

# LIFE @ ST. PHILIP'S

St. Philip's Lutheran Church | Toronto, ON

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## Save the Dates:

**Sept. 12** – 50+ Welcome Potluck; Council

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**Sept. 23** – LIFE newsletter deadline



## From Pastor Tuula ...

The fun part of my job is taking youth to confirmation camp every August: camp fires and silly songs; craft projects, games, and sharing our favourite Bible stories during morning sessions.

The much harder part of the job is stepping back and wrestling with some big-picture questions: why do parents struggle to get their children to church? What case can I make for Christianity at a time when kids have so many appealing alternatives? Why should young people commit themselves to spiritual things when their wider community views such commitments as quaint, obsolete, and even regressive?

The youth ask me questions like: None of my friends go to church, why should I? Why should I pray to God when I have no proof? If Jesus is so important, why doesn't anyone talk about him outside of church? My own daughter once asked me what God is for, after a fervent prayer of hers went unanswered. Likewise my son, coming straight from a US history class on World War II, asked me

why the God of history is nonexistent in his high school curriculum.

I don't have answers to these questions, but I want to keep wrestling with them and weighing the answers that matter to me. In confirmation program we try to offer the youth reasons to pursue God in the context of a confusing world and an imperfect church. We remind them that the ground of Christianity is love. When our children need it (and they will), there is a love available that nothing else on earth will ever explain, diminish, or destroy. It's a love that overcomes every barrier of suspicion and hatred we humans construct. It cleanses, blesses and challenges us. It's a love worth living and dying for.

I wish I could know that this will suffice for the kids I care about. I can't; their journeys aren't mine to control. All I can do is hold it out to them, and invite them to take a good, long look – and then another, and another.

All I can do is say, "Come and see."

See you in church,  
Pastor Tuula

## Family Programming Update

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Sunday, Sept. 22 is our Welcome Back BBQ and Neighbourhood Table Celebration.

We'll have worship, food and fun activities you won't want to miss!

Please bring your backpacks, pencil cases, laptops, lunch bags, agendas, etc. for a special blessing as the new school year gets underway (students and teachers of all ages most welcome!).

-Victoria Mlynko



**Here's a preview of the 2019-2020 family programming season at St. Philip's:**

**Starting Sept. 22**

NEW! Children's Song Practice Sunday mornings for 15 minutes after worship service (please gather at the piano in the sanctuary).

**Starting Sept. 29**

- Children's Gathering Time during worship Sunday mornings.
- Nursery supervision for children ages 3 and under.
- Children's Song during Sunday worship.

**Starting Oct. 27**

NEW! Monthly Family Supper Service at 4 p.m.



Monthly on-site Youth Group meet-ups for youth ages 13-19, starting with Escape St. Philip's on Saturday, Oct. 19.

(More information will be available on Sept. 22).

**ATTENTION YOUTH:** There is a Youth Group meeting on Sept. 22 at 12 p.m. Please plan to attend to register for Youth Group this year and hear about upcoming events. 2020 is the next Canadian Lutheran-Anglican Youth (CLAY) Gathering. Important information will be shared about CLAY 2020 at this meeting. Here's wishing all our families moments of connection and fun through the busyness of back-to-school!

P.S. If you know someone who received a BINGO card from me in the mail at the start of the summer, I'm looking forward to seeing them, hearing summer stories and giving out prizes!

-Victoria Mlynko

**Happy Birthday ...**

- 2nd: Jessica Hogeveen
- 3rd: Vashti Suknundun
- 4th: Alicia Davies; Arlene Somerville
- 5th: Timothy Feller
- 7th: John Stewart
- 12th: Diana DiBiase
- 15th: Sarah McCutcheon; Angela Shaw
- 17th: Brenna Kearns
- 24th: Ghita Sundberg
- 25th: Bettina Dash; Paul McCutcheon
- 27th: Jack Somerville
- 28th: Kevin Eiben
- 30th: Carol Stewart

**Happy Anniversary ...**

- 11th: Stewart & Joanne Wykes
- 14th: Jim & Donna Kourniotis
- 21st: Rob & Karen Jacksteit
- 23rd: Dave & Sarah Pascoe
- 24th: Percy & Jeanette Elliott

## Captured!

From Confirmation Camp to the Good Food Market/Neighbourhood Table, here's a visual look at summer fun. Our GFM/NT even made the pages of SNAPd Etobicoke. Feel free to check out Susan Ng's blog posts for recaps and delicious recipes.





