hell, and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.



## HERITAGE MOMENTS IN HISTORY

We are pleased to announce a new addition to our monthly Bulletin - a section called "Heritage Moments in History". Each month, a significant moment, event, story, or person in our congregation's history will be featured.

Why is it important for us to honour our congregation's memories, the people that built, worked at the congregation and church, and the events that have occurred here?

Preserving our memories is an essential part of recognizing and celebrating our past. If we don't examine our artifacts and the stories behind them, we will not be able to fully understand where we came from or how the world we know today came to be.

We all want to be connected to something bigger and knowing that there are those who paved the way before us and those who will come after, gives us a sense of continuity and belonging. Knowing the origins of who we are helps us to better

understand ourselves and brings us in touch with the world around us.

Memories, however, can also be fleeting. Even the memories of big events can deteriorate over time if not properly tended to. Without preservation, even the most important moments will begin to fade over time.

Also, culture is an ever-changing enigma that shifts and adapts with each generation that passes. Preserving our congregation's memories not only holds emotional significance, but also cultural significance.

Because history gives us the tools to analyze and explain problems in the past, it positions us to see patterns that might otherwise be invisible in the present – thus providing a crucial perspective for understanding (and solving!) current and future problems.

**We invite submissions from you, our congregation members, to share your memories with us.**

## HERITAGE MOMENTS IN HISTORY

### Featuring Ernestine Tahedl

One of the most beautiful aspects of our church are the magnificent stained glass windows created by Canadian artist Ernestine Tahedl. Of Austrian descent, she received a Master's Degree in graphic art from the Vienna Academy of Applied Arts. Following graduation in 1961, she collaborated with her father, Professor Heinrich Tahedl, in the design and execution of stained glass commissions until she emigrated to Canada in 1963. Her studio is in King City, near Toronto. Her work is represented in public, corporate, and private collections and galleries in Canada, the United States, France, Switzerland, Austria, and Japan. She has received many awards for her work.

Did you know that the windows on the sides of St. Peter's sanctuary have religious themes, but also celebrate Estonian heritage inspired by the weaving of both colours and simplicity of design? The artist explained that the windows can be viewed as a woven belt encircling the congregation in their place of worship. The close relationship of Estonians with nature is reflected in the colour harmonies of



Spring and Summer; south windows, early Spring, Winter and Autumn. In addition to the nine windows, there is a Crucifixion and Resurrection Memorial Window, and a small window at the back of the church on the south side dedicated to St. Peter.

The major strength of the design of St. Peter's windows is the continuity between individual panels. Nevertheless each window can exist on its own as an individual statement, creating its own identity and giving the worshiper the feeling of sorrow, peace, strength or joy.

Have you noticed that the artist designed the windows on the north side to be lighter in colour not only to express their themes but also to compensate for the northern exposure and less light intensity? The opaque white glass screens the outside and roof overhang. Windows on the south side are composed of darker colours because of the higher available light intensity.

*Below, Ernestine Tahedl at St. Peter's - September 1990.*



Did you also know, that each window is divided into three panels for structural reasons (as well as reflecting the Trinity). To logically follow the design concept, these divisions and frames are irregular so as to not distract from the overall design concept while reinforcing the lead-lines. The thickness of the lead-lines is varied thus increasing the impact of the design while using the lead as an element of the composition.

High quality, coloured hand-made antique glass was used in the construction of the windows. They are made of coloured glass only - painting and silver staining techniques were not used.



Have you noticed the black plaques beneath each window? The names of donors to the window fund are inscribed below each window.



The windows were fabricated by the artist in her studio in King City. The fabrication and installation took approximately 6 - 8 months.

News that the church will not be sold and demolished came to Ms. Tahedl as a belated 83-rd birthday present. "Such wonderful News!!"

Our beautiful stained glass windows are constantly admired by church visitors. So much so in fact, that our current renter, the Salvation Army, has commissioned Ms. Tahedl to execute a glass wall for their new Salvation Army building sanctuary at 7 Eglinton Ave, East.

