

St John United Church of Christ

"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

March 2019



Beloved,

PASTOR'S
MESSAGE

– Pastor Sandy Kolar



**We are about to set out once again
on the forty-day journey called Lent.**

For almost 173 years, the faithful of St. John's have made the journey of Lent to Easter. While many things have changed over the past 173 years, the focus of Lent has remained constant with its disciplines of prayer, fasting and giving to others. True, folks in the 1840's would have had a more austere life with much less of what we call 'worldly' goods. People also led a slower paced life, focusing on family, church and volunteering in the community. While we would not want to go back to their lifestyle, the disciplines of prayer, fasting and giving to others can be a great gift to us in our day and age. Our lifestyle has become so consumer driven. Many people live at a hectic pace with little or no time to pause and reflect on the meaning of their activities. Lent calls us to slow down, to take time to reflect and to pray and to take a good look at our lives and how we are living them, to become a more generous, open and joyful person.

Lent isn't an end in itself. Lent helps us to repent and to let go of the things that take us away from living for God. Lent leads to Easter, our true destination, with the joy of knowing that we live for God and that God loves us unto death itself.





Children's Ministry

– by Robin Turpin

The Church School

began a new curriculum in the New Year, beginning with Genesis and story of creation. We had some great discussions about free will, and how God helps us to make good decisions in our lives.

We took two weeks off in early February to study what the Bible tells us about love, creating beautiful Valentine's Day wreaths, complete with Bible verses. "Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" – 1 John 3:18.



Church Directory

Updated directories available in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study

Continues Saturdays at 10:00am until March 2. Feel free to come any Saturday you are available. The discussion is on the book of Revelations and has led to some very informative and interesting conversation. This is a small group setting with all levels of bible knowledge. We welcome you to join us as we grow in the Word of God.

This is a weather permitting event. If your are coming out on a blizzard day please check with the Pastor to see if the study has been canceled. We want everyone to be safe.



– by Sue Jacobs

February Council Meeting

The council met Thursday Feb.14th at 7pm. Present were Jared Cooley, Lori Neumann, Rev. Sandra Kolar, and Sue Jacobs. Absent: Gary Hartfelder

A possible fundraiser at the SanFilippo Estate was discussed. 50 participants would be needed to secure the agreement with the Estate. Ideas for gaining participation interest were discussed.

Complaints regarding sight lines from the cemetery toward the church were brought up and an action plan was developed with a timeline for completion.

Leadership roles for the May flower sale and the September Flea Market were confirmed.

The majority of the time was consumed in a category by category review of the 2018 budget compared to actual expenditures in order to compile a financial framework for 2019. Some categories are to be eliminated and others combined or re-named in order to make the process clearer for all.

The meeting ended approximately 9:15pm.



Feed My Starving Children



Join St John UCC help feed the hungry.
Monday, March 4th 2019
6:00pm to 7:30pm at
Feed My Starving Children's
NEW location
740 Wiley Farm Ct
Schaumburg
Off of Plum Grove/north of Golf rd.

We have 20 spots reserved. Email Laurie B. you are coming at rlbiest@comcast.net – This is fun for the whole family.



Welcome Herbert

Our search is over. On February 17th, Herbert Kuehl became our permanent organist. We are so happy he has joined us and are looking forward to his playing each Sunday. Welcome to the family Herbert. Get to know Herbert more during coffee hour in our fellowship hall.

The St John community would also like to thank the interim and weekly organists who have played for us over the last few years. We are grateful you all were a part of our journey in our organist search. Come visit us any time you will always remain a part of our dear St John family.



Clocks spring ahead March 10th at 2:00am

Chili Cook-Off



The Chili cook-off returns – 2019 Saturday, March 2nd, 4:00 pm.

Pull out your favorite chili recipe, secret ingredient and whip up a batch.

There will be secret ballot voting.

May the best chili win the coveted

– Chili Ladle Award –

•Bring your pot of chili at 3:45 to enter the contest.

Share a pot of chili, dessert, corn bread or side if you are able.

Official Chili tasting **4:00 - 4:45** Voting follows.

•Tickets sold at the door \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children 8 years and under.

Ticket includes: Sample tastings of each chili entry, 5 voting tokens, Bowl of Chili with the fixin's, cornbread & sides, Pop/water, Vanilla ice cream, Dessert.

*Also included with each ticket is an entry for a chance to win two tickets to the *Sanfilippo June Summer concert.*

All profits from the Chili Cook-off go to St John UCC. – www.stjohnUCCpalatine.org –stjohnUCCpalatine@gmail.com

Are you coming?

If you are coming and haven't signed up to bring something and would like to . .

We can still use:

Chili • Cornbread • Corn Chips • Chips of any kind • Oyster crackers • Guacamole
Desserts to go with our ice cream (We will provide the ice cream and Hersey's chocolate syrup).

Cookies, Brownies, etc. or any dessert.

Other side dishes: Be as creative as you like.

Coleslaw, Potato salad, Rice dish, Fruit, mac and cheese, veggie tray.

