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ST. PETER'S ESTONIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF TORONTO
EELK Toronto Peetri Kogudus



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Technology Workshop

On August 14th, the Ehatare Foundation and EELK Toronto St. Peter's Church held a workshop to answer basic questions about the use of communication technology. Participants were encouraged to bring their tablets, smart phones, laptops and questions.



Krista Mulenok, an intern at the Ehatare Foundation, spoke about the safe use of technology.

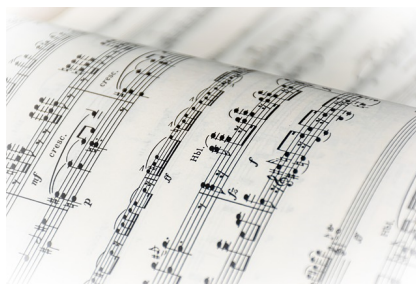


Krista demonstrates smart glasses.



After the presentation, participants had an opportunity to ask questions about their own technology that they had brought with them.

St. Peter's has established a wonderful working relationship with the Ehatare Foundation wherein they bring presentations and activities to St. Peter's for our members and the community. Look for upcoming educational and informative speakers, and opportunities to socialize with friends.



EELK uue lauluraamatu koostamisest

2016. aasta sügisel võttis kirikukogu vastu otsuse algatada EELK uue lauluraamatu koostamine. Otsus tugines konsistooriumi ja piiskopliku nõukogu vastavale ettepanekule ning EELK kirikuseadustikule.

EELK lauluraamatukomisjon moodustati 07.02.2017 EELK konsistooriumi otsusega nr 22. Komisjoni koosseisu kuulusid Kristel Aer, Mart Jaanson, Erik Jõks, Tuuliki Jürjo, Kristjan Lühameets, Gustav Piir, Sigrid Põld, Siret Rutiku, Tiit Salumäe, Marko Tiitus (esimees). Komisjoni töö aluseks sai EELK konsistooriumi poolt kinnitatud (07.06.2016) ja

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EELK piiskopliku nõukogu poolt heaks kiidetud (18.10.2016) lauluraamatu lähteülesanne.

Lauluraamatukomisjon võttis alates esimesest koosolekust 16.05.2017 selge suuna laiema ringi inimeste kaasamiseks lauluraamatu koostamisel.

- Korraldati fookusgrupi-intervjuusid;
- Viidi läbi kaks küsitlust;
- Koguti erinevate lauluraamatute analüüse – kokku üle kahekümne lauluraamatu erinevatest riikidest;
- Korraldati lauluraamatukonverents 26.–27.10.2018 Tartus;
- Tutvustati kontseptsiooni kavandit 22.01.2019. vaimulike konverentsil ja 29.04.2019 kirikukogul;
- Avaldati mitmeid artikleid ja tehti raadiosaateid;
- Esitati EELK konsistoriumi 02.04.2019 otsuse nr 19 alusel kontseptsiooni esimene kavand avalikule arutelule, mille käigus püüdis komisjon kaasata diskussiooni võimalikult laia ringi spetsialiste ja koguduste liikmeid;
- Esitati lisaks avalikele üleskutsetele nimeline palve tagasiside saamiseks enam kui kolmekümnele vaimulikule, muusikule ja teiste relevantsetele valdkondade asjatundjatele.

Tänu erinevatele kaasavatele tegevustele on juba praeguseks olemas märkimisväärne hulk inimesi (hinnanguliselt umbes 500), kes on andnud oma panuse lauluraamatu koostamisse.

Komisjoni üheks keskseks väljakutseks esimesel kahel tööaastal saigi lauluraamatu kontseptsiooni koostamine, mis valmis lõplikult 2019. aasta sügisel ning sama aasta novembris kirikukogul.

2020. aastal asuti lauluraamatu koostamisele kontseptsioonist lähtuvalt. Selleks võeti tööle 1.02.2020 projektijuht ning moodustati 11 toimkonda, kes kõik erinevatel teemadel kaastööd teevad.

