

Our Stewardship For: Feb. 14, 16 & 17, 2019

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	45	34
Saturday---	157	
8:00---	101	79
10:30-	204	

Sunday School:

Attendance:	22
Offerings:	\$12.35
Total Missions:	\$81.53

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Our Gifts to God:	Date	Amount
	FEB 3, 2019	\$18,428.80
	FEB 10, 2019	\$16,479.95
	FEB 17, 2019	\$16,867.44
	FEB To Date Giving	\$51,776.19
	FEB Monthly Budget Needs	\$75,900.00

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.

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Bob & Arlene Knudson gave a gift to St. Paul's Family Tuition Assistance Program in memory of Lucille Messerschmidt;

In memory of Ron & Mary Staben: *Comfort Dog Ministry:* Bob & Arlene Knudson; William & Alicia Roberts; Charles Bruce; Nancy Lala; R. Scott Speidel;



OPPORTUNITIES
For the Week of February 24, 2019
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.

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 24, 2019

Sunday: Wor.-8a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a.

Monday: *NO School/Offices Closed.*

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:30a;

Wednesday: Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Women's Bible Study-1:30p; Handbells-5:30p, Altar Guild in Room 204-6:30p; Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

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

Friday:

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.

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 Leonhard Gehrke in celebration of his 90th birthday on February 29. Happy Birthday, Leonhard! 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. Thank you.

Birthday Greetings: Verne Frisque celebrates his 95th birthday on Wednesday, February 27. Cards may be sent to 2818 Cortland Dr, Janesville 53548. Leonhard Gehrke celebrates his 90th birthday also on February 27. His address is 1720 E Memorial Dr, # 120, Janesville 53545. We hope that you both have a wonderful day!

Hospitalized: *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* At Madison-Stan Maresch. Please

SCRIP Hours: After worship on Saturdays and Sundays. In the School/Church Office on school days during school hours (8a to 3:15p). Thank you for supporting St. Paul's by using SCRIP!

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.

Opportunities to Remember Others In Prayer

Aaron's Hands. Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4th 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!

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.

Volunteers Needed to Help with the Men's Homeless Shelter: St. Paul's is looking for volunteers to help with GIFTS Men's Homeless Shelter the week of March 10 to 16, 2019. The men will be staying at their shelter at 1025 N Washington St, Janesville. We need help preparing dinners and breakfasts. We will need one person each night to stay the entire time at the GIFTS shelter. Please contact Linda (Bontly) Servais at 290-5737 for more information or to volunteer. Thank you for your help!

Altar Guild Meets Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30p in a NEW LOCATION: Room 204 of School. All members of St. Paul's are welcome to join us for a short business meeting.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our recent mission trip to Guatemala. Your donations of toys, underwear, personal care items and over 20 handmade baby blankets were greatly appreciated by the families Outreach for World Hope served. Over 300 families received water filters, 11 cook stoves were built in homes, one roof was constructed for a home, and almost 2 dozen fruit trees and gardens were planted. Most importantly, 18 children were identified as needing food and nutritional supplements to prevent possible starvation. God bless your generosity.
----- Cheryl & Tom Skelly

Date Night Out has been moved from Feb 25 to Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm in room 204 of St. Paul's School. There's no cost, just bring a dessert or appetizer to share. We'd love to have you join us for the second date night and the study of the 5 Love Languages. We'll be talking about the Five Love Languages and start to look at each of the languages individually and how it matters in your marriage. Don't worry if you missed the first session! You can still join us and discover how the Five Love Languages can work in your marriage. If you'd like to attend, respond to this email by March 3, so that there are enough materials for everyone. We are looking forward to another fun evening!

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.

Young Adults Small Group Red Letter Challenge Now Forming: We will meet at John Toberman's home, 1308 S Washington St, Janesville, on Monday, March 4 at 6:30p. Please bring a dish to share. Any questions? Contact John Mueller (jmueller@stpaulsjanesville.com).

Adult Fellowship Club Invites You to Dinner: Tuesday, March 5 at 6p the Adult Fellowship Club will meet for dinner in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Please join us and bring a dish to share. After dinner (about 7p) Kari Klebba will share information about the Milton House. We hope that you will join us.

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

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). Thank you for your generous support.

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, 2019.** 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.

Tweet Others
As You Would Like to be Tweeted.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., Feb. 24 NO YOUTH GROUP. Have fun at JLIT!

Sun., March 3 from 4 to 5:30p: Youth/Bible Study. We'll begin in the church sanctuary. ALL youth (6th through 12th 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.

March 3rd Red Letter Challenge: The Junior High Youth Group will be working through the "Red Letter Challenge" on Sundays from 4 to 5:30p. This six week Bible study will help us read and interact with God's Word more in our lives. Each week we'll focus on a different topic: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, Going. We'll be studying in small groups and enjoy pizza and snacks each week. We are in need of adult help! Parents interested in joining us, please talk to John.

March 15th-Senior High Lock-in: March 15th from 7p to 7a on March 16, the Senior High Youth (grades 9 to 12) ONLY will have a lock in. Adult help is needed, please talk to John.

Youth Serving Lenten Supper on April 3. We need lots of youth and parent help to make this run smoothly. We will need food donations for the Lenten Supper. Sign-ups for food and for working are located in the back of church. Parents---we need your help as well! Please speak with John.

National Youth Gathering Serving Lenten Supper on April 10: We need the help of all the youth who are going on the trip and their parents to make this run smoothly as well as food donations for the meal. Sign-ups for working and for food are located in the back of church. Adults willing to help, please contact John.

Youth will host Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 21, 2019. More information to come.

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 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 7th & 8th 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.

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) or John Mueller (909-936-3955) or simply sign up at bit.ly/stpaulssupports

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.

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.