Please Email Laura – stjohnUCCpalatine@gmail.com if you will bring something you have not already signed up for.

THANK YOU!

Bring your friends and family!

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January

February

February 10 Annual Meeting postponed

February 14 Valentine's Day ♥

March

March 2, 4:00 pm Chili Cook-off

Laura and Greg – Chairpersons

March 4th 6:00 pm Feed My Starving Children

March 6, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

March 10 Daylight Saving Time – Spring ahead!

March 16 St Patrick's Day Parade – Palatine parade kicks off 11:00 am

April

April 14 Palm Sunday 10:30 am

April 18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Potluck Soup/Salad Service

April 19 Good Friday

Open for prayer, Noon – 3:00 pm

April 21 Easter

Easter breakfast 9:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am

Easter Worship Service 10:30 am

April TBD 9:00 am

Church Grounds Cleanup

May

May 11 Flower Sale 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Committee: Jody Moody, Laurie Biesterfeld, Ellen Kayler, Julie Heiderman, and Judy Hartfelder

June

June TBD Semi-Annual Meeting after service

June TBD Palatine Jaycees Hometown Parade

September

September 21 Craft Fair/Flea Market

Committee: Jody Moody, Jenny Cooley, Robin Turpin

October

October 19 Ham Supper Third Saturday of the month. 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm seatings

October 27th Totenfest

November

November 3 Daylight Saving Time ends - fall back.

November 24 – 4:00 pm Turkey Hymn Sing

November TBD Hanging of the Greens

December

Monday – December 24th Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:00 pm

Quiet Meditation Prayer

6:30 pm - 9 pm the last **Wednesday** of each month St John Church is open for anyone to come and sit in silent prayer during the evenings of the last Wednesday of each month. You are invited to this peaceful moment and breathe in the voice of God. Come for a few minutes or stay awhile.

St. John Fundraiser at the Sanfilippo Estate



We have been given a kind opportunity by the Director of the Foundation at the Sanfilippo Foundation to host a fundraiser tour on **Saturday, July 13th, 2019 – 9am to noon.**

We must secure 50 attendees for this Fundraiser to happen.

Tickets will be \$40. – \$30 of each ticket sales goes to St John UCC!
The remaining is the Sanfilippo Foundation (significantly reduced) tour fee.
Invite your friends, family and coworkers to this amazing event.

The fundraiser includes a private guided tour by the Foundation Director - Greg Leifel showcasing the collection of automated music machines, the newly built Paris Street with international perfume bottle collection and 1800's General Store.

The world's largest theatre pipe organ will play a selection of music.

The tour continues in the Carousel Pavillion with steam engines, fair ground organs, and the Eden Palais Carousel. Carousel rides will be available for those who are able.

Light refreshments will be provided by the church in the Carousel Pavillion.

At this time all we need is a list of those who would buy tickets to support this event.

>You must sign up by March 10th. *No money will be collected at this time.*<

You will be notified personally for payment due by March 24th. If we do not get 50 ticket sales to secure the event we will not proceed with the fundraiser.

**Sign up on the signup sheet during coffee hour
OR email Laura D'Argo at stjohnuccpalatine@gmail.com**

More about the Sanfilippo Estate go to: <http://www.sanfilippofoundation.org/index.html>

St John

United Church of Christ



Staff & Community

Pastor – Sandy Kolar

Communications Director – Laura D'Argo

Cemetery Caretaker – Gary Hartfelder

Council

President – Jared Cooley

Treasurer – Sue Jacobs

Clerk/Trustee – Lori Neumann

Member – Gary Hartfelder

Children's Church

Robin Turpin

Lori Neumann

Wedding Coordinators

Jody Moody

Laurie Biesterfeld

FAITH IN ACTION

We partner with the Palatine Food Pantry. The last Sunday of each month food items are collected and Sue Jacobs drops them off at the Palatine Township Food Pantry.

Keep in mind they are always in need of baby care items, such as diapers, and baby wipes. – Thank you to all who gave.

Women's Guild

Officers

Acting President

Sandy Stoops

Treasurer

Barbara Njaastad

Accounts

Dodie Kayler

Secretary

Adeline Lint

No Meetings

January & February

Meetings at St John Church

March 6th – 10:30 am

May 1st – 10:30 am

July 10th – 10:30 am

September 4th – 10:30 am

November 6th – 10:30 am

December – TBD

Church Info you need to know

Services Sunday 10:30 am – All Year

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

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Enjoy refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall after worship. When able please bring a dish to share.

Pastor Sandy

PastorSandy500@gmail.com

Please email her to make an appointment.

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Keep our Church in prayer.



Last Sunday of the Month

- Communion
- Food Pantry donation



ACTION BOX

Make use of our "ACTION BOX". Make a helpful suggestion, suggest a solution or an idea. We want to hear from you.

Kudos are also accepted.

Our Paypal Donate button is under construction.

Thank you for your Patience

Go to stjohnUCCpalatine.org and click on the "Donate" button on the home page