



# OPPORTUNITIES

## For the Week of February 4, 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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### Our Stewardship For: January 25, 27 & 28, 2018

<b>Church and Communion Attendance:</b>		<b>Sunday School:</b>	
	Church	Comm.	Attendance:
Thurs.---	147		Offerings: \$
Saturday---	123	100	Total Missions: \$
8:00---	108		<i>GIFTS Men's Shelter</i>
10:30-	161	132	

<b>Our Gifts to God:</b>	JAN 1, 2018	\$203.00
	JAN 7, 2018	\$19,459.21
	JAN 14, 2018	\$13,235.33
	JAN 21, 2018	\$20,111.08
	JAN 28, 2018	\$20,246.20
	JAN To Date Giving	\$73,254.82
	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. These figures do not include any tuition amounts or monies designated for special purposes (i.e.-missions, alms, school, school library, school music programs, hymnals, endowment fund; capital improvement, etc.)

**Parking Lot Fund Update:** Our church parking lot will be in need of extensive work in the near future. In order to prepare for this major expenditure, the Parking Lot Fund has been set up. This fund will be used exclusively for the replacement of the parking lot and all donations to this fund will be kept separate and not used for normal operating expenses. Please consider contributing to this fund as you are able. Thank you!

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

Tom & Sharon Roth gave a gift to the Parking Lot Fund in memory of Wayne Olson; Duane & Deb Mundth gave an undesignated gift in memory of Betty Mundth;

**In memory of Marvin Carney** (Arlene Knudson's brother): *Parking Lot:* Pat & Tim Ebeling, Bob & Lois Cook; *Unified:* David & Karen Speth; Charlene McKittrick;

**In memory of Jim Knudson:** *Parking Lot:* Chuck & Bobbie Wilke; Verne Frisque; *Comfort Dog:* Elaine Ingold.

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### St. Paul's Church Council 2017-18

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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 February 4, 2018

**Sunday:** Comm. Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Afternoon Comm.-1:30p; Youth Parent Meeting-3p; Confirmation Parents Meeting-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-7:30p.

**Monday:** Financial Peace University-6p.

**Tuesday:** Parents in Prayer-8a; Bible Study-9:30a; Adult Fellowship-6p; Confirmation Parents Meeting-6:30p.

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

**Thursday:** Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Quilting-1:30p; Women's Bible Study-6p; Wor.-6:30p.

**Friday:** *Half Day of School*; Quilting-9a to 3p.

**Saturday:** Orphan Grain Train-8a; 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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**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: Feb. 11, 25; March 4, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Thank you.

**Birthday Greetings:** On Tuesday, February 6, Ellie McLaughlin celebrates her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Cards may be sent to 4219 Hearthstone Dr, Janesville 53546. On Thursday, February 8, Dolores Jaeger celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her address is 2509 Sauk Dr, Janesville 53545. We wish you both a very blessed birthday, Ellie and Dolores!

**You're Invited to help us celebrate Pauline Knoerr's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!** An open house will be held on Sunday, February 25, from 2 to 3p in the Main Lobby of Cedar Crest Independent Living, 1700 S River Rd, Janesville. Cards may be sent to Pauline at 1900 S River Rd, Apt. 281, Janesville WI 53546. Have a very happy birthday, Pauline.

**Hospitalized:** *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* At St. Mary's-Ruth Fladhammer. Please remember her in your prayers along with Dan Terry, Barb Stephens and John Long 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 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).

**Join us for Lenten Worship:** Our Lenten services are Wednesdays from February 14 through March 21 at 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. You are invited to join us as we reflect on our Lord's great love for us. *Please Note: There will be NO Thursday evening worship services during Lent.*

**Join Us for A Lenten Supper!** St. Paul's Organizations would also like to invite you to join us for a Lenten Supper prior to each evening's worship service. The meal is served in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) from 5-6p. There is no cost for the meal. Instead a free-will offering is taken. Your donations help provide funds for a variety of projects by our groups.

**"Silent Witnesses" Lenten Devotional booklets are now available** from the back of church. There were silent witnesses at Jesus' passion. Objects, animals, and places that played a part during key moments of Jesus suffering, death, and resurrection. We find them in the pages of the Gospels as well. Though they cannot speak, they can show us something of His love and mercy toward us. Feel free to take a copy to share with others, too!

**The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is February 12, 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-Treasurer, 608-449-4711; Sarah Williams-President, 608-295-2806; Jack Eden, 608-751-5999; Jennifer O'Connell, 608-359-3544; Nate Simmons, 608-436-6720; Jeff Elser-Vice President, 608-752-5120; Tom Neumann, 608-756-1978, Laura Manke-Secretary, 608-563-1142.

