

St John United Church of Christ

"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

February 2019



PASTOR'S
MESSAGE

– Pastor Sandy Kolar



Four Loves in the Bible

With Valentine's Day occurring this month, some of us think about love. Just as there are different meanings for the word 'love' in the English language, so there are different meanings in the language of the Bible, especially the New Testament.

Eros (AIR-ohs) is the Greek word for sensual or romantic love, and was not used in the New Testament.

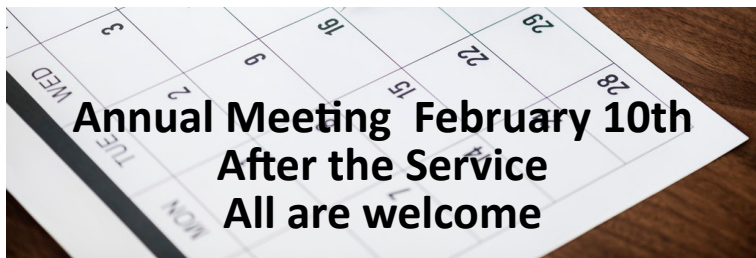
Storge (STOR-jay) is a term for love in the Bible that does not appear often. It describes family love, the affectionate bond that develops naturally between parents and children, and brothers and sisters. For example, the love of Noah for his family or the love of Mary and Martha.

Phileo (FILL-ee-o) is the type of intimate love in the Bible that most Christians practice toward each other. This Greek term describes the powerful emotional bond seen in deep friendships. Phileo is the most general type of love in Scripture, encompassing love for fellow humans, care, respect, and compassion for people in need. The concept of brotherly love that unites believers is unique to Christianity. Jesus said this would be an identifier of his followers: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." (John 13:35)

Agape (Uh-GAH-pay) This Greek word for love is by far the one that appears most frequently in the New Testament. It is generally assumed to mean moral goodwill which proceeds from esteem, principle, or duty, rather than attraction or charm. It means to love the undeserving, despite disappointment and rejection; however, it never means the cold religious kindness shown from duty alone.

In the New Testament, the Greek words for 'love' have nuances that help us understand them a bit better. But, God has not left us to wonder what He views as love. He has given us the clearest example through the gift of His Son.

It is this love that we, as Christians, hope to share with a sinful, lost, and hurting world.



— by Gary Hartfelder

St John's Giving Goes Global

What does a water buffalo, honey bees, clean water and a basket of hope that includes rabbits and a flock of chickens have in common?

The **St John 2018 year end giving fund** of \$652 went to Heifer International. That is a gift that keeps on giving resources and hope to people in need.

Families also receive training and education in the animals' care to make sure their hope becomes a reality. The gift of a Hope Basket provides: eggs and protein for nourishment, boosts income through sales of extra eggs and offspring, and passes on the Gift to others since livestock can multiply quickly. Rabbits are easy to care for and can reproduce in a short amount of time. Your livestock donation provides hope for struggling farmers looking for a way out of poverty.

Thank you St John Community for sharing God's love.

To learn more go to Heifer.org.



Church Directory

Updated directories available March 1st in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study

Continues Saturdays at 10:00 am until March 2

Chili Cook Off

Save the date Saturday March 2nd, time TBD

Memorial Fund Giving

Memorial contributions to St John UCC are dedicated to the St John Beautification Memorial Fund. The Douglas Moody Memorial giving to this fund has totalled \$1,530.

January Council Meeting

Council met on January 10, 2019

Attending were Jared Cooley, Sue Jacobs, Lori Neumann, Gary Hartfelder, Pastor Sandy.

Due to changes of assignments on the council, it was decided to postpone the Annual Congregation Meeting from late January until February 10. This will allow time for training on the church accounting software and a more complete financial report.

Council set a goal of providing a monthly financial report of receipts and expenses vs. budget.

Council is in discussions for a permanent organist instead of having to secure a different person each week.

There were funds in last years budget for a youth minister that could be allocated for this purpose.

A duty of the council is to maintain and improve the church structure and property.

Projects under consideration include repair or replacement of: Church windows, handicapped bathrooms, kitchen remodel, Parsonage chimney, repaint garage, replace post lamps, upgrade fluorescent lamps, parsonage storm door, gazebo electric, driveway regrading, and landscape upgrades.

Congregational response will help to set the resources and priorities of these projects.

Lastly, St John will participate again in Palatine's Saint Patrick's Day parade.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January

February

February 10 Annual Meeting after service

February 14 Valentine's Day ♥

March

March 2 Chili Cook-off –time TBD

Laura and Greg – Chairpersons

March 6 Ash Wednesday

March 10 Daylight Saving Time – Spring ahead!

March 17 St Patrick's Day Parade – Palatine

April

April 14 Palm Sunday 10:30 am

April 18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Potluck Soup and Service

April 19 Good Friday

Open for prayer, Noon – 3:00 pm

April 21 Easter

Easter breakfast 9:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 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, Gary Hartfelder, Jenny Cooley, Robin Turpin

October

October TBD Ham Supper

October TBD 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

*Committee members listed are based on 2018 committees and are subject to change. Any changes will be listed if they are made.

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

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Staff & Community

Pastor – Sandy Kolar

Communications Director – Laura D'Argo

Cemetery Caretaker – Gary Hartfelder

Council

President – Jared Cooley

Treasurer – Sue Jacobs

Financial Advisor – Ed Vandrush

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

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.

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>