

Our Stewardship For: Dec. 24, 25, 29, 30 & 31, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
4p	650	365
6:30p	250	200
9p	200	156
<i>Christmas Day</i>		
9a	109	100
Saturday---	124	93
8:00---	107	90
10:30-	147	96
<i>New Year's Eve</i>		
6:30p	101	91

Our Gifts to God:	Date	Amount
	DEC 2, 2018	\$19,082.65
	DEC 9, 2018	\$22,530.76
	DEC 16, 2018	\$15,361.54
	DEC 23, 2018	\$21,857.01
	DEC 24 & 25, 2018	\$20,057.19
	DEC 30, 2018	\$14,728.80
	DEC 31, 2018	\$3,919.99
	DEC To Date Giving	\$78,831.96
	DEC Monthly Budget Needs	\$103,600.00

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Deanna (Ramel) Fox gave a gift for the Unified Budget in memory of Pastor Dave Ramel; *Andy & Catherine Speth and family* gave a gift for the Parking Lot in memory of Pastor Paul Garchow; *Tim & Pat Ebeling* gave a gift for the Parking Lot in memory of Deb Natz's father; *Jackie Levihn* gave a gift to the Parking Lot "in memory of my husband, Richard, whose birthday was January 4"; *Ron & Lila Yager* gave an undesignated gift in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary;

In memory of Delores Klitzke: *Parking Lot:* Bob & Arlene Knudson; Lois Everson; Tim & Pat Ebeling; Mal & Dorothy Fischer; David & Janet Jass; *Unified:* Charlene McKittrick;

In memory of Scott Olson: *St. Paul's Family Tuition Assistance Fund:* Bob & Arlene Knudson; *Parking Lot:* Tim & Pat Ebeling; Duane & Deb Mundth; Barry & Ruth Wier; David & Janet Jass

In memory of Dick Ambrose: *Parking Lot:* Greg & Jackie Perry; Bob & Arlene Knudson; Tim & Pat Ebeling; Chrisann Lemery; Duane & Deb Mundth; *Unified:* Charlene McKittrick; *Praise Team:* Cindy Perkins; *School Wish List:* Jackie Levihn; *Comfort Dog:* David & Janet Jass



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of January 6, 2019

For the Family of God at St Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Day Care

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Have you been to our website? www.StPaulsJanesville.com is the place to go for information on all of the activities of the congregation. You will find the weekly "Opportunities" and "Taking Faith Home" on the main page.

Children's Activity Bags Available to borrow during the service: We have bags of items that you can use to keep your little one quiet during the worship service (a stuffed animal, coloring pages and crayons; a "seek and find" toy, etc.). They are located in the back of church on a stand. Please return all items to the bags when you are done and return the bags to the holders. It's important to return all items so that other parents can use them as well.

Our Church Calendar for the week of January 6, 2019

Sunday: Comm. Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Afternoon Comm-1:30p; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-6p.

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:15a; 4-H-6:30p.

Wednesday: Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Women's Bible Study-2p; Handbells-5:30p, Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

Thursday: Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Women's Bible Study-6p; Wor.-6:30p.

Saturday: Contemporary Comm. Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a; Adult Confirmation-3p; Youth Praise Band-3p; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-6p.

Please join us today (Sunday) for a very special service: **Afternoon Communion** at 1:30 PM

Baptism: On Sunday at the 10:30a service we welcome Jagger Dean Timm, child of Jeremy & Laurie Timm, to God's Kingdom by Holy Baptism. His sponsors are Erika Bickle and Lucas Jessie.

Help Needed (especially men) to take down Christmas decorations: St. Paul's Altar Guild will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 13, beginning at noon. Any help (especially men) would be very much appreciated.

Worship Folders: If you'd like to sponsor the worship folders, simply call Stacey in the Church Office (754-4471) to reserve your date. The cost is \$50.00. Available dates are: Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Thank you.

Hospitalized: *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, especially Pastor David Lieske who has been released.

The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of School. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend Church Council meetings. Minutes of the approved Church Council meetings are also available for review from the Church Office or a copy will be mailed to you upon request.

2018-19 Council Members are: Jack Eden- 608-751-5999; Jennifer O'Connell, 608-359-3544; Rhonda Schulze, 920-946-7417; Jeff Elser, 608-752-5120; Tom Neumann, 608-751-4504, Laura Manke, 608-563-1142; Jen Ellis, 608-449-3072, Barb Frank, 608-718-1278; Jason Harvey, 608-322-9443.

Opportunities to Remember Others In Prayer

Aaron's Hands. Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of the month, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of School. The group lifts up in prayer the specific requests of missionaries. Everyone is Welcome – just bring a prayerful heart.

