

## Our Stewardship For: Dec. 30 & 31, 2017; Jan. 1, 2018

### Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Saturday---	97	78
8:00---	108	77
10:30-	171	110
NY Day 9a	27	22

### Sunday School:

Our Gifts to God:	Date	Amount
	DEC 3, 2017	\$23,825.90
	DEC 10, 2017	\$18,741.52
	DEC 17, 2017	\$17,715.06
	DEC 20, 2017	\$2,280.84
	DEC 24 & 25, 2017	\$38,725.64
	DEC 31, 2017	\$14,431.35
	DEC To Date Giving	\$115,720.31
	DEC Monthly Budget Needs	\$92,400.00
	JAN 1, 2018	\$203.00

*Please Note: ALL above figures include only Unified Giving, Loose Cash, General Fund Giving and Special Envelopes (i.e.-Lent; Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.). The above figure includes donations given through the Simply Giving automatic, electronic fund transfer system.*

### Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

*Phil Borkenhagen* gave a gift for the Parking Lot fund in thanksgiving for blessings received; *David & Judeen Ames* gave a gift toward the School Wish List in honor of the Travis & Jen O'Connell family; *Richard De War* gave a gift for the Parking Lot in memory of his wife, Linda De War; *Dennis & Marlene Casey* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of parents Robert & Leona Duller; *Richard Ambrose* gave a gift for the Parking Lot in honor of his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1;

**In memory of Vivian Butke** *For the Parking Lot:* Paul & Vicki Fetting; Bob & Lois Cook; *School Wish List:* Charlene McKittrick;

**In memory of Jim Knudson:** *For the Parking Lot:* Paul & Vicki Fetting; Bob & Lois Cook; Ed & Lois James; Bob & Arlene Knudson; Chrisann Lemery; Roger & Diane Krause; *Undesignated:* Wes Crosby; *School Wish List:* Charlene McKittrick;



**OPPORTUNITIES**  
**For the Week of January 7, 2018**  
**For the Family of God at St Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Day Care**  
 210 South Ringold Street Janesville WI 53545-5199; (608) 754-4471  
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**Have you been to our website? [www.StPaulsJanesville.com](http://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 and a link to the "Principal's Pads" under the "School" tab.**

**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 7, 2018

**Sunday:** Comm. Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Afternoon Comm-1:30p; Confirmation Parents Mtg-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-7:30p.

**Monday:** Church Council-6:30p.

**Tuesday:** Parents in Prayer-8a; Bible Study-9:30a; Scoopie Night-4 to 8p; 4H-6:30p; Confirmation Parents Mtg-6:30p; Men's Basketball-8:30p.

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

**Thursday:** Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Moms and Tots Playgroup-10a; 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; Public School Confirmation-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-7:30p.

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Please join us today (Sunday) for a very special service: **Afternoon Communion** at 1:30 PM  
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**Sympathy:** Our Lord called Everett Oestreich to his eternal home. Service arrangements are pending at the time of this publication. Please keep his family in your prayers, especially his wife, Beverly.

**Altar Flowers:** There is a sign up chart in the Narthex (back of church) to donate the altar flowers. When you sign up, an Altar Guild representative will call you to discuss which florist you will use and arrange to have a vase liner delivered. You make payment arrangements with the florist directly. Following the last worship service you have the option of taking the flowers home or donating them to a homebound member or nursing home. Sign up today!

**Worship Folders:** The folders today are given by Judy Perleberg and Family in loving memory of Bill Perleberg whose birthday was January 8. 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. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 18, 25. Thank you.

**Hospitalized:** *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* At Mercy-Laura Johnson; At St. Mary's-Bob Zastoupil. Please remember them in your prayers along with George Olson; Doris Schwartzlow; Olive Frisbee; Marion Schumcher, and Al Schiefelbein who have been released.

**Voters Extend Calls:** At the Voters Call Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 it was decided to extend a call to Anne Henny as our music teacher and a call to Katie Huie to be our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Please keep Anne and Katie in your prayers as they consider where the Lord would have them serve.

## Opportunities to Remember Others In Prayer

**Pray for Us Missionary Calendar Available!** You are invited to pick up the most recent prayer calendar, showing prayer requests submitted to LCMS World Mission by our co-workers in the Lord's Mission around the world. They are available in the back of church.

