

# TÕE TERA / THE SOWER - JUNE

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



## Father's Day

Father's Day in Canada is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. This year it falls on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. It is a holiday honouring one's father, or relevant father figure, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. Did you know that Father's Day in Estonia is celebrated on the second Sunday in November, which is November 10<sup>th</sup> this year?



*Isadepäev on tähtpäev, millega märgitakse meeste rolli laste kasvatamisel ning avaldatakse tänu isadele ja vanaisadele. Paljudes riikides veedetakse isadepäeva juuniku kolmandal pühapäeval. Teiseks levinuim kuupäev on 19.märts, mida on katoliku kirikus tähistatud aastast 1508. Eestis peetakse isadepäeva novembrikuu teisel pühapäeval. Komme on kopeeritud Soomest, ajalooliselt ega kultuurilist sidet Eestil novembrikuu teise pühapäevaga ei ole.*



## Joseph - the Earthly Father of Jesus

The Bible provides us with people we can learn from. One underrated father was Joseph - the earthly father of Jesus. Joseph went through difficulties to protect his wife Mary and their baby, then saw to Jesus' education and needs as he was growing up. He taught Jesus the carpentry trade. The Bible calls Joseph a righteous man, and Jesus must have loved his guardian for his quiet strength, honesty, and kindness. We learn from Joseph that God honours men of integrity and rewards them with His trust and that mercy always wins. Obedience may result in humiliation and disgrace before men, but a close friendship with God.

"The man is a success - who has lived well, laughed often and much, who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children, who has filled his niche and accomplished his task, who leaves the world better than he found it, who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it, who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had."  
- Author Unknown

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Teisipäeval/Tues. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Kolmapäeval/Wed. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
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## UUDISED / NEWS

### Veterans' Memorial Service

A memorial service in Estonian and English to commemorate veterans and the fallen, was held on April 21st with Pastor Pamela Kormano, and organist Erik Kreem. Bible readings, the Creed, and prayers were read by congregation members. Kairi Taul Hemingway, as President of the EKN, memorialized the deceased.



A coffee social was held after the service.



### Mother's Day

St. Peter's was invited to attend an early Mother's Day service with the Vana Andres congregation. The service was held by Pastor Kalle Kadakas, organist Juha Tikkanen.

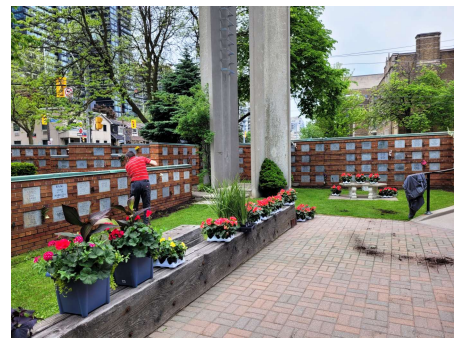


Everyone was invited to the light luncheon after the service.



### Sprucing up our Exterior

Last long weekend, volunteers and Rita did a little sprucing up of the outside of the church and columbarium. Old flower beds were brought back to life. Blooms can now be enjoyed by visitors to St. Peters. We have people coming to visit from Estonia, our guest pastor, and a choir. Several families are interring their dearly beloved into the columbarium.



If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table not a taller fence.



# DOORS OPEN TORONTO

MAY 25 & 26, 2024



What an amazing May 25 and 26 weekend for St. Peter's first Doors Open Toronto! A cloudy and rainy Saturday morning saw the trickle of early morning visitors. With the afternoon sunshine, came a steady stream of those wishing to visit the church. Sunday was particularly busy with groups of visitors, and some slipping in just as the event was closing. There were past members, neighbours, passersby, those who had carefully planned their visit, and some looking for a congregation to join or rental space. The MPP for Don Valley West, Stephanie Bowman dropped in to view the church to express her support.



Artist Ernestine Tahedl and MPP Stephanie Bowman

The weekend event was a resounding success, within both meanings of the word. Not only was it unmistakably memorable



and a first such event for our church, the sanctuary also reverberated with the musical sounds of the Toronto Estonian Men's Choir, the musical sounds of the piano and organ played by Erik Kreem and Chung Lee, and the practice of a female choral group.



Artist Ernestine Tahedl, the designer and creator of our beautiful stained-glass windows, honoured us with her visit. She delighted our guests with personal

stories and answers to questions about the design, creation, and installation of the windows. She talked about how she acquired the coloured glass from England and France, and that it is no longer available.



