

St John United Church of Christ

June 2017

"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"



PASTOR'S MESSAGE – Celebrating

Dear Friends in Christ,

We all love to celebrate birthdays—and at St John we will celebrate three birthdays this Sunday: Harold Bergman's 101st, St John's 171st and the (approximately!) 1,984th birthday of Christ's Church. June 4 is Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended on the discouraged and confused disciples and turned them into a force that "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

What will St John look like when its 175th birthday arrives? Here's a "thought experiment": Let's pretend St John is a "business" and that its worshipers are its "customer base." What would a business do if it saw its customer base was shrinking? It would seek to expand its "market" and increase its customer base. If a business' customer base continues to shrink ... Well, check out Sear's.

Do you ever watch "The Profit" on TV? He writes a check to a struggling business and sets out a plan to "turn the business around." Yes, St John is NOT a business. But we do have a "Prophet"—our Lord Jesus Christ—who invests himself in us through his Holy Spirit and who wants to see St John flourish as we proclaim the Gospel.

But what is our "Prophet's plan"? Now THAT is something to think and pray about!

In Christ's love,

Pastor David – 630-747-8181

Daily Bread booklets

Pick up a copy of the *Daily Bread* for June. Every month a new Daily Bread is placed in the narthax for you to take home with you. It is a rich and thoughtful way to take a moment in your day to be with the Lord.

*** Also note the sign up **bulletin boards** are in the hall just beyond the door to the left of the Sanctuary.

The Last Women's Guild Salad Luncheon

A heartfelt thank you from the *Women's Guild* for everyone who has helped with the Annual Salad Luncheon. It has been so successful due to the efforts of so many hands. It has been decided by the ladies, 2017 was the last luncheon. The Ladies of the Guild have put together this amazing spread of favorite salads since the early days of St John with the help of faithful volunteers.

Sandy Stoops says, "We thought last year was our last, but we decided we could do this one last time."

The Luncheon gathering will be missed by so many. So here is a **BIG THANK YOU!** to the *Women's Guild* for serving the St John Community with their Salad Luncheon for so long.

Directory Updating

We are in the process of updating the directory. If you have a new home address, email or phone number we can list, let us know. Please email it to us at: stjohnuccpalatine@gmail.com.

Save the DATE!
June 25th
Semi-Annual meeting
Following the Service.
All are welcome.



Service 10:30 am – All Year

Children's Church every Sunday, following the Children's Message

Older kids from 9:30 to 10:15 am, before the service.

Pastor David has church office hours weekly. Please call 630-747-8181 to make an appointment for a visit.

Calendar Events

June 25th – Semi-Annual Meeting

Following the service.

Your attendance is important.

Members and regular attendees should not miss our congregational meetings. Our newsletter keeps you up to date but the meetings are where you can easily make your voice heard.

September 16th – Craft Fair/Flea Market

Our biggest fund raiser is a success because of all the helping hands.

We will soon post areas to sign up to volunteer.

Be thinking where you would like to serve.

Contact Lori Neumann

October 21st– Ham Supper

We need an organizer to head up this committee

November 19th– Turkey Pot Luck and Hymn Sing

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service 10:00 pm.

Celebrate with us this Sunday.

It wouldn't be a party without you. Join us as we celebrate St John's 171st anniversary and Harold Bergman's 101st birthday. The joy starts with our 10:30 worship and continues in the lower level with refreshments. Of course there will be cake!

KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

Everything changes and throughout our 171 years at St John, things change. Council members step down and new ones step in. Thank you to all those who tirelessly serve. Our interim Pastor David is guiding us in ways to move forward. Come to the **Semi-annual meeting June 25th**, to see and hear how you can impact your church's growth.

There are new implementations for communications being formed. We communicate to our community thru regular postings at the *Daily Herald* and *Palatine Patch* online. The new sign will be changed weekly. Also a new office position has been created to help with the flow of communication, assist the Pastor and the all volunteer Council. The Communications Director position is 8 hours weekly and is filled by Laura D'Argo.

Look here next month on a full report from the council.

Agape Community

This Saturday, June 3, at 5.00 pm, the Agape Community will celebrate Mass in our sanctuary. All are welcome to attend and to come forward to receive the Eucharistic bread and wine. At a congregational meeting on May 21, we approved a 90-day agreement with the AC to use our sanctuary and fellowship area on Saturdays, 4.30 to 7.30 pm.



Fellowship

Come to the lower level after worship to enjoy refreshments and conversation. Please bring a dish to share whenever you can.



Last Sunday of the Month

- Communion
- Food Pantry donation pick up.

Did you know you can donate to St. John Church via paypal? Go to stjohnUCCpalatine.org and click on the Donate button on the home page OR click on the link below to go directly to giving <http://stjohnUCCpalatine.org/giving>

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