

# What's on at St. John's

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

## This Sunday, June 19

German Eucharist at 9:30 am  
English Eucharist at 11:00 am

## Sunday, June 26 Service of the Word

English Eucharist at 11:00 am

## Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings

Lieblingerverein	Friday, June 17 <sup>th</sup> at 9 am
Fundraising Discussion Group	Sunday, June 26 <sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm
Golden Agers	Wednesday, June 29 <sup>th</sup> at 9 am
Refugee Sponsorship	Thursday, June 30 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

## Fundraising Discussion Group

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Fundraising Discussion Group will be held after Church Service on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Fundraising events are necessary to raise enough money each year to meet our annual operating budget, to fund our ministries and special projects, and to raise money for the Building Fund so that the much needed major repairs can be made to the building.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider which fundraising efforts work well, which ones don't fare as well, and how we can increase participation both in putting on the events and the number of people who attend the events. We will also discuss the possibility of holding two major fundraising events to raise monies for the Building Fund and the Refugee Sponsorship project.

If you are interested in participating in the discussion, please attend this meeting and bring your ideas. Representatives of an auxiliary, ministry, Church Council, and hopefully, any interested members of the congregation are especially welcomed to join the discussion.

## Refugee Sponsorship

At the June 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee, the following Executive members were selected:

Chair	Pr. Jim Slack
Vice-Chair	Dr. Ingrid Sladeczek
Secretary	Pr. Michelle Eason
Treasurer	Roger Kenner

Action Réfugiés Montréal, our supporting partner in the project, will be contacted to arrange for an interview with a prospective local family, with whom we will work. Pr. Slack, Pr. Eason and Katherine Hedrich will conduct the interview.

## 2016 Eastern Synod Assembly

Pastor Dyck and Dr. Ingrid Sladeczek will be away at the 2016 Eastern Synod Assembly from Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. In cases of pastoral emergency, please call the office and leave a voicemail message (Tues., Thurs., or Friday) or email Pastor Dyck at [Pastor@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org](mailto:Pastor@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org).

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church A glimpse into our past...



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Montreal has a long and rich history and today, is the only remaining German Lutheran Church in Montreal. As a congregation, we are extremely fortunate that detailed records in the form of Minutes of Meetings held as early as October 6, 1853 have been carefully safeguarded in the Church vault. In 2000, Dr. Gisele Steinle summarized and translated the minutes into English from various Gothic and other older German scripts. Referencing these translated minutes, we will publish articles called *A glimpse into our past...* in upcoming newsletters.

### The founding of the German Evangelical (Protestant) Congregation in Montreal, Canada (October 1853)

After many futile attempts to fulfill the spiritual needs of the German immigrants in Montreal by appointing a minister (preacher), this grave and important task was taken up again and seriously pursued in 1853. The strong desire of the German residents in Montreal to hear the word of God in their mother tongue spearheaded the search for the appointment of a German-speaking preacher.

German immigration had declined in previous years and the poorer Germans could not afford to go back to Germany; they had no options but to stay in Montreal. Being ignorant of the local customs and the workings of their adopted home, they fell prey to and became victim of German thugs.

Aware of these circumstances, a number of German residents decided to meet on October 6, 1853, and after due consultation, and the election of officers - Mr. G. Lomer (President), Mr. Adler (Treasurer), Mr. A. Schmidt (Secretary) - it was unanimously resolved to undertake the necessary steps to effect the appointment and employment of a German Evangelical preacher and that the service in this young congregation be given according to the Evangelical rite as used in the united Lutheran and Reformed church. Fees were determined, hymns books were ordered and the search for a German preacher began. A provisory board had been elected on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The provisory board members were Messrs. G. Lomer, E. Idler, A. Schmidt, G. Reinhardt and F. Fontane.

## Church Office Staffing & Summer Hours

Katherine Hedrich will be away from the office from June 16<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ruth Buitrago will be replacing Katherine during that time. The Office will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 4 pm until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Church Office will be closed on:

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> St. Jean Baptiste Day  
Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day

Summer hours are from July 5<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>. During this period, the Office will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on Thursdays only.

Regular Office days/hours resume on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.