Tulenevalt kontseptsioonist, võetakse uude raamatusse üle 400 laulu Kiriku laulu- ja palveraamatust ning lisatakse u 500 uut laulu, mille korje hetkel käib. Kui keegi soovib uute laulude osas ettepanekuid teha, siis need on oodatud aadressile laulud@eelk.ee

Lauluraamat peaks valmima 2025. aastal.

<https://eelk.ee/uus-lauluraamat/>

Kõigeväeline, igavene Jumal, meie Issanda Jeesuse Kristuse Isa, Sina andsid oma Poja ja lasksid teda valu ja kannatust tunda. Sa paned meile koorma peale, aga Sa aitad ka seda kanda. Oh Isa, vaata helduses oma vaesele haigele lapsele ja tee ta jälle terveks oma heameele järele. Kinnita teda ja tõsta ta jälle üles. Sa oled tulnud meid kannatusega kaatsuma, sellest me teame, et Sa ei ole meid ära unustanud; vala nüüd meie südamesse oma väe ja lohutuse vaimu. Sündigu Sinu tahtmine, kes Sa ühes oma Poja ja Püha Vaimuga elad ja valitsed nüüd ja igavesti. Aamen

Prayer

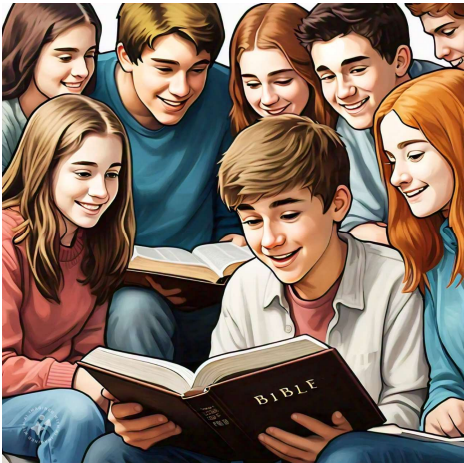
We have congregation members that are going through difficult times, sickness, and ailing health. Please pray for them.



God, thank you for being with us right now. We confess that we don't understand why things happen the way they do. We don't understand why illness comes into our lives, but we do know that You walk every path of life with us. O Lord, we come to You today to ask You to bring calmness to our loved ones who are sick. Show them Your love as they go through this challenging time. If it's Your will to heal them, then we humbly ask You to do so. But if You have other plans for their souls, we ask You to guide them to heaven peacefully.

It's our prayer that You remove from our hearts anything that brings fear and uncertainty. As our loved one fights this battle, remind them that they're not alone. As long as You are there, they have a helping hand. As they reach the end of their earthly lives, receive them into Your presence, and let them witness Your glory. In the name of the Savior, we believe and pray. Amen.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Confirmation / Leerikursus - 1st Class October 20th, 2024

Please register your interest in participating in the Confirmation program with the church office.

Confirmation completes Baptism. The confirmation program is intended to help individuals be mindful of their relationship with God, to understand and strengthen it, and to embrace living a Christian life - it is a meaningful journey, a rite of passage, an accomplishment to the benefit of the student, the family, and the church. It represents a personal commitment to grow in the knowledge, love, and practice of our faith through learning about the Bible, the Sacraments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, and the 10 Commandments. When you are confirmed, you gain a new identity as a full member of the Church.

Mis on leer ja leeritamine? Mida tähendab konfirmatsioon, konfirmeerimine?

Confirm – „kinnitamine“ ütleb selgelt ära, et konfirmeerimisel midagi kinnitatakse. Leeriinstitutsiooni abil ehk leeritulekuga inimene, kes on väikese lapsena ristitud, tuleb ja kinnitab oma usku, kinnitab, et ta tahab elada ristiinimesena. See on tahte väljendamine ja selle kinnitamine.

Leeriõnnistamine on talitus, mille käigus leerikooli läbinud inimesed tunnistavad oma kristlikku usku apostliku usutunnistuse sõnadega ja kinnitavad, et soovivad elada ristiusu õpetuse järgi. Seejärel vaimulik õnnistab igat leerilast asetades käed tema peale ja tehes iga ühe üle ristimärgi.

Sunday School

It is our hope that we may offer Sunday School classes beginning on October 20th, subject to their being enough interest. Sunday School classes will be offered each time an Estonian or English church service is held. If families are interested, you may begin registering your children with the office. Lessons will be offered in English.