**Aaron's Hands.** Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday afternoon of the month, from 2 to 3 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.

**Parents In Prayer meets Tuesdays from 8 to 9 a.m.** in the conference room of school. This group is for moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone who would like to pray for our school, teachers, students, and staff. We meet every Tuesday that school is in session. For more details, contact Lisa Stanton at 608-563-0203.

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

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A ..... *JESUS' STORIES AND OUR STORY*  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ..... *VICAR MARIN CERCHEZ*

SUNDAYS AT 9:30A ..... *"LOVE RULES"*  
SCHOOL ROOM 202 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

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

WEDNESDAYS AT 9A ..... *WOMEN'S STUDY*  
SCHOOL ROOM 202 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

THURSDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ..... WITH BARRY & RUTH WIER (608-752-9330)

THURSDAYS AT 6:30P ..... *WOMEN'S STUDY*  
SCHOOL ROOM 202 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

**Mites Support Missions with Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)!** For the next two years (2016-2018), St. Paul's Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will be using their mites to support eleven mission grants. Our next project is *Free at Last Ministry to Women*. 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).

**Youth Group “Scoopie” Night is Tuesday, January 9 from 4 to 8p at the Culver’s on Milton Ave., Janesville.** St. Paul’s Youth receive 10% of all purchases made during those hours. This applies to all purchases made: dine in, carry out, or drive through. Come and enjoy a butter burger, fries and frozen custard and help our Youth raise money for their activities Order your Culver’s SCRIP today and get ready for Scoopie Night!

**New Sunday Morning Bible Study Starting January 7, 2018.** You’re invited to join us at 9:15a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) as we take a look at *Jesus’ Stories and Our Stories*. Vicar Marin Cerchez will lead us in a closer look at Jesus’ parables and how to apply the lessons learned from them to our faith life. Jesus used parables to teach others how to share their faith. We can use our own experiences to talk about our faith with others.

**Women's Bible Study to begin Wed.,** Jan. 10 at 9a and Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6p. Both studies will be held in room 202 of St. Paul's School. We will learn how to equip ourselves with God's truths to be able to stand firm in our faith against the schemes of the devil. We will be focusing on Ephesians 6:10-19. The cost of the workbook is \$13.00. RSVP to [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) by Thurs., Jan. 4 to ensure we have enough workbooks for everyone interested.

**Date Night Out, a fun time for couples to grow and connect in their marriage, begins Monday, Jan. 15 at 6p in room 202 of the school.** This relationship study, based on "For Women Only, For Men Only" by Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn, looks at the differences between men and women and how those affect our marriages. You will be offered insights and practical tips for understanding the opposite sex. Men and women will be discussing topics separately and will come back together to wrap up each session. We'll enjoy appetizers and desserts following our study. A total of 3 sessions will be held. One in Jan., Feb, and Mar. The study ends by going on a group date to a restaurant. Date/place to be determined by the couples that attend. RSVP by Fri., Jan. 12 to [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) to reserve your spot. Please indicate if you would like to purchase the accompanying participants guides, which will be a total of \$25.00 for both books.

**The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is January 8, 2018, 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.

2017-18 Council Members are: Bridget Lindau, 608-290-1460; Brian Garcia, 608-449-4711; Sarah Williams, 608-295-2806; Jack Eden, 608-751-5999; Jennifer O’Connell, 608-359-3544; Nate Simmons, 608-436-6720; Jeff Elser, 608-752-5120; Tom Neumann, 608-756-1978, Laura Manke, 608-563-1142.

**The Latest Issue of St. Paul’s “Principal’s Pad” is available for pick-up in the Narthex (back of church).**

**Lutheran Women in Mission/LWML MEMBERS** – Your Winter *Quarterlies* have arrived. Pick up your copy from the mailbox that is next to the LWML one. They are marked with your name, which are in alphabetical order. It’s also subscription renewal time. Just \$5 for the year.

**Thank You for your donations to the Christmas Baskets.** We were able to provide baskets to 12 families this year. We couldn’t do it without your generous donations. Thank you!