## Life Passages

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### GONE TO BE WITH THE LORD

- Antoinette Voorpostel (June 2)
- Julianna Willner (June 27)
- Jurgen George (Aug. 8)
- Hugh Wood (Aug. 10 – Pastor Tuula performed a graveside service on Aug. 23 at Beechwood Cemetery).
- Janet Biernacki (Aug. 21)



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### TWO NEW BABIES FOR THE KLEMENCICS

Name: Gloria Elizabeth Daly (July 6).  
 Parents: Jane and Brian Daly.  
 Grandparents: Aline Kouhi-Klemencic and Tony Klemencic.

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George Stanley Ivan was born Aug. 29 at 1:09 a.m. at Oakville Trafalgar Hospital to Pauline (Klemencic) and Michael Ivan. George is the seventh grandchild for Aline Kouhi-Klemencic and Tony Klemencic and the fourth grandchild for Dana Ivan. "He weighed in at nine pounds. (Maybe he'll want to wear Number 9!) ... He is named in memory of Mike's father and also in honour of Pauline's grandfathers. Thanks be to God." -Aline Kouhi-Klemencic



### WEDDINGS

- Peter Goshulak and Stephanie Barraco (June 1)
- Jeff Marsh and Rachael Reid (July 6)
- Brittney Phannenhour and Daphnee Belanger-Duchesne (Aug. 17)

### 70th Wedding Anniversary

Former members of St. Philip's, Steve and Hedy Haller, will be celebrating their 70th this month.

Steve and Hedy were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Toronto on September 17, 1949. The Haller family will be gathering at The Old Mill to celebrate this amazing milestone.

Congrats to the happy couples!

## 50+

Join us **Thursday, Sept. 12 @ 12 p.m.** 50+ Opening potluck luncheon with tribute for Janice Rouse.

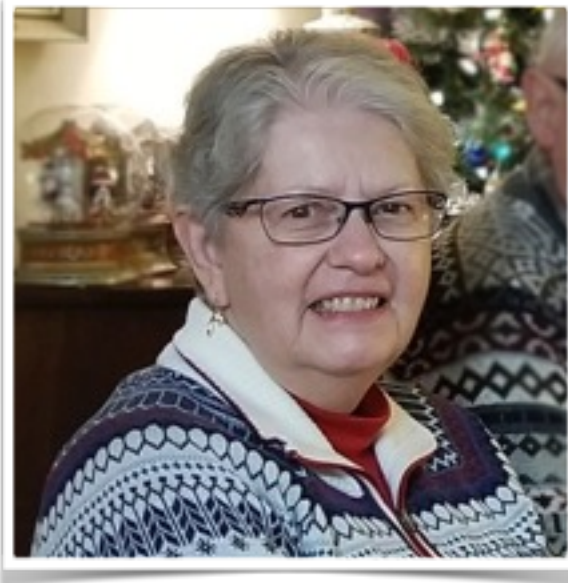
**Please sign up to attend and/or arrange carpooling.**

Oct.10 @ 11 a.m. - Guided Walk of Historical Murals on Dundas St. (Lunch at nearby restaurant).

Nov. 14. Noon luncheon at the church. Guest speaker from R.O.M. FOR YOU - "Queens, Goddesses, & Femmes Fatales."

Dec. 12 Noon Christmas-catered luncheon & concert (New Horizons Band).

PLEASE NOTE: New members are always welcome. For more information please contact Doris Pascoe (416-236-4254) or [dorispascoe@gmail.com](mailto:dorispascoe@gmail.com)



### SPLC Book Club

Please join us on Wednesday, Sept. 18 12 at 12:30 p.m. to review the latest book. We welcome new members at any time!



### Seniors' Gentle Fitness is back

Fitness classes with Julia Gall is returning Sept. 16. They're held on Mondays from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Cost: \$10 for 4 classes.

## September at a Glance

We're blessed with four seasons in Canada and sweater weather is on deck. Speaking of decks, most of us are back from summer travels and school breaks. Please join us on the following dates:

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**EUCHRE**

**Mondays @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Don't know how to play?  
We will teach you.  
No cost.  
We will set up tables of 4.

**All are welcome.**

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*Instagram/Twitter: @SPLCOnline*

**Renovations**

The upstairs hall has received a new coat of paint and new washroom signs have been posted throughout the building.

**Plastic Grocery Bags** are needed for lining our compost bin. Please bring in what you can and leave in the kitchen. Thank you.

**Holidays**

Sarah McCutcheon will cover for Margaret in the church office (Sept. 3-6).

**Next issue of LIFE**

Please submit articles and photos for the next issue of LIFE by Sept. 23 ... send good news to Kelly at [rochekel@gmail.com](mailto:rochekel@gmail.com)

***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.