

What's on at St. John's

Thursday, April 27, 2017

This Sunday

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

St. John's Happenings for April & May

Friday, April 28

9 am Lieblinger Association

Saturday, April 29

noon Food Bank
6 pm Sandwich Ministry

Wednesday, May 3

6:30 pm St. John's Crafters

Saturday, May 6

8 am Noodlemaking Day

Wednesday, May 10

9 am Golden Agers

Thursday, May 11

Church Office is Closed

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 pm St. John's Crafters

Saturday, May 20

11 am Lieblinger Association
Annual Meeting
6 pm Sandwich Ministry

Tuesday, May 23

6 pm Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 24

9 am Golden Agers

Friday, May 26

9 am Lieblinger Association

Saturday, May 27

9 am Rummage Sale

Wednesday, May 31

6:30 pm St. John's Crafters

Saturday, June 10

8 am Noodlemaking Day

Sandwich Ministry

Saturday, April 29 at 6 pm

The Sandwich Ministry meets in the Church Kitchen at 6 pm to prepare hot beverages and sandwiches before heading out to the streets of downtown. Please join us in this very important Ministry. Contact Vasya Yordanova at SandwichMinistry@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org

**Reformation 2017 Celebrations
continue with:**

Connie Kaldor in Concert

Sunday, May 7 at 5 pm

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.

Noodle-making Days

The April 22nd noodle-making day was a day of *experimentation*. We tried a new way to speed up the process of preparing the egg-noodle dough. Our primary goal - to lighten the work load.

We used 3 KitchenAid stand mixers to blend the eggs and flour. The mixers blended the dough so well that the first hand-kneading time was reduced to 3 minutes per batch (down from approx. 7-10 mins). And, once the dough rested for 30 minutes, the second hand-kneading time was reduced to about 3-5 minutes per batch (down from approx. 10-12 mins).

With a team of 10 people, we produced 8 batches of dough (8 dozen eggs), cut and stored the noodles for drying, and cleaned up in 4-1/2 hours.

Our next noodle-making day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th**. We hope to make 20 batches of dough (20 dozen eggs). Ideally, to meet this target, we will need the help of 18 - 20 volunteers.

With the new system of preparing the egg-noodle dough, it is no longer necessary for everyone to be here at 8 am.

- We need 8 dough-makers and 2 hall "set-up" volunteers to begin their work at 8 am.
- The remaining 10 - 12 volunteers are asked to arrive at 10 am.

The sale of home-made noodles is one of the many ways in which the Ladies Aid raises monies to support the church and its ministries. And, we need your help.

Please let Kathy know if you can help next Saturday and whether you can arrive at 8 am or only at 10 am. Please call her at 514-844-6297 or emailing her at Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org.

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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:*

1885

The minutes for 1885 are quite scant...

May 12 (Semi-Annual Meeting)

- Statistics for the past year were distributed.
- Monies from Synod are still to come.
- The Council presented for discussion, a proposal to build a 3-family building in the play of Wray's shed.

October 13

- A newsletter is to be written and circulated.
- A new organist and choir director will be paid \$120 per annum, on probation.

November 10 (Semi-Annual Meeting)

- There will be no new construction.

1886

January 5

- Pastor Ongerth has asked for a \$125 advance to move his mother and young siblings to California where his father has emigrated. Five members of the congregation have agreed to advance \$25 each interest-free for 6-months, to be paid back quarterly, deducted from Pr. Ongerth's salary.
- 12 small and 6 big hymnals will be ordered.

April 2

- There was only 1 item on the agenda - the new site for the church. The Council plan to sell the church property and move to a better part of town.
- The promissory note to the City and District Savings Bank of \$250 will be paid off gradually.

May 11 (Semi-Annual Meeting)

- Pastor Ongerth presented his statistics.
- Secretary Drechsel presented his report. The membership increased from 40-45.
- A reimbursement from the Synod is not yet possible as they are currently involved in a court case.
- The move to sell the property, buy new land to build a church and manse in a better part of town - expected cost is \$7,000. The committee - G. Reinhardt, Studer, Briegel (for 6 months) will look into this further.

May 11 Continued

- Newly elected officers are: Messrs. Heinrich (President), G. Reinhardt (Treasurer) Simm (Secretary).

September 15

- The rental of the church was discussed. Pastor Massey holds English evening services and will now have to pay \$14 extra for firewood.
- The Ladies Auxiliary asked to organize a tea party for Germans in Montreal.
- Repairs to the roof and chimney are needed.

October 13

- The City of Montreal has asked for payment of drainage. The committee petitioned the Chairman of the Finance Committee, City of Montreal for an exemption or an extension of the deadline. The City agreed to a 6-month deadline extension.

November 9 (Semi-Annual Meeting)

- Monies from Canada Synod not yet received.
- Have not received an acceptable purchase offer for the building.
- Missionary Dr. Baedeker will give a guest sermon in German church.
- Mr. Studer has suggested that the asking price for the church property be lowered to \$6,000.

December 29

- A new sexton is to be hired. Until then, Council members will take turns carrying out the sexton's duties.
- Pastor Ongerth has asked that the toilet and bathroom, which are in an unbearable state, be relocated. This work will be deferred until the spring.

Food Bank

Saturday, April 29, noon to 2 pm

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!

St. John's Crafters

**Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm on
May 3, 17 and 31**

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

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