

What's on at St. John's

Friday, April 6, 2017

This Sunday

Passion/Palm Sunday Sunday, April 9

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

St. John's Happenings for April

Wednesday, April 5

6:30 pm St. John's Crafters

Thursday, April 6

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 8

8 am Bake Sale Making Donuts
10 am Bake Sale opens
noon Hot Lunch Served
2 pm Bake Sale closes

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9

2 pm Serenata Concert

Wednesday, April 12

9 am Golden Agers

Maundy Thursday, April 13

7 pm Liturgy

Good Friday, April 14

9:30 am Liturgy (German)
11 am Liturgy (English)
3 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15

8 pm Easter Vigil followed by an
Easter Party

Easter Sunday, April 19

9:30 am Festive Eucharist (German)
11 am Festive Eucharist (English)

Wednesday, April 19

6 pm Food Bank
6:30 pm St. John's Crafters

Thursday, April 20

7:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Saturday, April 22

noon Food Bank

Tuesday, April 25

6 pm Prayer Group

Wednesday, April 26

9 am Golden Agers
6 pm Food Bank

Friday, April 28

9 am Liebling Association

Saturday, April 29

noon Food Bank
6 pm Sandwich Ministry

Reformation 2017 Celebrations continue with:

Connie Kaldor in Concert

Sunday, May 7 at 5 pm

St. Barnabas Anglican Church
12301 Colin
Pierrefonds, QC

Tickets are now on sale at the Church
Office. Call 514-844-6297 or email
Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org
to order your tickets now!

Adults \$25 Students \$10 Family \$50

*This Reformation 2017 event is organized
and sponsored by the Montreal Lutheran
Council.*

Easter Lilies & Tulips

We are still accepting orders for Easter Lily
or Tulips to be displayed in the Church on
Easter Sunday.

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 Easter flowers by calling the Church
Office at 514-844-6297 or by sending
Kathy an email at
Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org
by April 11th.

Easter Vigil

Planning for this year's Easter Vigil (April
15 at 8 pm) and the Easter Party is well
underway. Your generous contributions of
sweets for the Easter party will be greatly
appreciated.

If you are able to make a contribution of
sweets, please let Ingrid Sladeczek know by
sending her an email to
StJohns@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org.
See you there!

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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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January 14

- 50 - 60 children were present for Christmas giving.
- There was a disagreement between the Pastor and the Choir; most of the choir members resigned. The Board supports the Pastor.

March 9

- The meeting was called to discuss the church's financial situation. The entire Board was present.
- The Treasurer reported a deficit of \$68.37 which was covered by the Treasurer. He predicts a higher deficit for March.
- The reasons may be related to the decreasing number of members, many members have reduced their contributions, the Children's Christmas presents were too expensive (\$80). The Pastor was asked to submit a detailed report.
- Means to raise money were discussed, including no new mortgage on building, extra collection, bazaar with raffle, close church and dismiss the Pastor for at least a year.
- The congregation to be informed of these options at a special meeting.

March 16

- Treasurer gave a brief report. Emergency fundraising campaign among board and members to be started.

May 6

- No success with fundraising. The minister to be dismissed on August 1. Pastor Braunwarth regrets this and asks for immediate reference letters. Agreed.
- The letter of reference, dated August 1, states that only financial reasons have led to his dismissal.

May 8 (semi-annual meeting)

- Dismal financial situation discussed. The Board decided to close the church on August 1 for 1 year; pastor to be dismissed, the manse will be rented out for 1 year, collect membership fees that are due.

June 4

- Foundation of a mission society associated with the church planned, start of a financial campaign amount English and German citizens in Montreal. German classes to be offered by one Otto Sierich who requests the use of Sunday School classrooms. Request approved.

July 1

- Mission - no steps taken yet. Closure of church scheduled for August 1.

July 26

- The Sexton will be kept on for \$50 per annum.
- \$200 to be borrowed to cover debts and expenses.
- The minister will receive \$50 and will be allowed to stay in the manse until September 1.
- A farewell sermon will be given on August 24th.
- The Gustav Adolph foundation annual contribution of \$100 is to be received shortly. Temporary closure of the church was mentioned to them.

July 29 Closure of German Protestant Church for one year

- Braunwarth will serve as long as he is in Montreal and will not charge for his services.
- Pastor Andes or Berlin, Ontario was present and tried to persuade the Board to keep the church open. He was very disappointed in Montreal German Christians.
- Pastor's use of the manse extended to September 15.

August 31

- Pastor Braunwarth to be forced out of manse by September 15 as it has been rented to a family.

September 28

- Pastor Braunwarth has not yet vacated the manse. \$50 to be used to find him other accommodations. He will move out of the manse on October 15 - he has found a position in the U.S.

November 11

- A special sermon was given in German by Pastor Ongerth from Berlin, Ontario as part of Luther's 400th Birthday celebrations. 160 people were present.
- The church will be rented to the Eastern Protestant Congregation until May 1884.

November 13 (semi-annual Meeting)

- Rental income of \$25 per month from Eastern Protestant Congregation, \$16 per month for rent of manse.
- The Church is in better financial condition; thoughts of employing a new minister. Pastor Ongerth made a good impression. Canadian Synod in Berlin (Augsburg Conf.) Willing to support a minister in Montreal for \$100-200 per annum.
- The church will reopen with investiture of Pastor Ongerth on November 18, 1883.

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Friday, April 6, 2017

St. John's Crafters

Today at 6:30 pm; and

Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm

Join us for crafting, refreshments, and discussion. We recently received a large donation of knitting & crocheting yarn and will be discussing new group projects.

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

Bake Sale

**Saturday, April 8
from 10 am - 2 pm**

Freshly made **donuts** will be sold as of 10 am - be sure to get your donuts order in early!

A hot lunch (German sausages and roasted potatoes with fresh rye bread) will be served at noon! Join us for lunch!

Come and try some of our many home-made tortes - squares - pies - cookies; and our specialty - home-made noodles!

Serenata Concert

Sunday, April 9 at 2 pm

Join us for the last concert of our 2016/2017 season.

Programme:

J. S. Bach: Cantata 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, and join Serenata on Facebook, or call the Church Office at 514-844-6297.

Noodle- making Days

Due to the high demand for our home-made noodles, Noodle-making days will be held on **April 29, May 27 and June 17**. These are tentative dates that will be confirmed in next week's What's On at St. John's issue.

If you joined us for the last noodle-making day and enjoyed the experience of learning a new skill and had fun working together in a multi-generational community, then please join us again.

If you haven't yet participated in the fun, then please consider doing so. Feedback from the folks who participated for the first time in the last Noodle-making Day was extremely positive and most will join in again because they enjoyed the experience so much.

Please let Kathy know if you can help out and which of these dates work for you. You can call her at 514-844-6297 or email her at Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org.

Food Bank

**Saturdays, April 22 & 29
from noon to 2 pm**

**Wednesdays, April 19 & 26
from 6 to 8 pm**

The new schedule and format of the Food Bank has been a success!

More volunteers are available on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons than were available during the weekdays. Participants of our Food Bank ministry are invited in for a cup of coffee and conversation. Both volunteers and participants are enjoying the change in format.

If you can help, please e-mail Angela Kalyta at angela.kalyta@gmail.com.

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