

What's on at St. John's

Thursday, December 1, 2016

This Sunday, December 4

Advent II

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

St. John's Happenings for December

Saturday, December 3

11 am Lieblinger Association
Christmas Lunch

Sunday, December 4

3 pm Malagasy Service

Wednesday, December 7

6 pm St. John's Crafters

Saturday, December 10

11 am Ladies Aid & Men's Assoc.
Christmas Lunch
3 pm Malagasy Prayer Service

Sunday, December 11

2 pm Serenata Concert

Tuesday, December 13

6:30 pm Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 14

9 am Golden Agers

Saturday, December 17

6 pm Sandwich Ministry

Sunday, December 18

3 pm Malagasy Service

Saturday, December 24

4 pm German Christmas Eve Vespers
6 pm English Christmas Eve Vespers
8 pm Malagasy Christmas Eve Service
11 pm English Christmas Eve Solemn

Sunday, December 25

11 am German/English Christmas Service
3 pm Malagasy Christmas Service

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:

1871

February

- Trustees: The City of Montreal has asked the church to install a new drain. The Church will ask for an exemption from the costs of completing this work.
- There are still financial concerns. To pay the mortgage to Mrs. Aylwin, the church will have to take out a new loan. Mr. Reinhardt will secure the loan personally.
- Mr. Haeusgen will be leaving soon for a business trip to Germany, While there, he will try to secure financial support for the church.

April

- The new hymn book from New York will be sold for \$0.80 each and \$1.40 for the books with gold titles.
- Mrs. Charlotte White (née Wolff) died. In her will, she forgives the Church's debt.
- The Church Council proposes that there is to be a subscription in the congregation for a marble monument in honour of Mrs. White. *Note: This marble monument is in the centre of the brick wall on the left wall, towards the front of the Church Hall.*

May (Semi-Annual General Meeting)

- Thanks were given to Mr. Reinhardt for his services as Treasurer.
- Pastor Rechenberg's report: 15 baptisms, 120 confirmations, 102 communions, 6 funerals. He proposed the following dates for communion: 1st Sunday in July, 1st Sunday in October, the 1st Sunday after New Year's and on Good Friday.
- The proposal for the marble monument in honour of Mrs. White was accepted.

July

- There will be no money given to the Church from the Gustav Adolph Foundation. Next year, we will once again apply for funding from the Foundation. An extensive report about the Church will be included in the application.

October (Semi-Annual General Meeting)

- Pastor Rechenberg's request to visit the Canada synod was refused as he was already excused earlier this year.

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The 2016 Weihnachts- markt

The Weihnachtsmarkt was a marvellous success! The Glühwein was simmering away as people congregated in the Church Hall and looked at all the hand-crafted and home-made goodies for sale. The Weihnachtsmarkt cooks outdid themselves with their amazingly delicious, hearty homemade pea soup! It was difficult to choose between the pea soup and the sausages on rolls. Many people enjoyed both!

Our wonderfully talented musicians regaled the crowd with traditional Christmas hymns and songs. Many in the crowd asked if it was a sing-along. Special thanks to all who dedicated hours of work to prepare the baked goods and preserves, made the many hand-crafted items, and the cooks who prepared the home-made pea soup and cooked up the sausages and Glühwein! Thank you to the St. John Crafters for your contributions of hand-crafted ornaments, mug warmers, and many other items that were made especially for this event.

Lutherlyn Camp

The Board and Staff at Lutherlyn Camp are excited with this great Outdoor Ministry Facility made available to us by the Grace of God over 51 years ago. We are becoming a known location in the Valley as opposed to being the Valley's best kept secret. This has been good for Lutherlyn.

We have come to the point in our life that the kitchen in Schmeider Hall requires major upgrading which requires the replacement of the dishwasher and stove as they are no longer functioning. With changes to these pieces of equipment, we are expecting that we may have to do extensive changes to the kitchen.

Due to the expense of these items we find that we are needing financial assistance. This may take place in a number of ways; Fund raising events, special offering Sunday, or approaching members of your congregation for a special gift. Donations can be made to Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Centre – Legacy Fund.

Thank you for sharing our story to your members. The need is urgent and your support would be appreciated by the end of the year.

In Christ,

The Board Members of Lutherlyn Camp &
Conference Center

St. John's Crafters

Next meeting:

Wednesday, December 7 at 6 pm

Regardless of your level of expertise - none, beginner, intermediate, expert - bring your current projects and materials and join us for an evening of creating, conversation and coffee & cake. If you are a beginner, just bring your creativity - there are knitting & crocheting needles aplenty along with extra yarn!

Knitting and crocheting classes will be held in January. Stay tuned for the dates/times.

Serenata Concert Series

Next Concert:

Sunday, December 11 at 2 pm

Join us for the next Serenata Concert featuring:

Magnificat anima mea, a celebration of hope, joy and peace. Buxtehude's *Magnificat* (Luke 1, 46-65), Mozart's *Exsultate, jubilate*, a jovial *Divertimento* by Hoffmeister followed by one of Bach's masterpieces: "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern", written for the Annunciation (Luke 1, 26-38).

Christmas Spectacular

Sunday, December 18 at 11 am

Please come out and support the Sunday School children who have been working very hard on their Presentation. For those of us who have grown children or grandchildren, or no children, our support and attendance to see the children's presentation is very important to them. The children are our future and the future of St. John's. Let's lend them our encouragement and rousing support!