

## Our Stewardship For: Jan. 24, 26, 27, 31 & Feb. 2 & 3, 2019

### Church and Communion Attendance:

Jan. 27	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	76	
Saturday---	160	120
8:00---	101	
10:30-	226	142
Feb. 3		
Thurs.---	32	29
Saturday---	109	
8:00---	131	115
10:30-	158	

### Sunday School:

01-13	Attendance:	24
	Offerings:	\$13.15
01-20	Attendance	24
	Offerings:	\$10.00
01-27	Attendance:	30
	Offerings:	\$12.25
	Total:	\$57.83

*Lutheran Heritage Foundation*

### Our Gifts to God:

JAN 1, 2019	\$86.86
JAN 6, 2019	\$20,294.31
JAN 13, 2019	\$13,370.01
JAN 20, 2019	\$21,613.87
JAN 27, 2019	\$13,689.16
JAN To Date Giving	\$69,054.21
JAN Monthly Budget Needs	\$88,300.00
FEB 3, 2019	\$18,428.80
FEB To Date Giving	\$18,428.80
FEB Monthly Budget Needs	\$75,900.00

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

CORRECTION: Bill & Jeanne Jannisch gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Richard Ambrose and not Delores Klitzke, as was reported in the Jan. 27, 2019 issue of *Opportunities*. I apologize for the error. *Stacey Marenda*

*Bob & Lois Cook* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in celebration of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Feb. 9;

**In memory of Scott Olson:** Travis & Jen O’Connell for St. Paul’s Youth Group; Ryan & Carmen Huenerberg for the Parking Lot fund.

**In memory of Lucille Messerschmidt:** *Tim & Pat Ebeling* donated books to Mrs. Huie’s classroom; *for an electronic school sign:* Jerry & Deb Natz; Cindy Perkins; Barry & Ruth Wier; Karla Spoon; *St. Paul’s Family Tuition Assistance Fund:* Gregg & Ellen Davis;



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## OPPORTUNITIES

### For the Week of February 10, 2019




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### St. Paul’s Church Council 2018-19

Jack Eden, Vice Chair	608-751-5999
Jennifer O’Connell	608-359-3544
Rhonda Schulze	920-946-7417
Jeff Elser, Chair	608-752-5120
Tom Neumann	608-751-4504
Laura Manke	608-563-1142
Jen Ellis	608-449-3072
Jason Harvey	608-322-9443
Barb Frank	608-718-1278

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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.**

**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 10, 2019

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

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

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

**Wednesday:** Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Women's Bible Study-1:30p; Handbells-5:30p, Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

**Thursday:** Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; 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; Youth Praise Band-3p; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-6p.

**Baptism:** On Sunday at the 8a service we welcome Kristy Nichole Parkerson and her son, Coen Jacob Bainter, to the Lord's Kingdom by Holy Baptism. Coen's sponsors are Logan Fertitta and Amy Pool. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Sympathy:** Our prayers are with Margaret Tegt and Paul Lembrich on the recent loss of their sister, Mary.

**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: March 3, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26. Thank you.

**Birthday Greetings:** Vi Schulze celebrates her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Feb. 13. Cards may be sent in care of Tom & Judy Baumann, W6948 Wimmer Rd, Tomahawk WI 54487. Virginia Sims celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 14. Her address is 6825 Davis Blvd # 343, Naples FL 34104. And Mary Zirbel celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 14. Her address is 8220 Harwood Ave # 419, Milwaukee WI 53213.

**Hospitalized:** Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit. At Mercy-Carolyn Seekamp, Mary Staben. Please remember them in your prayers along with Ron Staben and John Brazil who have been released.

## Opportunities to Remember Others In Prayer

**Aaron's Hands.** Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1:30P ..... *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!

**Voter's Approve Land Purchase:** At a special Voter's Meeting on Feb. 3, 2019, approval was given to purchase "the southerly 36 feet, running the full depth of the property of 148 S Ringold St., Janesville WI for an amount not to exceed \$40,000, which amount shall include the purchase price, land division, and zoning fees, title commitment fees, closing costs, transfer fees and all other costs associated therewith." Praise God! This purchase will give us flexibility in any possible future additions to our school building.

**The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is February 11, 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.

**Youth Group "Scoopic" Night is Monday, February 18, 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 Scoopic Night!

**Do you like to sing?** The Joyful Noise Adult Choir is looking to add voices to our group. We sing twice a month at the traditional service, and our rehearsals are Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15a in the Band/Music room of school. Bring your children to Sunday School and then come and rehearse with us. Do you have a small child, too young for Sunday School? Bring them with you---we will make accommodations.