Opportunities to Be in God's Word: Weekly Bible Studies

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A *ROUTE 66: THE LIFE OF CHRIST THROUGH THE GOSPELS*
FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION: PASTOR DAN DECKER (754-4471 EXT. 300)

SUNDAYS AT 9:30A *ADULT BIBLE STUDY*
SCHOOL: ROOM 204 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30A *THE GOSPEL OF LUKE*
FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH PASTOR DAN DECKER

WEDNESDAYS AT 9A *WOMEN'S STUDY*
SCHOOL ROOM 204 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

WEDNESDAYS AT 2AP *WOMEN'S STUDY*
SCHOOL ROOM 204 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

THURSDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A *RAY VANDER LAAN: FAITH LESSONS*
FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH BARRY & RUTH WIER (608-752-9330)

THURSDAYS AT 6P *WOMEN'S STUDY*
SCHOOL ROOM 204 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

Mites Support Missions with Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)! St. Paul's Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will be using their mites to support mission grants. Our next project is *Camp LuWiSoMo Campers*. You can help by praying for this mission and setting aside your spare change to donate as mites. Bring your mites with you to church and place them in the large Mite Box that you'll find in the narthex (back of church).

A big "Thank You" to all of the members and visitors who sign the Friendship Register with your family's individual names (John Doe, Jane Doe, Sally Doe) and do not sign as "The Doe Family". This helps greatly in registering attendance. We have many families with the same surname and signing with your individual names helps us determine which family has worshiped with us. This is especially important for our school families. Thank you!

St. Paul's School Needs Long Term Substitute Teacher for 5th grade beginning in February and lasting until the end of the school year in June. For more information please contact Rob Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com or 608-754-4471 ext. 302.

St. Paul's School Seeks Elementary Teacher: We will be sending a call for a new teacher in the coming months. Currently we are asking for any names of people we could consider for a teaching position here at St. Paul's. If you have any suggestions, please share them with Mr. Rob Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you.

Used Christmas Lights Can Be Recycled! Frustrated with those lights that never work? Don't throw them away! Bring them to the barrel outside of Miss. Schultz's classroom (Room 105 of School). We'll collect them and recycle them to earn money for St. Paul's.

Lit 'n Lattes Christian Women's Book Club has chosen The Masterpiece by Francine Rivers for our next discussion. If you are interested in participating, you'll need to read the book and be ready to discuss it on Tues., Jan. 8, at 6:30p in room 204 of St. Paul's School.

New Women's Bible Study begins in January - *Altogether Beautiful* is a video-based study of the book of Song of Songs. Song of Songs was written by Heidi Goehmann who is our speaker for our spring event. We'll meet Wednesdays at 9a and 2p or Thursdays at 6p beginning, Jan. 9 and 10, 2019 in room 204 of the school. The cost of the workbook is \$13.00. Contact kpingle@stpaulsjanesville.com by Jan., 3, 2019 to reserve your spot and to order a book.

Singers Wanted: Do you enjoy singing? The Sunday 10:30 service is looking for more singers to be a part of the praise team. If you are interested, contact Ann Henny at ahenny@stpaulsjanesville.com

Garden Stepping Stone Craft Party – We will be crafting beautiful stained glass garden stones as a fundraiser for the 7th grade class trip to Washington D.C. Classes will be held on Saturday, January 19th at 10a in the science room (205) at St. Paul's School. The cost is \$40 with \$30 being returned to the 7th grade. Come check out some samples in the school office. All are welcome to participate. No experience necessary. These make beautiful decorative pieces for your garden or patio and can be given as unique gifts for Christmas, birthdays or Mother's Day. Payments can be made on the day of the event. Make checks payable to Sue Benedict. Sign up is located in the school office or you can call 608-754-4471 ext. 325 to reserve a spot.

SCRIP Hours: After worship on Saturdays and Sundays. In the School/Church Office on school days during school hours (8a to 3:15p). Thank you for supporting St. Paul's by using SCRIP!

Thank You for your donations to the Christmas Baskets. We were able to provide baskets to 10 families this year. We couldn't do it without your generous donations. Thank you!

JLIT – Where can I help? The 47th Annual JLIT Basketball tournament is just around the corner on Feb. 22-24. This is a major fundraiser for St. Paul's. Money raised is used in all areas of the church and school, not just athletics. Because of this, your help is greatly needed around the church and school during the weekend. Even if your child is not involved in athletics, please consider helping during the JLIT weekend. Please sign up to help in areas such as concessions, clearing snow, watching the gym doors and hallways, or helping check tickets. Sign-up sheets can be found in the church basement (on weekends) and outside of Mrs. Toberman's room (during the week). *This can be counted toward your family's volunteer time.*

Wisconsin Right to Life Billboard: Wisconsin Right to Life will have a billboard by Culver's on Milton Avenue in Janesville starting on Dec. 31, 2018 and ending on February 24, 2019. The billboard ad this year is directed at the working Mom. The billboard ad will have "Life Works with You Life's Work" and "Keep your career"; "Keep your baby;" with a phone number to call for help if pregnant. Please pray that mothers in crisis will call the phone number 800-712-HELP on the billboard, which connects to local pregnancy centers. If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Wisconsin Right to Life, PO Box 1386, Janesville WI 53547-1386.

