



Summer 2017

# Life at St. Philip's

St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Toronto, ON

## From Pastor Tuula.....

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When Jesus told his disciples that unless they became like children they would not qualify for entrance to the kingdom. He didn't mean childishness. They had just asked a very adult question, a typically human question about status and privilege: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom?" His response, "Become like children," has to do with the human tendency to make simple matters unnecessarily complex, to pile guidelines, rules, and traditions on top of simple truths until they're no longer visible or recognizable.

I remember attending "end of school-year" mass in the Roman Catholic church attached to Sacred Heart Academy, a Catholic High School, where my daughter was a student at the time. The parish priest, Father Peter, was friendly, and he often joked about hiring me to be his assistant.

Then came the moment Protestants dread: Communion. Should we go forward to receive the elements? I always have the same internal discussion. Should I show my respect for my Catholic neighbors' traditions and abstain? Should I stay seated because I don't usually go to dinners to which I've not been invited? Or should I participate because I believe that it is Jesus' table and no one should be excluded?

I looked to see what other Protestants in the pews would do. Some remained

seated. But my friend's daughter, Nancy, who has Down syndrome, and who was a member in a Presbyterian church - didn't hesitate. She hadn't heard about the 500 years of conflict over "the real presence." She stood and stepped toward the aisle. When she received the wafer, she had a little difficulty, so she took a large gulp from the cup that was lifted to her lips. There were two communion stations and Rachel walked to the second and had another drink. It was wonderful to watch. Rachel had gone to the heart of the matter, skimming over 20 centuries of theological complexity to join the friends of Jesus at his table.

As I watched Father Peter lead the liturgy, I realized how the mass is part of my heritage. I'm a Lutheran, but the catholicity of the church is a part of our tradition and also my personal faith. As we prayed for the church that day, I prayed for the church's unity, for the day when all are welcome at the Lord's table, the day when the terms *Catholic* and *Protestant* are no longer necessary or relevant. This year is a significant one for us Lutherans as we commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. It seems to me that the most appropriate way to celebrate what happened 500 years ago is to find a way to unite what has been separate for far too long.

See you in church!  
Pastor Tuula



### Dates to Note:

- July 2** – Outdoor Service
- July 6, 13, 20, 27** – Good Food Market
- July 9** – Hymn Sing
- July 18** – SPLC Book Club
- August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** – Good Food Market



## From the Parish Nurse.....

**Psalm 91:9 states:** "If you will make the Most High your dwelling-even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent."

This is the season for barbecuing. Proper cooking must be a priority. No one desires to get sick.

People are at risk for food contamination when proper temperatures of cooking are not followed.

Ground turkey can breed salmonella. This is difficult to detect as the meat smells and looks normal.

Ground beef may contain E. coli. The symptoms may include watery or bloody diarrhea, severe abdominal cramps and/or vomiting.

This can be fatal if not treated early and/or leave lasting medical problems for years.

In all cases it's advised to cook meat thoroughly. Ground beef is to be cooked to 160F with no pink colour in the middle. Poultry cooked to 165F, beef, pork, lamb to 145F. Cooked meat should be placed on a plate separate from the raw meat plate.



All utensils, thermometers, plates should be washed thoroughly with warm soapy water. Enjoy!!

*Blessings, Marisa*

## Church Office.....

Margaret Isaacs, Office Administrator, will be on holidays starting June 30<sup>th</sup> for 2 weeks returning to the office on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

I will also be on holidays the last week of August. (August 29 - 31).

There will be a September issue of LIFE with a deadline of submission for articles and photos by September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Tuula and Marisa will work together to stay on top of mail, email, and phone messages during my holidays.

I wish you all a wonderful summer. May it be a good one weather wise for all to enjoy!

I'm hoping to get a personal view of this as my husband and I celebrate 25 years of marriage with a trip to Newfoundland!



*Margaret Isaacs*

### Gentle Fitness for Seniors

Tuesdays @  
10:30 - 11:30

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### Moms & Tots

Thursdays @  
10:30 - 12:00

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### Healing Stations

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays of  
the month



### Church Office Hours (July & August)

Tuesday,  
Wednesday, and  
Thursday

9:00 - 12:00

## June Council Update.....

Council will convene as needed over the summer.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor Tuula reported on four well attended worship services including confirmation Sunday on June 4<sup>th</sup> with 5 confirmands. It was a quiet month with no baptisms, funerals, or weddings.

The finance committee confirmed that we are going into the summer in good shape. They are starting to think about a fall stewardship initiative.

The 50+ group announced their plans to put together a neighbourhood flyer to promote and invite people to the range of St. Philip's programs.

The Good Food Market got started on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Capri Park. Our summer student, Megan Saad, will play a big role in coordinating it.

The other component of Megan's summer work will be the conducting of a community audit. We are working towards the identification of 4-6 community need states and potential partners by the end of the summer.

The position for the Music Director has been posted with a start date of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

*Eunice Hogeveen*

## Search for Music Director.....

### Search Committee Members:



Karen Adolph;  
Anne Bindernagel;  
Chris Ritcey-Conrad;  
Elizabeth van Rensburg;  
Samantha Gauthier;  
Sarah Pascoe;  
Pastor Tuula

At the Annual Meeting we had a difficult conversation about the Music Director position as our beloved Mark is not currently able to fill the role.

We then made a unanimous decision to wait 6 months in the hope that Mark would be well and able to again bring the divine to our worship through his music.



In the interim we have been blessed with Chris Ritcey-Conrad at the keys.

