

# What's on at St. John's

Thursday, March 9, 2017

## This Sunday

**Sunday, March 12**

German/English Eucharist at 11 am  
Sunday School at 11 am

followed by the

## Annual Meeting

Many of you have good ideas for the congregation. Here is your opportunity to bring those ideas forward.

Following the church service, a potluck lunch will be served. Please bring along a simple dish to share (or pick up a BBQ chicken next door at the Metro Store.

## St. John's Happenings for March

**Thursday, March 9**

6 pm Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, March 12**

12 noon Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, March 14**

6:30 pm Prayer Group

**Wednesday, March 15**

9 am Golden Agers

**Thursday, March 16**

6 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 18**

12 noon Food Bank

**Wednesday, March 22**

6 pm St. John's Crafters

6 pm Food Bank

**Thursday, March 23**

6 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 25**

8 am Noodlemaking Day

12 noon Food Bank

6 pm Sandwich Ministry

**Tuesday, March 28**

6:30 pm Prayer Group

**Wednesday, March 29**

8 am Packing up the Noodles

9 am Golden Agers

6 pm Food Bank

**Thursday, March 30**

6 pm Stations of the Cross

**Friday, March 31**

9 am Liebling Association

## 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:*

### 1879

**May** (Semi-Annual General Meeting)

- Pastor's Report: 15 baptisms, 7 weddings, 9 funerals, 9 confirmations, 4 communions. Services were attended by an average of 70 people.
- Sunday School: \$700 of income was donated to the church.
- A settlement has been reached with Mrs. Wray.
- Repairs to the manse are necessary and are to be done.

**August**

- The Haeusgen family is leaving the German church.
- A drainage bill was received from the corporation (city). The church is turning to lawyer Würtele to claim an exemption for the church.

**October**

- A proposal was made by the Pastor to introduce an English evening service.
- The church has not received a reply from lawyer Würtele. He is to be contacted again.

**November** (Semi-Annual General Meeting)

- Pastor's Report: 7 baptisms, 2 weddings, 2 guest sermons. Services were attended by an average of 71 people.
- There will be a special collection taken to found a German preachers seminary.
- Sunday School: 35 - 40 children to the Pastor's regret. He wishes that there were more children enrolled.
- Women's Auxiliary: there are 33 members. They will seek affiliation with a women's auxiliary in Germany.
- Financial Report: there is a deficit of \$137. The financial report will be audited.
- The English Evening service will be continued.
- A Lutheran Church book to be purchased.
- Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday.
- The Pastor is not to minister, nor to issue legal papers to non-members of the Church.
- A fundraising Organ concert will be held.

**November**

- Mrs. Wolff made a donation of \$130.
- The old organ was bought by a congregation in Morrisburg, Ontario for \$150. They will pay in installments.

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## Easter Lilies & Tulips

The season to order your Easter Lilies and Tulips has arrived. Order an Easter Lily or Tulip in memory of a loved one, a family member or friend. These beautiful plants will decorate the Altar at Easter.

Order your Easter Lily or Tulip by contacting the Church Office at 514-844-6297 or by email at [Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org](mailto:Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org) by April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The prices for the plants are

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Easter Lilies | \$ 20 per plant |
| Tulips        | \$ 15 per plant |

## The Ladies Aid Auxiliary

In recent years, the Ladies Aid Auxiliary has contributed at least \$10,000 annually to St. John's through their fundraising efforts. The majority of these funds are raised through the sale of home-made noodles and meals at events such as the spring Bake Sale and autumn Bazaar. And, let's not forget the sale of 700 plus freshly baked donuts sold at the Bake Sale. The fundraising events are more than fundraisers; they are well-loved St. John's community events! These fundraising efforts are significant to the contributions that help keep St. John's active.

The membership of the Ladies Aid has been aging and there are few younger members to help with the fund-raising projects. Fewer and fewer Ladies Aid members are able to assist when there is a work day (noodle-making or preparing meals). For example, at the last noodle-making day in February there were so few members and helpers that only half of the usual number of noodles could be made.

Over the past year, it has become clear to the executive and many of the members that it was necessary to have a serious discussion about the future direction of the auxiliary and their annual fundraising events. A meeting was called for Tuesday, March 7 and the auxiliary unanimously voted to stop making noodles, and to stop organizing the spring Bake Sale and autumn Bazaar. However, the members felt that they would still be able to run the Rummage Sales.