She told visitors about the cherry picker that was used to install the tall window behind the church organ that represents the glorification of the cross and healing. The opaque sides emphasize the shape of the cross, but were the result of not enough funds at the time to add more coloured glass. The window is dedicated to Inge and Andres Tork (Chairman at the time), who both died tragically before the window's completion. Visitors also learned that it was Ernestine who designed the wooden doors that lead from the sanctuary to the office.

The Toronto Estonian Men's Choir sounded incredible under the direction of conductor Avo Kittask, who began each musical segment with wonderful introductory stories, and remarked





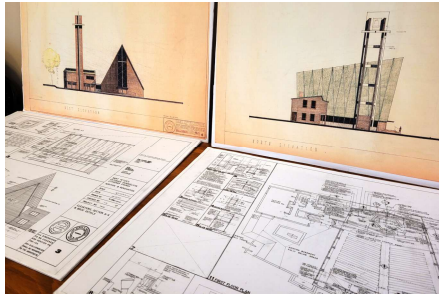
about the fabulous acoustics in the sanctuary.

Erik Kreem - "our cream of the crop" delighted us with his piano playing and then an absolutely phenomenal organ recital, drawing a large crowd into the church and up onto the balcony.

Guido Laikve inspired us with his devotion to answering architectural questions.

The theme of this year's Doors Open weekend was Hidden Histories, and so we went about gathering materials about the different memorials that are distributed throughout the church: The Finnish Boys' memorial, the Donation Tree, the plaque to the Estonian fleet that joined the British Merchant Marines, The Window dedicated to Inge and Andres Tork, and of course the Columbarium and people interred therein. Mary and Wayne Donaldson, Linda and Guido Laikve, and Ingrid Sepp researched materials and set up an interesting exhibit in the Guild

Visitors could examine church artefacts, photographs, architectural drawings, historical timelines, various bibles (the oldest from around 1870 – rich with beautiful illustrations) and other memorabilia.



Thank you to the Salvation Army who invited visitors to view and participate in their Sunday Service. Our toes began tapping as their congregation celebrated Africa Day with



Caribbean music and their brass band.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who came out to hang signs, create brochures, take photographs, greet visitors, answer questions, and provide tours of the building: Toomas Arget; Kevin Chorowiec; Mary Donaldson; Wayne Donaldson; Väino Einola; Maie Ilves; Katarina Jaenes; Tiit Jalakas; Tiina Jenkins; Alice Jupe; Markus Jukkum; Erika Jõgi; Tiit Keefer; Anne Liis Keelmann; Väino Keelmann; Marika Kull; Guido Laikve; Linda Laikve; Ilo Maimets; Roul Martjak; Tiit Roiser; Allan Seim; Ingrid Sepp; David Sooru; and Toomas Trei.



Our dedicated team of tour guides were busy both days.

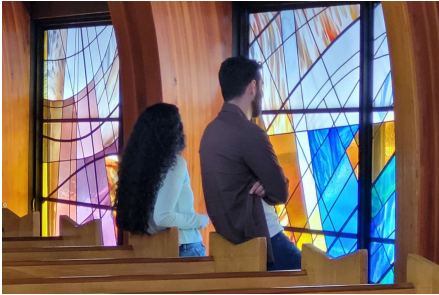






We thank Aida Shelton and her capable team of helpers Viivi Kivi, Maie Lees, Tiiu Keefer, and Eneke Mirka who provided refreshments for our volunteers.

A heartfelt thank you to the Toronto Pensionäride Klubi for their generous support.



We were very pleased at the great turnout and interest from the community, and are grateful for everyone's efforts and enthusiasm! Same time next year?

### Bishop Ove Sander Luncheon



May 27th, 2024 - Having been on this side of the pond attending his daughter's graduation in Minnesota, Bishop Ove Sander held a service for the Hamilton Congregation, and also had time for a luncheon meeting with St. Peter's executive.

Amongst other things, much of the discussion centered around preparations for Karl Pajo's visit to Toronto.



Before rushing off to other meetings and his flight back to Minnesota, Bishop Sander held prayers in the sanctuary and in the columbarium.

We look forward to his next visit with us and hope that he can spend more time with us. We wish the family a safe journey home.

