

Our Stewardship For: January 4, 6 & 7, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:		Sunday School:	
	Church	Comm.	Attendance:
Thurs.---	52	32	36
Saturday---	170		Offerings: \$3.10
8:00---	121	88	Total Missions: \$13.59
10:30-	189		<i>GIFTS Men's Shelter</i>

Our Gifts to God:	DECEMBER 2017	\$200.00
	JAN 1, 2018	\$203.00
	JAN 7, 2018	\$19,459.21
	JAN To Date Giving	\$19,662.21
	JAN Monthly Budget Needs	\$72,700.00

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!

Keith & Betty Oldfield gave a gift to the Parking Lot fund in thanksgiving to the Lord and “in honor of our 65th wedding anniversary on January 9, 1953”; *Catherine Serleth* gave a gift for Unified in memory of Vivian Butke; *Margaret Tegt* gave a gift to the School Wish List in memory of Jim Knudson and Al Schiefelbein;

In memory of Jim Knudson: *Comfort Dog Ministry:* Gary & Judy Sullivan; *St. Paul's Family Tuition Assistance Program:* Ray & Karen Redmann; *Parking Lot:* Bob Zastoupil; Tim & Pat Ebeling; Richard Ambrose; David & Barbara Bloedel; *Divided between the Parking Lot and School Wish List:* Mark Knudson; Dale & Dawn Oas; Bob & Gale Radtke; Gary & Judy Neumueller; Marvin & Rojean Hansen; John & Melinda Heintzelman; and many other family and friends.

In memory of Al Schiefelbein: *Parking Lot:* Pastor Jack & Carolyn Fish; Denny Warnecke;



OPPORTUNITIES
For the Week of January 14, 2018
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 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 14, 2018

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.

Monday: Date Night Out-6p.

Tuesday: Parents in Prayer-8a; Bible Study-9:30a; LWML-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; Comm Wor.-6:30p.

Saturday: Contemporary Wor.-6p.

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

Sympathy: Our Lord called Al Schiefelbein to his eternal home on January 3, 2018. Services were held on January 8, 2018. Please remember his family in your prayers, especially his wife, Norma.

Our prayers are with Scott Olson and family on the recent loss of his father, Wayne Olson. Our prayers are also with the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, Clinton, at the loss of retired Pastor William Uffenbeck. May our loving Savior be with all who mourn.

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: 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. 21 & 28; Feb. 4, 11, 25; March 4, 18 & 25. Thank you.

Birthday Greetings: On January 18, 2018, Betty Mitchell celebrates her 91st birthday. Cards may be sent to 1801 E Milwaukee St, # 209, Janesville 53545. May you have a Great Day, Betty. Happy Birthday!

Hospitalized: Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit. At Madison-Myra Heller; At Beloit-Claudine Manor; At St. Mary's-Donna Louison; At Mercy-Joyce Schroeder and Linda Tregoning. Please remember them in your prayers along with Dee Stephens, Laura Johnson, John Brazil, Brad Springbrum, Bill Giese, Marion Ludwig, and Harley Kobs who have been released.

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 4th 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).

Praise God! Our Calls Have Been Accepted! Katie Huie has accepted our call as fifth grade teacher. Ann Henny has also accepted our call as Director of Parish Music, working with school music and contemporary worship. Thank you, Lord, for answering our prayers.

JLIT – Where can I help? The 46th Annual JLIT Basketball tournament is just around the corner on Feb. 23-25. 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. Gestrich's room (during the week). *This can be counted toward your family's volunteer time.*

The Congregation is invited to celebrate the baptism of Addison Marie Mueller, daughter of John & Kelly Mueller, on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Following the service will be a cake reception in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). All are welcome. (No gifts, please. Your continued prayers for our family are what's most needed. Thank you.)

Thank you to all who turned in Advent Boxes! Your gifts totaled \$333.75. Thank you!

Thank You for your gift to Pastor Paul Garchow. Pastor Paul Garchow served St. Paul's congregation for more than 30 years, retiring in 2011. He has recently been diagnosed with cancer. St. Paul's congregation took up a special collection for Pastor Paul over the Christmas Holiday. We will be sending him a check for \$2,000. Thank you for your generosity! *Pastor Paul celebrated his 65th birthday on January 10. If you'd like to send a card, his address is 1525 Wildrose St, Belvidere IL 61008.*

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.

St. Paul's Delivers Meals on Wheels in February—and we're looking for drivers and delivery people for eight routes! We need help the weeks of Feb. 12 to 16 and Feb. 19 to 23 from 11a to around 12:30p each day. We're also looking for people to deliver meals on the weekends of Feb. 17 & 18 and Feb. 24 & 25. If you can help us out or have any questions please contact Linda Bontly Servais at 608-290-5737. This is a wonderful way to assist people in the Janesville area.

Senior High Parents Meeting on Sunday, January 28 at 5p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement.) Come and learn more about our upcoming activities. See you there!

Books Available Until January 29, 2018. We are dismantling the Family Education Corner located in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). While we will retain some items, we are offering other items (books, VHS tapes, etc.) on a first come-first served basis. Stop by and see if there is anything that you would like for your home library. Any items not claimed by January 29, 2018, will be disposed of. Thank you!

Join us for Lutheran Schools Week: January 22 to 26, 2018!

The Book Fair is going on this week in the Gym Hallway. It will be open after church services on Saturday and Sunday (January 20 and 21) for about half an hour. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (January 22, 23, and 25) from 7:45a – 3:30p and on Wednesday and Friday (January 24 and 26) from 7:45a – 12:30p.

Tuesday, January 23 is FAMILY READING NIGHT from 5:00 – 7p. The Book Fair will also be open during the Family Reading Night. Come and see Clifford. Bring your camera if you want to take pictures with him. The library will also be open to read, check out books and take Accelerated Reading quizzes. Anyone attending Family Reading Night is eligible to enter a drawing to win a fabulous prize!

Wednesday, **January 24, is PARENT and GRANDPARENTS Visiting Day.** Join us from 7:45 until Noon. (*Please note: Wednesday is a half day of school*) The Book Fair will close at 12:30p on Friday. Hope to see you sometime during the week. Proceeds from the Book Fair will go towards purchasing new books for the library.

Come join the National Junior Honor Society on Wednesday, January 24th at Mac's Pizza Shack! A portion of all sales: eat in, delivery, and carryout will be going towards the Wildfire Relief and Homeless Veterans Funds! Join us from 12-2 P.M. at the Milton Ave. Mac's Pizza Shack! *It's Parent/Grandparent Visiting Day so why not enjoy lunch at Mac's that day?!*

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, 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!

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.

Wisconsin Right to Life Billboard: Wisconsin Right to Life will have a billboard by Culver's on Milton Avenue in Janesville starting on January and ending on February 25. The ad has "Me" (unborn baby) and "Still Me" (baby after birth) with "LIFE IS PRECIOUS INSIDE AND OUT" with a phone number to call for help if pregnant. Please pray that mothers will call the phone number 800-712-HELP on the billboard for help, 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 (Please note this is a new PO Box number).

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

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.

Sun., January 21 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 *Beauty and the Beast*.

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Senior High Parents Meeting on Sunday, January 28 at 5p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement.) Come and learn more about our upcoming activities. See you there!

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 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 7th & 8th 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 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:608-580-2059)) or John Mueller ([909-936-3955](tel:909-936-3955)) or simply sign up at 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. Thank you!

The Latest Issue of St. Paul's "Principal's Pad" is available for pick-up in the Narthex (back of church).

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). Thank you.

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.