While the date of installation is not yet secured, Ernestine has completed the work and it is waiting to be shipped and installed, as it was executed in Vienna.

When completed, we will have to go to visit the Salvation Army's sanctuary to see what our windows have inspired.

Thank you Ernestine for your beautiful contribution to our congregation and building's history.

In memory of our loved ones....

### *WHEN I'M GONE*

*When I come to the end of my journey,  
and I travel my last weary mile,  
just forget if you can, that I ever frowned,  
and remember only the smile.*

*Forget unkind words I have spoken,  
remember some good I have done,  
forget that I ever had heartache,  
and remember I've had loads of fun.*

*Forget that I've stumbled and blundered,  
and sometimes fell by the way.  
Remember I have fought some hard battles,  
and won, ere the close of the day.*

*Then forget to grieve for my going,  
I would not have you sad for a day.  
But in summer just gather some flowers,  
and remember the place where I lay.*

*And come in the shade of evening,  
when the sun paints the sky in the west.  
Stand for a few moments beside me,  
and remember only my best.*

*Author - Mrs Lyman Hancock*

**"Mulle üteldi, rõõmusta Issandas, see on nii võrratu. Ma palusin seda rõõmu, aga ei tundnud midagi.**

**Siis ütles keegi, usu, et su palvet on kuulnud. Uskusin ja ka siis algul ei tundnud midagi. Kuid tasakesi tuli rõõm mu hinge ja ma ei nurise enam.**

**Nüüd tean, et ta annab vahel väga tagasihoidlikult, sest meie vastuvõtuvõime on ka väga tagasihoidlik."**

**Eenok Haamer**

## CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS / JUMALATEENISTUSED & ÜRITUSED

### November 1 -

12:00 p.m. Guild meeting. Meeting of St. Peter's Guild to discuss upcoming events and to prepare for the Christmas Craft Show and Café.

### November 5 -

11:30 a.m. English-language service (with some Estonian) and communion with Pastor Pamela. Memorials for our dearly departed. Chung Lee organist.

### November 12 -

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Christmas Craft Show - Jõululaat. Come visit our Christmas craft show and café. \$2 donation for entry. Purchase your Christmas gifts, socialize, enjoy home-made treats and coffee in our Guild café. Live music! Contact Tiiu Roiser for information at [tiiu-roiser@rogers.com](mailto:tiiu-roiser@rogers.com).

### November 29 -

12:00 p.m. Guild meeting. Meeting of St. Peter's Guild to discuss upcoming events.

PALVE:

*Issand sina üksi valitsed minu elu üle. Kas see on lühike või pikk – ma olen sinu päralt.*

*Anna andeks minu eksimused, ole minu ligi, Issand, kui ma peaks raskest ihuvalust läbi minema.*

*Aita mind kannatustes sinu lohutavaid sõnu meelde tuletada. Ja kui mõtted kõiguvad ning hing ei jõua lootust ja kannatlikust säilitada, siis seisku raskel viimsel tunnil Jeesus ise minu silme ees, et ma saaksin lohutust ja rammu tema kannatamisest. Issand, Sinu kätte annan ma oma vaimu. AAMEN.*

*E.E.L.K. peapiiskopp elect  
Toomas Vaga*



**Jõululaat**  
**Christmas Craft Show**

Sunday, November 12, 2023  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Entrance donation \$2.

Silk & dried flower arrangements, jewellery, silk & knit scarves, ornaments, holiday gift items, candles, lavender soaps & creams, greeting cards, books, toys + more!

Black sausage (verivorstid) and rukkileib, prepared by Erik & Katrin Veski. Place your order by email - [erikveski@gmail.com](mailto:erikveski@gmail.com).

Coffee & treats at the Guild café. Pick up baked goods to take home.

Christmas music provided by Enno Agur. There may be a surprise guest band!

**Note - the majority of vendors accept cash only!**