Visitors admired the building features and windows, and took many photographs.

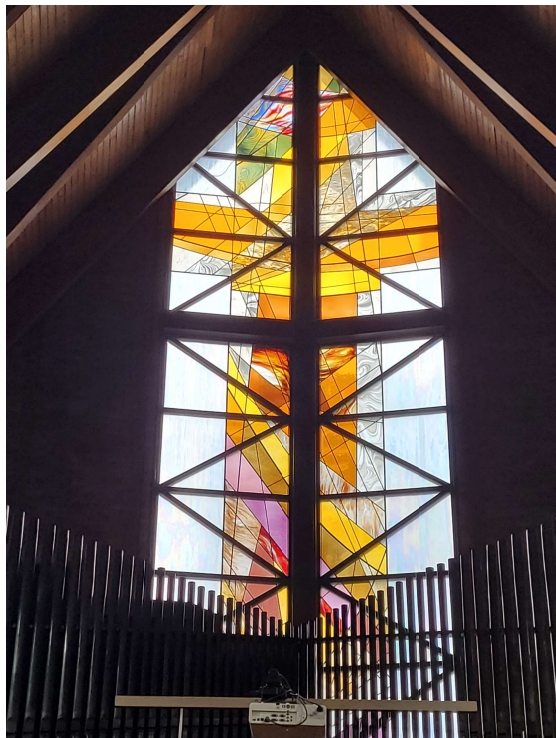


Happy 57th wedding anniversary to volunteers Wayne and Mary (nee Ots) Donaldson.



## A HERITAGE MOMENT IN HISTORY

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The window is dedicated to Inge and Andres Tork (Chairman at the time), who both died tragically before the window's completion.

As a mother and her five-year-old son were heading to McDonald's one day, they passed a car accident. Usually when they saw something terrible like that, they said a prayer for whoever might be hurt. The mother pointed and said to her son, "We should pray."

From the back seat came the son's earnest prayer: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."



**Ristija Johannese sündmise püha - 24. juuni, jaanipäev.**

Teevalmistaja Ristija Johannese sünni on erilise pühana tähistatud 5. sajandi algusest. Mitme Johannesele pühendatud püha hulgast tähistatakse meie kirikus tänapäeval üksnes jaanipäeva. Selle püha tähistamise aja aluseks on evangeeliumis toodud märkus, et Johannes sündis kuus kuud enne Jeesust (Lk 1:26, 36). Lunastuslooliselt viitab jaanipäev ees olevatele jõuludele. Talle antud nime (Johannes – 'Jumal on armuline') kohaselt kuulutas Johannes Jumala headust, päästet ja pattude andeksandmist.

Päeva palve: Issand Jumal, taevane Isa, Sa läkitasid Ristija Johannese oma Poja eele ja ta tunnistas Kristusest kui Jumala Tallest, kes maailma patu kannab. Me täname Sind tema kuulutuse eest ja palume: valgusta meie südameid Püha Vaimuga, et Johannese tunnistus meid igal ajal kinnitaks ja rõõmustaks, tugevda meid lootuses Jeesusele Kristusele ja aita meil kogu oma elu teenida Teda, kes koos Sinuga Püha Vaimu ühtsuses elab ja valitseb igavesest ajast igavesti.

*Jumalateenistuste Käsiraamat, EELK 2009*

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.





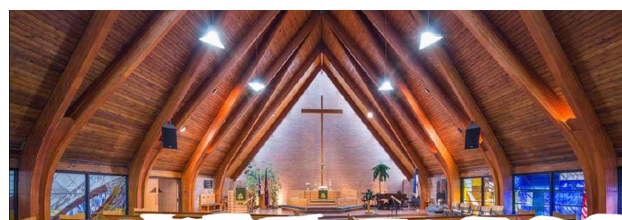
### Tartu Rahvaülikooli segakoorilt

Kauneim linn on Eestis Tartu! Ja sellest kauneimast linnast tuleb Tartu Rahvaülikooli segakoor. Tartu Rahvaülikooli segakoor tegutseb 2008. aastast.

