

What's on at St. John's

Thursday, October 27, 2016

This Sunday, October 30th

German/English/French Eucharist
with the Malagasy Lutheran Church
at 11 am

Sunday School at 11 am

Reformation Lunch to follow Service

St. John's October & November Happenings

Friday, October 28th

9 am Lieblinger Gemeinsammer
Tag

Saturday, October 29th

6 pm Sandwich Ministry

If you are available, please contact Vasya at
SandwichMinistry@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org

Sunday, October 30th

12:30 pm Reformation Luncheon with
the Malagasy Lutheran
Church

Tickets are still available at the Church Office.

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 Lieblinger Gemeinsammer
Tag

Saturday, November 26th

6 pm Sandwich Ministry

Sunday, November 27th

noon Weihnachtsmarkt

St. John's Church

A glimpse into our
past...



NOTE:
Translations
2000 by
Interesting extracts selected by Katherine Hedrich are featured
below:

prepared in
Gisele Steinle.

1866

January

- Moving costs for Pastor Kähler will be partially borne by the church. These costs will be financed by subscription among the congregation.
- The corporation of the city requires that doors to the building open outwards; they currently open inward. The Church Council has decided to ignore this requirement.

April

- Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday.
- Repairs to the church wall are necessary.

May (Semi-Annual General Meeting)

- Pastor's Statistics: 5 weddings, 18 baptisms, 7 funerals, 95 communions.
- Pr. Kähler notes that the cost of living is high and food is scarce. The Salary of the pastor is to be increased by \$100. To help pay for this, visits to the members of the congregation are to take place.
- Church chairs (seats) will be rented to increase the seating and consequently, the income of the church.

June

- Deacon Ceredo has resigned. A new election is necessary.

July

- Pr. Kähler's salary will increase by \$100.

September

- The mortgage payment is due and will be made after a request for an extension until December 31st has been made.
- Reverend Göpp will receive \$5 for two sermons given during Pr. Kähler's absence.
- Mr. Haeusgen's company has imported new church pews as well as a new box for the offering. These items were given to the church as a gift.

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LARAM

Update

After a relatively quiet Summer, things certainly picked up in September for the Lutheran-Anglican Refugee Alliance of Montreal (LARAM) Steering Committee.

Over the Summer months, Emily Woods, Sponsorship Program Officer for *Action Réfugiés Montréal* (ARM) presented the Steering Committee with two prospective refugee families that were vetted by ARM and are on the ARM list awaiting a sponsor or sponsoring group.

This is how the sponsorship works when working with ARM - it is ARM that becomes the official, legal sponsor of the refugee family. LARAM and, in these 2 cases, a family member living in Montreal sign an agreement with ARM agreeing to "co-sponsor" the refugee family and provide support for 12 months after their arrival in Montreal.

One of the prospective refugee families was selected at the August Steering Committee meeting. Pastor Jim Slack (Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church), the Rev'd Michelle Eason (St. Michaels and all Angels Anglican Church) and Katherine Hedrich (St. John's Lutheran Church) were asked to meet with Emily and the prospective co-sponsor whose family members are Rwandan refugees living in Cameroon. The LARAM representatives were mandated to interview the Montreal family to see if they were a good co-sponsor "match" and to obtain as much information as possible about the refugee family and their needs once they arrive in Montreal.

Jim, Michelle and Katherine reported back to the Steering Committee in September. The committee members had additional questions about the refugee family that were not covered at the initial interview. The representatives were asked to arrange for a second interview of the co-sponsor family and a list of additional questions was prepared.

At last week's Steering Committee, Jim, Michelle and Katherine shared the new information they had obtained at the second interview and recommended that LARAM co-sponsor the Rwandan refugee family from Cameroon. A motion to sponsor this family was unanimously approved.

Next Steps

In the next 6 - 8 weeks, ARM will submit an application for sponsorship to Quebec Immigration. If the application is approved, it

will take 3 - 5 years before the family will arrive in Montreal.

This delay will give LARAM and the co-sponsor at least 36 months to raise the required funds needed to support the family during the first 12 months after their arrival in Montreal. And, to create the structure, working groups and volunteer base to welcome, support and help the family integrate into their new life in Canada.

A quarterly newsletter e-mail with updated project information will be issued. Also included - information about Rwanda, the Rwandan refugees, the refugees in Cameroon, Rwandan refugees in neighbouring countries, their current situation, some information about co-sponsor family in Montreal and the LARAM refugee family. The newsletter will be sent to the six LARAM groups and they in turn will redistribute it to their members and congregations.

Please consider volunteering for one of the work groups. Your help is very much needed and will be gratefully appreciated.

Notices, Announcements

- **Sandwich Ministry Volunteers NEEDED** Without volunteers, the Sandwich Ministry scheduled for this Saturday (October 29) will be cancelled. If you are available and can help out, please contact Vasya at SandwichMinistry@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **Reformation Lunch Tickets** Please order your tickets for Sunday's Reformation Lunch before noon tomorrow (Friday, October 28). Call the Church Office at 514-844-6297 or send an email to Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org to order your tickets.
- It's not too late to order your copy of the Electro-acoustic 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.
- *Friday, November 11th - All helpers welcomed when the Ladies Aid set-up the Parish Hall for the Annual Bazaar.*
- Operation Christmas Child - please bring boxes no later than Sunday, November 13th.
If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Martina Kugler at 514-248-6570 or 514-369-2944 or martina.kugler@gmail.com

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