**Thank You, St. Paul’s Friends,** for the many cards and gifts given to us this Christmas. A big, big “Thank You” to you all! -----Vicar Marin Cerchez and family

**Waiting Almost Over for our Comfort Dog!** Since the article in January’s *News ‘N Notes* is already outdated, we are excited to share this news with you. Lutheran Church Charities has informed us that our handlers will travel to Chicago on March 1 for their handler training. We will spend 3 days there with our dog, who will be much better trained than us (the handlers). We will bring the dog back to Janesville on Saturday, March 3 to begin our ministry. We do not know which dog we will be getting and will not know until we get to Chicago for our training. We will soon have more information on the church web site, on the Comfort Dog page, with names of our caregivers, handlers, and ministry helpers. So go to that page for more information. We ask for your continued prayers for this ministry as we move forward.

## YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

**Sun., January 7 from 6 to 7:30p:** Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.

What can we learn from popular animated Disney movies that will help us grow in our life of faith? Join us this weekend as we take a closer look at *The Little Mermaid*.

**Senior High Youth Group:** All youth in grades 9 to 12, are invited to stay a little later (from 7:30 to 8:15p) in the gym.

**Sun., January 14 from 6 to 7:30p:** Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.

What can we learn from popular animated Disney movies that will help us grow in our life of faith? Join us this weekend as we take a closer look at *Frozen*.

**Senior High Youth Group:** All youth in grades 9 to 12, are invited to stay a little later (from 7:30 to 8:15p) in the gym.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming to St. Paul's!** Ben Wright will lead the 9-week money management education series, which will be held Monday evenings from 6-8p in Kathy Pingel's Room 202 starting January 22nd. To register and order your materials, contact Ben at [\(608\) 698-1336](tel:6086981336), email Ben at [benjamin.scott.wright@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.scott.wright@gmail.com), or use this link: <https://fpu.com/1053541>. Class materials cost \$129 per household, but a generous St. Paul's couple (who wish to remain anonymous) will reimburse that dollar amount to St. Paul's members who attend 8 of the 9 sessions. Please consider this opportunity and sign up today!

**SUNDAYS AT 9:15A to 10:15A—SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Our Sunday School classes are open to all children ages two years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (Two and three year old students must have a parent with them). We meet in room 202 for opening and then head down to our classrooms to meet our teachers.

**SUNDAYS AT 9:15A: Jr. High Grapple for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!** Come grapple with the real questions you're asking – join us for Grapple each Sunday from 9:15a-10:15a. 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.

**Moms & Tots Playgroup is held every Thursday from 10-11a in the Family Ministry Room # 202 in the school.** There is a story and play time for toddlers and devotions for moms. Join us to connect, support, and socialize. Contact Kathy Pingel for more info at [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) or 754-4471 ext.306.

**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](tel:6085802059)) or John Mueller ([909-936-3955](tel:9099363955)) or simply sign up at [bit.ly/stpaulssupports](http://bit.ly/stpaulssupports)

**St. Paul's Alumni Association:** We're looking for current information on all former students who have ever attended St. Paul's School. (Current address, current phone number, current email address, maiden name-if you've been married, and year your class graduated.) Forms are available from the back of church or send an email to [churchoffice@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulsjanesville.com). Thank you!

**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.

**Calling All Thrivent Members!** If you're a Thrivent Financial member, you can lead a *Thrivent Action Team*, to bring people together for a one-time project to help others in the community. Thrivent will provide \$250 per project in seed money. We are currently looking for Thrivent members willing to partner with our mission teams to sponsor upcoming projects. If you would be willing to help, please contact Stacey in the Church Office (608-754-4471 ext, 350 or [smarenda@StPaulsJanesville.com](mailto:smarenda@StPaulsJanesville.com)). Thank you.

#### **ECHO News:**

[www.echojanesville.org](http://www.echojanesville.org)

- *Our ECHO Count:*
- *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.

**By Saving Grocery Store Receipts.** St. Paul's School receives a 1% rebate on all purchases. Both Sentry locations (West Court Street and East Milwaukee Street) participate in this program. If you shop at Sentry, simply ask for a sticker on your receipt and then turn your receipts into the box in the School entryways or in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).