St. Paul's Installs AED in Flame Room. Statistics show that more than 200,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest every year. Up to 50,000 of these deaths could have been prevented if someone had initiated the Cardiac Chain of Survival, and an **automated external defibrillator (AED)** had been available for immediate use at the time of the emergency. St. Paul's has been blessed with the donation of such a device. Our AED is located in a case in the Flame Room (at the end of the tunnel leading toward the school). Please make note of its location, so that in an emergency and you are trained in its use, you will know where it is.

Texas Roadhouse Church Program: On Sunday, when you dine at Texas Roadhouse (3201 Deerfield Dr, Janesville) bring in your church bulletin from the worship service that day. When you give your server the bulletin, they staple it to your bill. From your bill, 10% of that will go back to your church at the end of each month. Please join us by using this simple, easy way to give back to St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Supports – What is it? It's a TEAM of St. Paul's Members supporting other members (specifically students who have graduated from St. Paul's and are now in High School.) It requires very little commitment. To make a difference in a young person's life, please contact Scott Gestrich (608-580-2059) or John Mueller (909-936-3955) or simply sign up at bit.ly/stpaulssupports

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving: As St. Paul's prepares for a new year, it's important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your gifts will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.stpaulsjanesville.com, locate the "Donate" button in the middle of the page and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form---forms are available from the church office---and return it to the church office.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES + CALENDAR

Our Youth Group is Open to ALL students in 6th to 12th grades. Friends are welcome, too!

Sun., Jan. 6 from 4 to 5:30p: Youth/Bible Study. We'll begin in the church sanctuary. ALL youth (6th through 12th grades) are invited to join in our Bible Study and activities.

Senior High Youth Group: All youth in grades 9 to 12, are invited to stay a little later (from 6 to 7p) in the gym.

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Snack Food Needed: Youth Group is now seeking snack food donations for Sunday night meetings. Donations of chips, cookies, pretzels, juices, etc. would be greatly appreciated! Bring them to the Youth Room (basement of school) or place on the ledge in Fellowship Hall (where the stage used to be)---be sure to mark your donation "Youth Group". Thank you!

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A to 10:15A---SUNDAY SCHOOL. Our Sunday School classes are open to all children ages two years through 8th grade. (Two year old students must have a parent with them). Students should assemble in their classrooms. Parents can join us for the opening in Room 202 and then attend Bible Study in Room 204.

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A: Jr. High Grapple for 7th & 8th Grade Students! Come grapple with the real questions you're asking -- join us for Grapple each Sunday from 9:15a-10:15a in the conference room. It's NOT Sunday school -- it's so much more. You don't want to miss the fun! Contact Josh Blake (608-368-8052) for more info.

Volunteer Opportunities: *We are looking for additional volunteers, junior high age on up, to run the screen at the contemporary services.* No experience needed. Training is provided. Good opportunity for school parents to log volunteer hours. A weekly commitment is not required. Even one service per month would be helpful! Please contact Cindy Perkins at 608-295-0868 for more information or to volunteer.

ECHO News:

www.echojanesville.org

- *ECHO Needs:* Pork N Beans; Peanut Butter & Jelly; Soups and Crackers; Mac N Cheese; Spaghetti noodles and sauce; Spaghetti O's; canned meats; deodorant; toothbrushes and toothpaste; dry laundry soap; toilet paper; diapers (sizes 4 to 6) and shampoo. Any non-perishable item is appreciated. Bring your gifts with you to worship and place them in the barrels marked "ECHO" that you find in the back of church (the Narthex) or in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

Opportunities to Support St. Paul's Church & School:

By Enrolling in *Simply Giving!* Through *Simply Giving* your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the amount and frequency of your automatic gift. Because your gift is given consistently, you won't need to play "catch-up" at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings. Contact the church office for an enrollment form.

By Purchasing and Using SCRIP for all of your shopping needs! SCRIP certificates and cards give 3 times . . . full value to you (or the recipient of your choice) PLUS a rebate of 2%-25% of that amount to our school! And we'll give back part of the rebate to you to reduce your tuition, to help St. Paul's Budget or to add to St. Paul's School Scholarship Fund! The choice is yours! You can purchase SCRIP following the weekend worship services or from the school office during regular business hours.

By Saving "Boxtop for Education" Labels. Next time you buy groceries, pick up some cash for our school! Just clip "Box Tops" coupons from hundreds of participating General Mills products and bring them to St. Paul's (the school entryways or the container in Fellowship Hall). We get 10¢ for each one we send to General Mills at the end of the school year.