**Thank You** to those who sent me cards for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It's good to be remembered.

Sincerely, Doris Alwin

**Once again Elizabeth Decker will be offering "Parenting the Love & Logic Way"**@ parenting sessions. The sessions will begin on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 205 (the Science Lab) at school. If you or someone you know is interested in attending these sessions please contact Mrs. Decker at [edecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:edecker@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**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.

**Our Men's Group Is Looking To Grow.** Are you ready for an adventure??? We are a group who gets together 3 times a year to help lead our services through our music. In the past we have heard, "If we had known that The Men's Group was singing, I would have joined you." With that said, we are inviting all you guys out there to join the Men's Group the weekend of February 17 and 18 at our Contemporary Services. Practice will be on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30p in the Praise Team area. We are very low key and have many laughs as the weekend of music and worship comes together. No need to do both services---just come to whichever one suits your schedule. Any questions feel free to contact Duane Mundth (208-9034 or email: [DMundth@themorsegroup.com](mailto:DMundth@themorsegroup.com)) or Wayne Hansen (754-6847 or email: [concord4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:concord4@sbcglobal.net)).

**No Superbowl Subs This Year!** Our Youth will not be selling Super Bowl Subs this year. Please continue to support our upcoming fundraisers: JLIT button sales; our Lenten Supper and the Easter Breakfast.

**Parents of Senior High Youth, Please Join Us for a special meeting on February 4 at 3p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement)** to discuss the Youth upcoming fundraisers; bible studies and mission trips. The meeting should last a half hour, giving you plenty of time for your Super Bowl Parties.

**Date Night Out, a fun time for couples to grow and connect in their marriage, will be held Friday, February 16, at 6p in Room 202.** 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. This is the second night of 3 monthly sessions. If you missed the first session, don't worry! You may still join us. After the last study, we will go on a group date to a restaurant. Date/place to be determined by the couples that attend. RSVP by Wed., Feb. 14 to [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) to reserve your spot for our Feb session. Please indicate if you would like to purchase the accompanying participants books to use as a follow up to the study, which will be a total of \$25.00 for both books.

**Knitting for a Purpose, a group that knits to help those in need, has a new project.** Join us on Wed., Feb. 7, from 11a - 1p in room 202. We will have a quick lunch at 11a, then will start the project: knitting hats to give to Veterans who are going through chemotherapy in VA Hospitals. Please bring your own yarn in red, white, blue, or camouflage colors. You will also need either knitting needles or a loom. (If you have never knit and would like to try, we will teach you how using a loom. It is quick and easy.) If you don't knit, but crochet and would rather do that, you are welcome to attend as well. If you would like to support this ministry project but are unable to attend, you may knit adult size hats and bring them to the church office by March 28. Questions? Contact [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com)

**Lenten Bible Journaling to begin Wed., Feb. 14.** Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) for Lenten Suppers at 5p, then Bible Journaling from 5:30-6:15p. We will journal our Lenten Scripture Readings that will be used in that evening's 6:30p worship service. You will need a Bible Journal or a plain journal and other journaling supplies such as colored pencils, gel pens, markers, etc. For more information, contact [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com)

## 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., February 4 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*.

**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., February 11 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 *Toy Story*.

**Senior High Youth Group:** All youth in grades 9 to 12, from 7:30 to 8:15p in the gym.

**Parents of Senior High Youth, Please Join Us for a special meeting on February 4 at 3p in Fellowship Hall** (the church basement) to discuss the Youth upcoming fundraisers; bible studies and mission trips. The meeting should last a half hour, giving you plenty of time for your Super Bowl Parties.

**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 meets the first Thursday of each month 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.

## JLIT Is Coming: February 23, 24 & 25

**JLIT – Where can I help?** The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Janesville Lutheran Invitational [Basketball] Tournament (JLIT) 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 in the basement of church to help in areas such as concessions, clearing snow, watching the gym doors and hallways, or helping check tickets. *This can be counted toward your family's volunteer time.*

**Desserts Needed for JLIT--** We need bars, cakes, and pies (no cookies, please) that we can sell in Fellowship Hall during the weekend. Dessert donations can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall after 3p the Friday of JLIT weekend (February 23).

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

—OUR SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M.

to allow all participants and their families to worship with us!

**Pre-Service Sing A Long before our Contemporary Worship over JLIT weekend!** Come to the church sanctuary Saturday at 5p (before the 5:30p worship service) or Sunday at 10:15a (before the 10:30a worship service) and join us for songs as we Praise our Lord!

**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).

**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](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).