

What's on at St. John's

Thursday, October 13, 2016

This Sunday, October 16th

German Eucharist at 9:30 am
English Eucharist at 11 am
Sunday School at 11 am

St. John's October & November Happenings

Friday, October 14th

8:30 am Physical Activity Ministry
The group will meet in front of the Angrignon Metro station.

Saturday, October 15th

11 am Liebling Kirchweih Luncheon

Friday, October 21st

8 pm Electro-acoustic Vespers
Reserve your Vespers CD by contacting the Church Office or speaking with Joel Peters.

Tuesday, October 25th

6:30 pm Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 26th

9 am Golden Agers

Friday, October 28th

9 am Liebling Gemeinsammer Tag

Saturday, October 29th

6 pm Sandwich Ministry

Sunday, October 30th

12:30 pm Reformation Luncheon
Tickets are available at the Church Office or from Pr. Dyck following the Sunday Service.

Tuesday, November 1st

9:30 am Ladies Aid Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th

6:30 pm Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 9th

9 am Golden Agers

Saturday, November 12th

9 am Annual Bazaar

Sunday, November 20th

2 pm Serenata Concert

Tuesday, November 22nd

6:30 pm Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 23rd

9 am Golden Agers

Friday, November 25th

9 am Liebling Gemeinsammer Tag

Saturday, November 26th

6 pm Sandwich Ministry

Sunday, November 27th

St. John's Church

A glimpse into our
past...



NOTE:

Translations prepared in 2000 by Gisele Steinle. Interesting extracts selected by Katherine Hedrich are featured below:

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February

- Mr. Lomer's financial report - the \$240 surplus will be invested at 8% per annum. The net proceeds from the Ladies Aid Bazaar was \$375.

April

- Repairs to the manse and installation of new foot rests in the church were approved.
- 12 children are to be confirmed at Pentecost
- Expense of \$5 to decorate the church was approved.

May (Semi-annual General Meeting)

- Pastor Georg Werner's report: 26 baptisms, 9 weddings, 5 funerals, no confirmations, 68 communions..
- Church Council felt that German co-citizens out to be more interested in their church. This concern will be mentioned after the sermon next Sunday. All such notices (*Bekanntmachungen*) are to be bound from here forward.

July

- The church received \$50 from the estate of the late Mr. Lauder.
- Curtains will be installed on the church windows.
- Some windows were broken; it is not known by whom. An advertisement is to be out in the newspaper offering a \$50 reward for finding the culprit. A policeman is to be posted during services to keep the neighbourhood quiet.

October (Semi-annual General Meeting)

- The Rev'd Dutier will receive \$5 for replacing Pastor Werner.
- The German School to begin paying rent.
- The financial situation of the church has improved.
- Mr. Idler will buy a new stove and 2 cords

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The Refugee crisis we're not hearing about

by David Schulze

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Eight thousand refugees a day have been pouring into Uganda from South Sudan.

Last year, Canadians were justly proud of the fact that our country decided to welcome 25,000 Syrian refugees in just a few months.

Last month, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) estimated that in just three weeks, it processed 37,491 refugees from South Sudan who were fleeing to neighbouring Uganda - 8,200 arrived in a single day. On Friday, the UNHCR announced that the numbers of refugees fleeing South Sudan had reached the 1 million mark.

The largest number of those South Sudanese refugees fleeing through Uganda joined 138,000 who were already at a nearby settlement in Adjumani, which I visited in January, before the influx caused by renewed fighting in the civil war. The settlement is run for the UNHCR by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Uganda and the work is supported by Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). LWF also manages the reception centre at the border and on July 19th, staff counted 41 refugees per minute.

"In all my career, I've never had a situation where we were receiving over 8,000 refugees a day and international media had not picked up on it, and that's something that's surprised us all," says Jesse Kamstra, the LWF country representative in Uganda, a veteran of emergency relief in Africa and the man who toured me and my group through the Adjumani settlement earlier this year.

The crisis in South Sudan did hit global headlines this week because actor George Clooney, a longtime activist on Darfur and South Sudan, held a press conference drawing attention to the civil war. But he can't hold a news conference about South Sudan every day.

Stepping up to assist for now are Canadian churches: early in August, CLWR made an emergency donation of \$20,000, matched by \$30,000 from the Anglican Church's Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

"You can't even begin to image how timely this contribution is," Kamstra wrote when we thanked them. "Yesterday we got confirmation that we have a cholera outbreak in our settlement." The outbreak was later contained with help from Médecins sans Frontières (MSF).