Teacher Volunteers - Are you interested in working with our young people? Do you like teaching Sunday School lessons? songs? organizing Sunday School events? providing snacks? We'd love to hear from you. Please contact Tiiu Roiser at tiiu-roiser@rogers.com, or Tiina in the office.



A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Preacher," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

IN MEMORIUM

Arthur Mets



Arthur Mets passed away peacefully, Friday May 31, 2024 at Ehatare Retirement Home in Toronto. Beloved husband of Almi (Laht) Mets predeceased. Dear son of Peeter and Mina Mets predeceased. Predeceased by siblings Aleksander, August, Maria, Viia, Rooski, Ella and Arnold.

Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews and other family members.

Arthur led a full life. He was born in the Baltic country of Estonia. In 1944 during World War II, Arthur's parents sent him along with two of his siblings Arnold and Rooski on a boat to escape to neighbouring Sweden. Arthur was 17 years old at the time. Estonia became a communist country. Arthur would never see his parents again.

He lived and worked in Sweden for 5 years, and then came to Canada and moved to Toronto where he started working in 1950. He met Almi and they were married December 24, 1955. Arthur was a hard worker with an amazing work ethic.

Arthur and Almi enjoyed a wonderful fulfilling life together. They spent their summers at their beloved camp in Peterborough. And later in their retirement years spent long summer holidays at Saaremaa, Estonia, his home country.

We would like to thank all the staff at Ehatare Retirement Home for the love and care they gave Arthur while he was there. They made his last few years on this earth happy ones.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Peter's Estonian Evangelical Church or Ehatare Retirement Home would be appreciated. There will be no funeral service. There will be a small family ceremony at the Civic Cemetery in Sudbury where Arthur's ashes will be laid to rest.

William Herbert Chanin

August 5, 1923 - June 27, 2024

William Chanin (Herb) passed away at the age of one hundred in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Our condolences to Pastor Pamela Korman on the loss of her beloved father.

Prayer For Our Loved Ones

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command, we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.

We pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.



Issand sina ükski valitses 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.

GRIEFSHARE

St. Peter's is pleased to announce a special Grief-Share course and weekly support group for people grieving the loss of someone close, be it recently or many years ago. It is the perfect place for you to share your grief with those who are walking it too. GriefShare can help you cope during this most difficult time of life. Come on your own or with a friend. Make new friends in the group.

Led by a volunteer leader, each GriefShare meeting begins with a 30-minute video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss. After the video, group members spend time discussing what was presented in the video and what is going on in their lives. Talking with other people who understand what you are experiencing brings great comfort,

helps to understand the grief experience, and offers a supportive environment to work through your grief.



The cost to attend is free, donations are always welcome. We ask that you bring a snack that can be shared with the group. A Grief-Share workbook is strongly recommended which serves as a road map on your grief journey and helps you process your emotions, experiences and cope with your loss. The cost is \$ 30 US. The book can be ordered when you register.

Registration is now open. Please advise the church office 416-483-5847 of your preferred time slot. **Either the afternoon or morning group will run, depending which time slot has the most registrants.**

Meeting	Date	Time Options*
1. Is This Normal?	Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
2. Your Grief Journey	Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
3. Loneliness & Sadness	Thurs. Nov. 21, 2024	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
4. Self Care	Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
5. Fearful & Overwhelmed	Thurs. Dec. 5, 2024	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
6. Anger	Thurs. Dec. 12, 2024	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
7. Regrets	Thurs. Dec. 19, 2024	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
8. Grief & Your Household	Thurs. Jan. 2, 2025	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
9. Grief & Your Friendships	Thurs. Jan. 9, 2025	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
10. Questions for God	Thurs. Jan. 16, 2025	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
11. Stuck in Grief	Thurs. Jan. 23, 2025	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
12. Hope & Resilience	Thurs. Jan. 30, 2025	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.
13. What Do I Live for Now?	Thurs. Feb. 6, 2025	1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00 p.m.

* Depending upon registration, only one group will be held at either 1:00-3:00 OR 7:00-9:00. The time slot with the most number of people registering is when the group meetings will be held. When registering, please advise which time slot you prefer, or are able to attend.