**All women of the congregation are invited to join St. Paul's Women in Mission (LWML) for their meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 1:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).** Come and discover the many service projects and outreach that this group does. If you would like to contribute, we will be collecting toilet paper for the Battered Women's Shelter as our ingathering.

**Gala of Giving:** Save the date for the 2019 Gala of Giving, which is May 11, 2019, at the Pontiac Convention Center in Janesville. Attendance and sponsorship registrations will be available shortly. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Bridget Lindau at 290-1460.

**Praise be to God! We have now raised the entire \$596,000 to finish the remaining projects associated with the parking lot!** Thank you to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School & Daycare for your gifts of time, talents, money and prayers. God has blessed us richly at St. Paul's and may we continue to focus on Him as we work to grow His kingdom in our community.

**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](mailto: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.

**St. Paul's Cradle Roll needs your help!** We need people to provide a meal for families with newly baptized infants or toddlers. We would like to have a list of willing people to contact for this ministry. If you are on the list, we would contact you periodically. Your job would be to contact the family and set up a time to deliver a meal and take a "Welcome to God's Family" packet to them. If you would be interested in helping with this ministry, contact Kathy Pingel at [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**Lit 'n Lattes, our Women's Christian Book Club, has chosen to read Under the Midnight Sun by Tracie Peterson.** While this book is part of a series, it is not necessary to have read the other books. If you'd like to join us, you will need to read the book and be ready for discussion on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 pm in room #204 of the school. If you need help ordering, contact [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**JLIT – Where can I help?** The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Janesville Lutheran [Basketball] Tournament (or JLIT for short) 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.

**Broken Crayons Still Color:** Our spring Women's event, is Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 8:30a-3:30p. Our guest speaker, Heidi Goehmann from *ilovemyshepherd.com*, will talk about God's grace and mercy that comes to us when we feel broken, lost, and alone. There will be light hearted breakout sessions, food, fun, and fellowship. Registration begins next week! Watch for the form! Questions? Contact Kathy Pingel at [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com)

**Free Income Tax Service available at Blackhawk Technical College:** Blackhawk Technical College offers the IRS Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program that can help low income and elderly citizens. You must have a yearly income of \$54,000 or less to qualify. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. If you would like to make an appointment to have your taxes prepared, please call (608) 743-4577 and leave a message with your full name and phone number. Someone will contact you to schedule an appointment.

**Our partnership with Buffalo Wild Wings continues and will help us raise funds for the 7th Grade Washington D.C. trip.** We have raised over \$500 towards this year's trip. Remember, each time you dine at Buffalo Wild Wings **tell your server you are supporting TEAM E.** We will receive a 10% donation. You don't need the coupon or flyer to participate. If you would like to make a cash donation towards the trip please contact Mr. Kroll ([jkroll@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:jkroll@stpaulsjanesville.com)). Thank you for your generous support.

**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 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 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 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.

## 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., Feb. 10 from 4 to 5:30p:** Youth/Bible Study. We'll begin in the church sanctuary. ALL youth (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sun., Feb. 17 from 4 to 5:30p:** Youth/Bible Study. We'll begin in the church sanctuary. ALL youth (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sun., Feb. 24: NO YOUTH GROUP**

**Senior High Sunday Morning Bible Study:** We are going through a new Bible Study called Can I Ask That 2. This Bible Study covers some hard questions that youth might have in today's world. The Bible Study starts every Sunday from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Youth Room. This is a great Bible Study to attend if you have questions of your own about your faith or God.

This week's question is "Is Hell real? How could God send someone there?"

Next week's will be "Can I do something so bad God won't forgive me?"

**St. Paul's Parent-Teacher League (PTL) Offers Scholarship:** The St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church and School PTL Scholarship is an annual award of \$500 given to a member of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church and graduate of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School who will be a graduating senior from high school and attending post high school education at a two or four year institution. The recipient is chosen by a committee made up of the St. Paul's PTL, Principal, and teachers selected by the PTL, using several criteria to evaluate applicants, including: Service to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church and School including Church attendance; Scholarship/Academic Achievement; High School Involvement; Other community and outside involvement.

As a basis for evaluation, we ask that each applicant complete the following: Questionnaire found on website at <http://www.stpaulsjanesville.com/school/parent-teacher-league/ptl-scholarship>; High school report card; and a Letter of application (250 word minimum, no less than 10 point font) answering the following statement: "*How my St. Paul's school experience has influenced my life decisions.*"

Deadline for completion of this application will be: **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.** Please scan and email these items to: [triciaguse@hotmail.com](mailto:triciaguse@hotmail.com) Winner to be announced at Spring Awards Banquet in May. Please note: this award will be announced in May but proof of first completed semester of college is required to receive monetary portion. choice is yours! You can purchase SCRIP following the weekend worship services or from the