South Sudan seemed to be a good-news story a few years ago: it achieved independence from Sudan in 2011, ending Africa's longest running civil war against the government of the north. But bad news followed in December 2013, when a civil war began between political rivals in the new nation, divided on tribal and ethnic lines. The result has been one of the world's biggest humanitarian crisis: millions displaced, malnutrition, forced military recruitment of boys and men, and sexual violence against girls and women.

Adjumani is a settlement, not a camp, because in Uganda, the government has not only allowed in over half a million refugees - an extraordinary achievement for a small country - but allows them freedom of movement, as well as the right to work and set up businesses. When I visited, I learned that in return for allowing the settlement, Uganda asked the LWF to support local schools that South Sudanese and local children attend together.

The settlement is an active place, where families receive not just shelter, but plots of land to grow their own food, and residents get paid employment, such as helping to build housing for the elderly or the handicapped who cannot build their own.

When he spoke to my group, Kamstra was optimistic that Adjumani could serve its purpose and close again one day because Uganda and the LWF have seen it before: another settlement in the same location emptied out when the previous civil war ended and peace came to South Sudan. As he explained to me, the South Sudanese are herders and they do not like to stay away from their cattle for long.

The support the Canadian churches have provided to refugees in Adjumani would not have been nearly as effective without contributions from the Government of Canada, such as \$875,000 for safe water, hygiene and other relief in 2015-2016, as well as \$1.14 million for youth in 2016-2017. It has also helped organizations like the Canadian Food Grains bank provide food assistance in South Sudan itself.

But now Canadians need to ask themselves what more they can do: we should make donations for the South Sudanese to charities we trust. We should call on our government to set up its efforts to support both the victims and peace-making efforts to half the fighting. And our media also need to play a role: they should turn their eyes to Africa, where not only great disasters are occurring, but great efforts are being made to alleviate suffering and achieve peace.

David Schulze, member of St. John's is a lawyer who serves on the board of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). In January, he and his family took part in the CLWR Global Encounter 2016 tour to Uganda.

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Annual Ladies Aid Bazaar

Saturday, November 12th
from 9 to 3 pm

The Ladies Aid Auxiliary needs your help to make this year's Bazaar another roaring success.

- Your contributions of hand-made, hand-crafted items plus home-made baked goods and preserves will be very much appreciated.
- Sales of Raffle tickets also make up a good portion of money that will be raised at the Bazaar. You can help by buying and selling Raffle tickets, as well as making a donation of (new) items for the Raffle.
- Supporting the Bazaar with your attendance and bringing along a friend or two not only contributes to the success of the event, but will be an enjoyable way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Remember, a delicious lunch of sausages, home-made cabbage rolls, sauerkraut and fresh rye bread will be served at noon. And, coffee & cake is served all day!

You can drop off your donations at the Church Office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 10 am and 3 pm.

Notices, Announcements

- Remember to pre-order your copy of the Electroacoustic Vespers CD for \$15 by calling the Church Office at 514-844-6297, by emailing Kathy at Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org or by speaking with Joel Peters
- Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the Reformation Lunch. We need to know the number of people attending so that we can order the correct amount of food. Please contact the Church Office at 514-844-6297, or email Kathy at Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org. Tickets are \$25 for Adults, \$10 for Students & Youth and free for children 13 years of age and younger.

Annual Weihnachts - markt

Sunday, November 27th
(Advent 1)

Preparations for the annual Weihnachtsmarkt are well underway. This traditional Christmas market is unique in that it features only hand-made, hand-crafted and home-made goods.

Your contributions of hand-made, hand-crafted items and home-made baking or preserves will go a long way in ensuring that this year's event is successful. So, we are calling all hand-crafters, bakers and preservers (?) to donate their wonderful creations to this very enjoyable event.

Your support and attendance at this event will help us to raise much needed funds that support St. John's and our many ministries.

Physical Activity Ministry

Friday, October 14th at 8:30 am

The group will meet at metro Angrignon and then walk (15 min) to the Aqua-dome. Bring along your swimming suit and a padlock if you have one. The recreation swimming pool is suitable for all ages. The Price for adults is \$4 each.

Around 10:15 a.m., we will walk 2.2 km from the Aqua-dome to the Rapids of the St. Lawrence river where we will relax and spend some time together.

From there, we will walk 2.8 to the Vichy buffet restaurant (good quality Italian Buffet; lunch is \$10.50 plus tax and coffee or tea are included, This is an *all you can eat buffet*; we can sit together, around one table or separately depending how many people are there.

After lunch (around 3 p.m.) we will walk 10 min, through park Angrignon Park, back to the metro.

If you are interested in joining us for this outing, please contact the church office at 514-844-6297 or email Kathy at Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org.