

Our Stewardship For: February 21, 24 & 25, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

Sunday School:

	Church	Comm.
Lent 12:15p---30		
6:30--- 157		
Saturday-- 627		303
8:00--- 80		
10:30 216		150

Our Gifts to God:		
	FEB 4, 2018	\$15,512.58
	FEB 11, 2018	\$16,050.60
	FEB 18, 2018	\$23,220.93
	FEB 25, 2018	\$17,501.15
	FEB To Date Giving	\$72,285.26
	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!

Gerry Bluhm gave a gift for the Organ Repair fund in loving memory of his mother, Lillian E. Bluhm; An Anonymous Donation was given to the Parking Lot Fund “in honor of Mark Anderson and Sue Arnold, unsung pillars of our congregation for many years”.



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of March 4, 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 March 4, 2018

Sunday: Comm. Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Afternoon Comm-1:30p; 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; Adult Fellowship Club-6:30p

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

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

Saturday: Contemporary Comm. Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: *Daylight Savings Time: Set Clocks AHEAD one hour*; Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a; Confirmation Parents Meeting-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-7:30p.

Please join us today (Sunday) for a very special service: **Afternoon Communion** at 1:30 PM

Sympathy: Our prayers are with Jeff Schnell and family on the recent loss of his mother, Joyce Schnell. May our Savior bring comfort to 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: March 4, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Thank you.

Birthday Greetings: On March 7 Jean Riepl celebrates her 92nd birthday. Cards may be sent to 824 N Randall Ave, Janesville 53545. Happy Birthday, Jean!

Hospitalized: *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* At Mercy-Darrin Riley. Please remember him in your prayers along with Marion Schumacher and John Long who have been released.

Join us for Lenten Worship: Our Lenten services are Wednesdays 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.*

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 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.

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. We've completed our support for the *Free at Last Ministry to Women*. Our next project is *"Telling the Story" DVD Devotional Series for Shut-Ins*. 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 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/ a free-will offering is taken. Your donations help provide funds for a variety of projects by our groups. On March 7 the Comfort Dog Ministry serves a picnic meal of brats and hot dogs; potato salad; beverages and dessert. On March 14 the Youth will serve tacos, beverages and dessert.

The Special Voters Assembly on Sunday, February 25, 2018, approved St. Paul's applying to the Board of Assignments for a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, to be placed as our associate pastor. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Thank you to the JLIT kitchen crew! We appreciate the hard work and dedication of all; prep cooks, grillers, shoppers, servers, dish washers, table cleaners, desserts, beverages, department heads. . . It takes the whole team to make the Janesville Lutheran Invitational [Basketball] Tournament (or JLIT) a success. Thank you!-----Jill Hanson and Sarah Williams

Youth to present the Passion Play again this year! We are looking for all youth to get involved in our Passion Play! The play is set up for youth in grades 6 thru 12, but this year we need 5th graders to make a bigger "crowd" in the play. Parents, please encourage your youth to participate. We have many roles to fill; both speaking and non-speaking parts. We also need backstage help.

We will meet four times this year to walk through the script, learn our parts, and do a dress rehearsal. After each play practice we'll have food for those in the play. We will be meeting in the sanctuary (the church) on Sunday, March 11 from 4 to 6p; March 18 from 4 to 6p; March 25 from 4 to 6p; and our dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday, March 28 (time to be determined). Good Friday, March 30 at 6:30p is the performance.

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.

Third Annual Gala of Giving: You are cordially invited to the 3rd Annual Gala of Giving dinner auction, which will take place on May 12, 2018, at the Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 N Pontiac Dr, Janesville (doors open at 5p). Reservations are \$50 per person if acquired on or before March 31, 2018, and \$60 per person thereafter. Table sponsorships are available and encouraged. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or at the school office. All proceeds go to support St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School and Daycare. We look forward to seeing you for an evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising. If you have any questions, please call Tim Lindau at 608-290-1560.

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

Lit n Lattes Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 13 at 6p in Room 202 of School. We will be discussing *Grace Alone* by Ruth E. Meyer.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., March 4 from 6 to 7:30p: Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.

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 7:30 to 8:15p) in the gym.

Sun., March 11 from 4 to 6p: Passion Play Rehearsal in the Church.

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Sun., March 18 from 4 to 6p: Passion Play Rehearsal in the Church.

Sun., March 25 from 4 to 6p: Passion Play Rehearsal in the Church.

Wed., March 28 Time to be determined: Passion Play Dress Rehearsal in the Church.

Good Friday, March 30 at 2p: Youth Passion Play

Knitters Needed to Make Hats: *Knitting for a Purpose*, a group that knits to help those in need, has a new project. We are collecting knitted hats to give to Veterans who are going through chemotherapy in VA Hospitals. If you would like to support this ministry project you may knit adult size hats and bring them to the church office by March 28.

Orphan Grain Train Looking for Bicycles. Orphan Grain Train is in need of new or used, child or adult bicycles. If you have bikes or tricycles stored away that are not being used, please consider donating them. For more information, please contact Pastor Jim Hendrikson at 608-373-0985.

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.

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.

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

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY March 25 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 29 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY:
PASSION PLAY March 30 2:00 p.m.

CAUTION: This Passion Drama may be unsuitable for young children. As an alternative, families are invited to attend the Good Friday worship service at St. Mark, 2921 Mt. Zion Ave, Janesville. Please call 608-754-8115 for service time.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
March 30 6:30 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL March 31 6:00 p.m.

We invite everyone to this special service and encourage you to return to worship on Sunday, when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior.

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

April 1 Sunrise Service with Holy Communion at 6 a.m.
April 1 Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast Served by St. Paul's Youth: This year on Easter Sunday, April 1, St. Paul's Youth will be preparing and serving our Easter Breakfast from 6:45 - 8 a.m. and 9 - 10:00 a.m. The menu will include scrambled eggs, French toast, casserole, ham, cheesy hash browns, baked goods, fruit and beverages.

Advance Tickets are \$6 adults; \$3 children ages 3-10; under 3 eat free. Advance tickets can be purchased after services or from the school/church office. You can also order tickets by emailing koverley@stpaulsjanesville.com. Tickets will be available at the door on Sunday, April 1, for \$7 adults; \$3.50 children ages 3-10.

Youth Help is Needed! Sign up downstairs in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

No Bible Study, Kingdom Quest Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal, Confirmation classes or Youth Group on Sunday, April 1. The School and Church Offices will be Closed on Monday, April 2, 2018. Please enjoy this time with your family.