Aastal 2009 toimus Tallinnas XXV üldlaulupidu ja Tartus ajalooline laulupidu ning just selleks sündmuseks loodi segakoor, et üheskoos minna ja tunda eestlaste ühise laulmise vägevust seistes ise ühendkooris laulukaare all. Koori nimekirjas oli algselt 160 lauljat, laulupeole registreerus neist 112. Sündis rekord - suurim koor laulupeol! Koor jäi väiksemas koosseisus kokku ka peale üldlaulupidu ning endiselt harjutatakse koos Tartu Rahvaülikooli saalis. Eesmärgiks sai mõõdukal sammul osaleda laulupidudel. Et laulupeod ei ole igal aastal, siis loovad nad ise oma laulupeod ja laulavad ikka. Ei puudu ka esinemised kontsertidel. Traditsiooniks on kujunenud osavõtt väikesaarte laulupidudest.



Laulmine on kujunenud sõprade kogunemiseks. Koos tehakse rõõmsalt laagreid, kontserte ja peetakse pidu. Lauljate hulgas on talente, kes võluvad pillimängust ka mõnele koorilaulule saated välja. Lökkeõhtud kestavad muusika ja laulmisega hommikuni välja. Koori ühendab soov laulda koos sõpradega ja sõpradele!



### Tartu Rahvaülikooli Segakoor

kutsub kontserdile / invites everyone to their concert

**“Kaugelt kodumaalt”**

**27. juunil / June 27, 2024  
kell 19:00 / 7:00 p.m.**

St. Peter's Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Toronto  
817 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto

**Pileti Hind / Ticket \$20 at the door.**



## CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS / JUMALA- TEENISTUSED & ÜRITUSED\*

\*New events may be added to the calendar—please check our church website for any additions.

Note that there will be no regularly scheduled English-language services during the months of June, July, and August.

**June 5 (Wednesday) - 12:00 noon** Guild meeting to discuss upcoming events and new cookbook edition. New members welcome!

**June 16 (Sunday) - 11:30 a.m.** June deportation commemoration service (Juuniküüditamise aastapäev) at St. Peters with visiting pastor Karl Paju and organist Erik Kreem, followed by a quick coffee social. **1:30 p.m.** service at Mt. Pleasant and **3:00 p.m.** service at York Cemetery combined with Vana Andres & Pastor Kalle Kadakas. Please bring your own chair.

**June 23 (Sunday) - 11:30 a.m.** Võidupüha/Jaanipäev service with Pastor Karl Paju, organist Erik Kreem, and women's vocal ensemble. Please register with the church office for the light luncheon following the service. Come and meet our visiting pastor.

**June 27 (Thursday) - 7:00 p.m.** Concert in sanctuary with Rahvaülikooli Segakoor from Tartu. Choir director Lauri Breede. Tickets \$20 at the door.

### 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.

### Come join the Guild !

Do you have a recipe to share for the next edition of our Guild cookbook? Better yet, why not join the Guild and participate in planning the next edition and participating in events. We are a friendly group and all are welcome!

A new addition to our recipes was donated by Tiiu Jalakas: Cabbage Pie (Kapsapirukas) but baked in a sheet pan, much like a lasagna. Yumm!

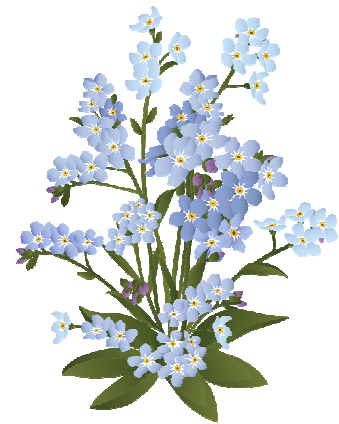


### June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

#### *Do Not Ask Me to Remember*

*Do not ask me to remember,  
Don't try to make me understand,  
Let me rest and know you're with me,  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.  
I'm confused beyond your concept,  
I am sad and sick and lost,  
All I know is that I need you  
To be with me at all cost.  
Do not lose your patience with me,  
Do not scold or curse or cry,  
I can't help the way I'm acting,  
Can't be different though I try.  
Just remember that I need you,  
That the best of me is gone,  
Please don't fail to stand beside me,  
Love me 'til my life is done.*

Written by Owen Darnell,  
a man whose wife of 40 years  
died from Alzheimer's.



Throughout history, Forget-me-not flowers have been laden with meaning. In Victorian times, these flowers were emblematic of true love and remembrance and often given as tokens to signify faithful and enduring love. During WWI, they were linked to fallen soldiers and were used as a symbol to remember the dead.