Participants are welcome to register and begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each discussion is "self-contained" so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin.

The GriefShare program has been helping people find comfort for 25 years and served over 1 million people.

The Hess family shares their happy Christening news.

Correction Notice -

The July issue of the TõeTera/Sower incorrectly listed the names of the children baptized by the Hess family on May 25 2024. Missing from the list was Talvi Hess. Congratulations again to the Hess family. Our apologies for the omission.

- Heikki Edward Hess - born Aug. 15th, 2013
- Viive Õnnela Hess - born Jan. 27th, 2016
- Helve Eha Hess born - July 29th, 2017
- Raivo Alfred Hess born - Nov. 13th, 2019
- Maila Barbara Hess born - Oct. 4th, 2021
- Talvi Audrey Hess born - Oct. 4th, 2021



If you have a happy occasion such as a christening or wedding, or would like to honour the passing of a loved one, please advise the office to have them included in our newsletter. We do not automatically list such events unless you have asked us to do so.



On the way to Sunday School with his offering money, little Johnny stopped at the convenience store for chocolate.

“Shouldn’t you give that money to the church?” asked the shopkeeper.

“No,” replied Johnny, “I’ll spend the money on chocolate, and they you can give it to the church.”

Acting perfect in church is like wearing clothes for an xray.



Do you like to sing?

Inviting all interested to join the St. Peter’s and Vana Andres’ Joint Choir.

The choir will be performing on September 22nd at St. Peter’s for the 80th Anniversary of the 1944 Mass Flight (Suurpõgenemine) commemoration combined church service.

Practices will be held in September.

Contact Anne Keelmann at akeelmann@rogers.com if you are interested in joining the group.



Jõululaat – Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

Calling all Vendors – Book your table now! \$20 Saturday, November 16, 2024

St. Peter’s will hold their Christmas Craft & Bake sale on Saturday, November 16, 2024 At St. Peter’s Estonian Church 817 Mt. Pleasant Road

Vendor space is limited. Book your table now!

Small rectangular or circular table + chair \$20.

Contact Anne Keelmann @ akeelmann@rogers.com



Do we have your correct contact information?

If you or your children have recently moved, have a new telephone number, etc., please contact the church office so that we may update our records.

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS / JUMALATEENISTUSED & ÜRITUSED*

*New events may be added to the calendar—please check our church website for any additions.
www.stpeterstorontoestonianchurch.ca/event-calendar

Sept. 4 - Wednesday - Guild meeting in the Guild room at 12:00 noon. Bring your recipes and samples for updating the cookbook!

Sept. 14 - Saturday - **St. Peter's Annual General Meeting at 1:30 p.m. Registration begins at 12:00 noon.**

Sept. 15 - Sunday - 11:00 a.m. - The Salvation Army is inviting everyone to their service and the Rally Day BBQ in the courtyard thereafter.

Sept. 20 - Friday - 12:00 noon Guild outing & luncheon at Tiiu Roiser's home.

Sept. 22 - Combined service with Vana Andres congregation at St. Peter's to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Great Escape. Intern Karl Paju and Pastor Kalle Kadakas. Organist Erik Kreem. Singing will be the St. Peter's and Vana Andres joint choir. A luncheon will be served after the service. Please register your attendance with the church office at 416-483-5847 or stpeterstoronto@rogers.com

Advance Notice

Oct. 20 - 1st day of Confirmation and Sunday School (subject to adequate enrollment).

Nov. 16 - Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

Dec. 1 - Church service & congregation Christmas Party (Koguduse jõulupuu.)

Prayer Circle coming soon - watch for more information in next issue.

Love in Action Romans 12:9-18 NIV

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

*Jumal on armastus ja kes püsib armastuses, püsib Jumalas ja Jumal püsib temas.
Johannese esimene kiri 4:20-21*

Kui keegi ütleb: „Mina armastan Jumalat”, ja vihkab oma venda, siis ta on valelik, sest kes ei armasta oma venda, keda ta näeb, ei suuda armastada Jumalat, keda ta ei ole näinud. Ja see käsk on meil temalt endalt, et kes armastab Jumalat, armastagu ka oma venda!

