

What's on at St. John's

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Gone Fishing...

Kathy will be on vacation from July 25th to August 12th.
What's on at St. John's will return on August 18th.

This Sunday, July 24th

English Eucharist at 11:00 am

Sunday, July 31st

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

Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings

Golden Agers	Wednesday, July 27 th at 9 am
Sandwich Ministry	Saturday, July 30 th at 6 pm
Golden Agers	Wednesday, August 3 rd at 9 am
Golden Agers	Wednesday, August 17 th at 9 am
Church Picnic	Sunday, August 21st at 11 am
Noodlemaking Day	Tuesday, August 23 rd at 9 am
Rummage Sale	Saturday, August 27 th at 9 am
Sandwich Ministry	Saturday, August 27 th at 6 pm

Announcements: Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

The funeral for **Mrs. Eva Spirk, née Reichert** will be held tomorrow, Friday, July 22nd at 11 am at the Mount Royal Cemetery Chapel.

The wedding of Kristin Andrea Emrich and Michel Jean Delisio will take place on Saturday, July 30th.

Noodlemaking Day

As noted in the May 25th issue, the Ladies Aid Auxiliary will be making homemade noodles on August 23rd. **The Ladies Aid Auxiliary needs your help** on Tuesday, August 23rd from 8 am to about 2:30 pm. The money raised by the sale of these noodles goes a long way towards paying bills and supporting our ministries.

Here is an opportunity to learn traditional techniques and methods, while keeping a fun and helpful tradition at St. John's going.

This fall, we would like to try something new. We would like to hold small batch noodlemaking training sessions on two or three Tuesday evenings in September and October from about 6 to 9 pm. To determine if there would be enough volunteers to make noodles, we would need to know if you are interested in participating. If you would like to participate, please contact Kathy or Ruth at Secretary@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org or call the office at 514-844-6297.

Please consider participating in at least one noodlemaking session. Based on personal experience, participating in this effort is an exceptional learning experience, an enjoyable way to make your contribution to the Church, and an opportunity to get to know this wonderful group of women, most of whom have been active at St. John's for over 60 years!

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



Preacher Soldan from Buffalo was invited to give a guest sermon which took place on November 20th, 1853 at St. Gabriel church.

Soon after, the Church Board (Council) turned to the Synod of the State of New York asking for suggestions for a preacher for the Montreal church. Following this, Preacher G. Werner from Genth, New York responded and gave his guest sermon (*Probedpredigt*) on February 5th, 1854 at Trinity Church.

On February 11th, a general Church Council meeting was held to decide which of the two preachers would be selected: Preacher Soldan or Werner. Preacher Werner received 54 votes and Soldan one vote. Preacher Werner was appointed minister at an annual salary of 150 Pounds¹ (about \$258.06 CAD at today's exchange rate) on the condition that he would begin his duties on May 1st, 1854.

At the same meeting, a Church Board (Council) was elected for the next church year (May 1st, 1854 to April 30th, 1855). The following gentlemen were elected to the Board: Messrs. Idler, Seybold and Rieper were elected as elders; Messrs. Reinhardt, Schmidt, Lomer, Fontane and Flatas were elected as deacons.

The next order of business was to select an appropriate place of worship, a place to hold the church services. It was agreed that the church on Gosford Street would be rented for one year at a cost of 25 Pounds per annum (about \$43.01 CAD per year).

The Gosford Street church served the congregation for the next 3 years. During that time, the church acquired a small portable organ (harmonium) at a cost of 25 Pounds (about \$43.01 CAD). During the Fall of 1854, the congregation was incorporated in an Act of Legislature.

¹ "Confederation on 1 July 1867 brought sweeping changes to banking and currency legislation in the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Under the British North America Act, the government of the new Dominion was given jurisdiction over currency and banking." (*A History of the Canadian Dollar - Currency Reforms*, www.bankofcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/1841-71.pdf).

The Lutheran-Anglican Refugee Alliance of Montreal

Three members of the Steering Committee are working closely with *Action Réfugé Montréal* and will be meeting this week to consider sponsorship of a prospective refugee family.

As mentioned in last week's issue, there is much work to be done before we welcome a refugee family to Canada, and much more to do once they arrive in Montreal. Please consider joining one or more of the many working groups that will be preparing for the arrival of our refugee family and will assist the family once they arrive in Montreal. Please refer to last week's issue (posted on our website under *News and Ideas*) for a list of working groups and contact persons that would be very happy to have your help, whether it be a little or a lot of your spare time.