With the 6 months now past, we have had to make a difficult decision. After

speaking with Mark and on recommendation from the Worship and Music Committee, the Council has approved the formation of a Search Committee.

Mark supports this new direction and has been giving thought to possible candidates as well as providing advice.

Mark will continue to be part of our community with a new title. We are grateful for his continued dedication to and support of St. Philip's.

The Search Committee is in the process of posting the position with the target of filling it over the summer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any of the members of the Search Committee.

*Karen Adolph*

### 50+.....

The group met on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> over pizza at the church. It was a successful planning meeting with many ideas put forward for outings, speakers, armchair travel, and of course, some special luncheons.



Our Welcome Back Potluck will take place on **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm**. We are happy to report that Pastor Tuula will be our guest speaker on the topic of 500 years since the Reformation.



It has been 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. It was an event that changed the world – and this great anniversary in 2017 will be marked in fitting style, not just in Wittenberg and Eisleben, but across the world.

*Janice Rouse*

50+ Group will not meet over the summer months.

See you on September 14<sup>th</sup> @ noon!

Have a great summer!



### Celebrating.....



Eleonore celebrates a milestone birthday with Ursula and the gals from "Cover Girls".

Eleonore's son and family visited from the U.S. She was surprised with cake and fellowship following worship service on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Worship with Pastor.....



Above Pastor Tuula celebrates Ascension Sunday with the children. Below Pastor Tuula celebrates Pentecost Sunday.



### Funeral

**Dorothy Fenwick**  
**1927 - 2017**  
*(private graveside service at Riverside Cemetery, June 30)*

### Condolences to:

Jack & Arlene Somerville on the passing of Jack's brother, William;

The Berndt family on the passing of Hanna's brother, Fred Lutz.

# Confirmation 2017.....

## High School Graduates

**Anya Jacksteit**

**Laura Robertson**

**Peter Kaufman**

## Post-Secondary Graduates

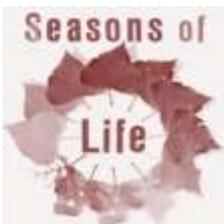
**Lenore Marcuson,**  
*Paul Smith's College, NY*

**Melissa Noble,**  
*Queen's University*

**Emily Van Gaasbeek,**  
*University of Toronto*

**Lauren Voorpostel,**  
*University of Guelph*

**Congratulations to all!**



(L- R: Ella Currie; Sarah Davies; Dallas O'Reilly; Jessica Walker; and Charlotte Goddard)

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## Youth Event.....

Five people were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> by Pastor Tuula and with the help of Marcia Powers-Dunlop.

This was a great group of young women who were a pleasure to work with. Congratulations to all!

Let's go to a ball game!!

**Blue Jays vs. Yankees**

When?

**August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

Where?

**Rogers Centre**

Cost?

**\$30.00**



*Pastor Tuula*



All are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board or contact Pastor Tuula.



# Good Food Market.....



The Good Food Market is an opportunity for us to help provide locally-grown, fresh, and affordable produce to the neighbouring community.



Hello everyone! My name is Megan Saad and I am so happy to introduce myself as the Community Outreach Developer - summer student hired by St. Philip's for this summer!

Our Good Food Market began on June 15<sup>th</sup> this year and we are off to a great start! The market will end on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

I am 21 years old and a recent graduate from the University of Toronto going in to pursue my Master's degree this upcoming September. I am really passionate about servicing local communities and working to addressing the needs of marginalized populations, which is why I am so happy to be involved with St. Philip's this year working on some amazing projects.



This summer my projects will include working on organizing the St. Philip's Good Food Market in addition to working on a Community Audit project for us to better the needs of the local community and how the church can become more involved in addressing those needs.

I can't wait to see what the future has in store and to watch the market grow bigger and better throughout the course of the summer all the while knowing that we are providing an important service to the local community and making a positive impact on people's lives.

*Megan Saad*



Be sure to join us every Thursday from 4 - 7 all summer long!

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Please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact me at [etobicokegoodfoodmarket@gmail.com](mailto:etobicokegoodfoodmarket@gmail.com)

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**Capri Park:**  
(corner of The East Mall and Rathburn Rd.)



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## Next Issue of LIFE...

Please submit articles  
for the next newsletter  
by **September 5<sup>th</sup>**.  
Thanks!

## Mark your calendar.....



### Good Food Market

**Thursdays** from **4:00 - 7:00 pm** @ Capri Park.  
(corner of The East Mall/Rathburn Road)



### Outdoor Worship Service

Please join us on **Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>** for an outdoor service.  
Bring a lawn chair!

### Service of the Word and Hymn Sing

Marcia Powers-Dunlop will preside on **Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**.

### SPLC Book Club

The members will meet in the Choir Room on **Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 pm**. There is no meeting in August.

### STAFF HOLIDAYS:

Office Administrator, Margaret Isaacs: July 3 - 17; August 29 - 31  
Interim Music Director, Chris Ritcey-Conrad: July

**Fill-in Organist/Pianist for month of July:** Cecilia Nguyen-Tran

### CONFIRMATION CAMP:

Pastor Tuula will attend this camp: August 29 - September 2.

## About St. Philip's... Our Vision

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God, neighbour, and self.*

**Vision Statement:** *We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*

**Values Supporting the Vision:** *Our Lutheran heritage of grace; our call to pray, worship, and learn as we grow in our Christian faith; our needs to gather and belong in Christian community; the call to love our neighbours as Christ loves us; the acceptance of all people as children of God; the opportunities to meet God everywhere.*

