

Our Stewardship For: February 8, 10 & 11, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	???	
Saturday---	159	122
8:00---	90	
10:30-	210	124

Sunday School:

Attendance:	20
Offerings:	\$11
Total Missions:	\$45.21
<i>GIFTS Men's Shelter</i>	

Our Gifts to God:

FEB 4, 2018	\$15,512.58
FEB 11, 2018	\$16,050.60
FEB To Date Giving	\$31,563.18
FEB Monthly Budget Needs	\$73,200.00

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.)

Thank you for your loose coins! All loose coins given in the offering (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars and even dollar coins) are used for various mission projects. Thank you.

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!

David & Kristine Schneider gave a gift for the Parking Lot Fund in memory of Jim Knudson; *LaVerne Frisque* gave a gift to the Parking Lot Fund in memory of Lucille Frisque; *Bob & Lois Cook* gave a gift to Missions in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on February 9;



ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Day Care

OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of February 18, 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 February 18, 2018

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.

Monday: Financial Peace University-6p.

Tuesday: Parents in Prayer-8a; Bible Study-9:30a; LWML-1:30p.

Wednesday: *Lent*; Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Lenten Worship-12:15p; Lenten Supper-5 to 6p; Lenten Worship-6:30p.

Thursday: *NO Thursday Evening Worship*; Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Women's Bible Study-6p.

Friday: *Janesville Lutheran Invitational [Basketball] Tournament-Half Day of School*;

Saturday: *Janesville Lutheran Invitational [Basketball] Tournament*; Contemporary Wor.-5:30p.

Next Sunday: *Janesville Lutheran Invitational [Basketball] Tournament* Wor.-8a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Voters Meeting-noon in church sanctuary.

Sympathy: Our Lord called Dolores Jaeger to her eternal home on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Services are planned for Monday, February 19, 2018. Please remember her family in your prayers, especially her husband, Carl Jaeger. May our loving Lord comfort 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: The folders today are given by Wayne & Sherry Nuernberg in loving memory of Sherry's parents, Kenneth & Ramona Scharine. Thank you! 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. 25; March 4, 18, 25. Thank you.

Birthday Greetings: You're Invited to help us celebrate Pauline Knoerr's 90th 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 1700 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-Mary Splinter and John Long. Please remember them in your prayers along with William White who has 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).

Voters Meeting To Give Permission to Call a Candidate from the Seminaries to serve as St. Paul's associate pastor is set for Sunday, February 25, 2018, following the 10:30a worship service in the church sanctuary (around noon). Please make plans to attend this very important meeting. It will be very short, as the only item is granting permission for the call process to move forward. In the back of church you will find biographies of the four candidates that we will be asking the Board of Assignments to choose from when deciding placement of candidates that will be announced on Call Day in April.

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. *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. On Feb. 21 St. Paul's School & Church Staff will serve Deb Natz's BBQ Sandwiches; chips; cole slaw; beverages and dessert. On Feb. 28 the Altar Guild will host Ellen Davis' pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, chips, beverages and dessert

JLIT Is Coming: February 23, 24 & 25

JLIT – Where can I help? The 46th 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. 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. 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!

Altar Guild will meet in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) on Wednesday, February 28, following the evening Lenten worship service (about 7:15p). This meeting is open to anyone who would like to discover what we do and how to get involved. You'll make new friends in the process!

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.

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) meets February 20 at 1:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) to work on the Feminine Project---Girls Helping Girls to ensure girls around the world have the supplies they need to stay in school. Please join us for this project—you don't need to know how to sew. There is cutting and assembling that also needs to be done. If you do sew, please bring your machine.

Part Time Special Needs Teacher Sought: We are looking for someone with a Bachelor's Degree and a teaching certificate with certification/endorsement in special education who can provide individualized instruction to children with special learning needs. A complete position description is available from the school/church office. If you, or anyone you know, are interested have them contact Mr. Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you.

Shepherd's Heart Daycare is looking for part-time help: Our daycare has openings for assistant daycare teachers. Please contact Rob Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com or 608-754-4471 ext. 302 with questions or to apply.

Part Time Art Teacher Needed: St. Paul's is looking for a part-time art teacher to teach 6 to 8th grade art six hours a week during the 2018-19 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree, be able to work with middle school students, and have a love of art. For more information or to apply please contact Rob Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com or 608-754-4471 ext. 302.

Calling Stampers: We have begun a Caring Card Ministry. This is a ministry to let others know that St. Paul's cares and are thinking and praying for them. This ministry is in need of a few supplies. If you are able to make a donation of supplies or would like to contribute to this ministry, drop your items off in the church office or give them to Kathy Pingel. We are looking for: Ad Tech Dot Glue Runner 4 pack, sheets of plain or colored card stock without patterns, 4.37 x 5.75 envelopes, postage stamps, and stamps for stamping cards for baptisms, confirmations, sympathy, or ones with religious sentiments. If you would like to make homemade cards and donate those, we will accept those as well. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com to learn more about this ministry and how you can help.

Ladies, Save the Date! St. Paul's Women's Ministry presents "Comedy Night" on Friday, April 11, at 6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Join us for an evening of laughter, fun, and joy in the Lord. More details coming soon!

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., February 18 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 *Finding Nemo*.

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

We need help this year with JLIT buttons. Any Youth in grades 6 to 12 can sign up in St. Paul's school office. It is easy work and a lot of fun. This is an awesome fundraiser that will help grow their youth accounts to pay for fees to go on youth mission trips.

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!

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 1st, 2018**. Please scan and email these items to: 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.

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 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 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).

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). Thank you.