Over the last few months, a number of people have expressed their interest in continuing (and learning) these traditions. Four of those wishing to give new energy to traditional Ladies Aid projects were present at the meeting. Dr. Ingrid Sladeczek (Ladies Aid Member), Katherine Hedrich, Katherine Hedrich, Angela Kalyta and Vasya Yordanova shared with the Ladies Aid that they and others are willing to "do the heavy lifting" and continue making noodles and organising the Bake Sale and Bazaar.

**But, it will take more than four people and their helpers!** It is especially important that the long-time members of the Ladies Aid pass on their knowledge and experience. In discussion, the guests at the meeting and the members could agree on many things: That the Ladies Aid members would

- share details and information about their annual events with the new group of members;
- teach a new group to make and package noodles; and how to make batches of doughnuts;
- contribute baked goods to the Bake Sale and Bazaar; and, assist at the tables by selling items.

**Now, it's over to you!** Please consider participating in any of the following ways for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale:

- Help to make noodles: Noodle-making Day is Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm;
- Make a donation: baked goods for the Bake Sale (tortes, squares, cupcakes and cookies) are needed.
- Your time:
  - help to make donuts at the Bake Sale (April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to noon-ish);
  - help to prepare and serve a simple lunch.

Please contact Kathy at the Church Office at 514-844-6297, or send her an email at [Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org](mailto:Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org) if you can help out in any way.

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## Lent / Easter Newsletters

The Lent / Easter Newsletters were mailed yesterday. You should receive one soon.

## St. John's Crafters

**Wednesday, March 22 at 6 pm**

Please join us for crafting, refreshments, and discussion. We will be looking at group projects that we can undertake.

We are looking for donations of yarn, knitting & crocheting needles and any other knitting/crocheting supplies you may have. If you would like to make a donation, please bring it to the church on Sundays or during Church Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm.

For more information, contact Kathy at the Church Office by email at: [StJohns@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org](mailto:StJohns@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org) or call us at 514-844-6297.

## Holy Communion Activity Day

**Saturday, April 1 at 10 am - 1 pm**

For children and youth receiving communion and those preparing for First Communion.

Exploring together with prayer, talk, song and activities. As we learn what it means to *break* bread together, we will also *bake* bread together. The baked bread will be used for Sunday morning Eucharist.

Please register with Kathy by calling the Church Office at 514-844-6297 or send an email to: [Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org](mailto:Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org).

## Serenata Concert

**Sunday, April 9 at 2 pm**

This will be the last concert of our 2016/2017 season.

Programme:

J. S. Bach: Cantate BWV 182  
"Himmelskönig, sei willkommen"  
F. A. Hoffmeister: Quatour pour  
contrebasse et trio à cordes  
J.G. Hoffman: Partie à 3 voci  
Pezel: "Des Abends, Morgens und Mittags"

Admission is free. For further details and programme updates, visit [www.sasj.ca](http://www.sasj.ca), join Serenata on Facebook, or call the Church Office at 514-844-6297.

We will publish the information about our 2017/2018 season as soon as it becomes available.

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## Food Bank

***Distribution dates & times have changed. Can you help?***

Thanks to your generous response to our fundraising efforts, the pantry is full of food... but, we do not have the volunteers needed to distribute it! Right now there is no one but me who can distribute food, and this is not sustainable. So, I'm calling out to the St. John's community to assist in our serving our neighbours.

We are experimenting with new times and days of the week to make it easier for students and those who work during the daytime volunteer. In March, we will be distributing food on the last two *Wednesday evenings* and *Saturday afternoons* of the month.

**Saturday afternoons** on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
from noon to 2:00 pm

**Wednesday evenings** on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

If you've wanted to help the less fortunate in our neighbourhood, but couldn't because of your work schedule, now is your chance! I'd love to have a team of 4-5 people so that we each only take one out of the four days each month. If you have any questions about what volunteering entails, or suggestions for times that would work for you, you can always e-mail me at [angela.kalyta@gmail.com](mailto:angela.kalyta@gmail.com).

On behalf of the neighbours who rely on us: *Thanks for supporting this ministry!*

Angela Kalyta  
Food Bank coordinator