

Our Stewardship For: March 6, 9 & 10, 2019

Church and Communion Attendance:		Sunday School: March 3
Church	Comm.	Attendance: 17
Ash W 12:15p 52	48	Offerings: \$12.00
6:30p 245	160	Total Missions: \$30.53
Saturday--- 189	70	<i>Lutheran Heritage Foundation</i>
8:00--- 74		
10:30-- 187	118	

Our Gifts to God:	MAR 3, 2019	\$24,103.33
	MAR 10, 2019	\$20,336.01
	MAR To Date Giving	\$44,439.34
	MAR Monthly Budget Needs	\$120,900.00

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.)

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

We need your help: Last weekend we received a memorial gift for the Comfort Dog Ministry in memory of Gerald Lambert and Lucille Messerschmidt. However we failed to note the name on the check. If you gave this gift, please contact Stacey in the church office (754-44741) to let her know. Thank you.

Carolyn Seekamp gave a gift to the Comfort Dog Ministry in memory of Richard Ambrose;

In memory of Della Stuckey (Tammy Uschan's mother): *Parking Lot:* Denny & Dianne Vierk;

In memory of Jerry Lambert (Laurie Decker's father): *Unified:* Jack & Sue Arnold; *Parking Lot:* Rich & Karen Zastoupil; *Undesignated:* Gregg & Ellen Davis;

In memory of Carol Turner: *Electronic School Sign:* Neil & Candy McLaughlin; Paul & Vicki Fetting



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of March 17, 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 March 17, 2019

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

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:30a;

Wednesday: *Lent*; Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Lenten Wor.-12:15p; Women's Bible Study-1:30p; Lenten Supper-5p, Lenten Wor.-6:30p.

Thursday: Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Women's Bible Study-6p; NO evening worship.

Saturday: Contemporary Comm. Wor.-6p.

Next 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.

Baptism: At the 10:30 service on Sunday we welcome Grayson James Monk, child of James & Alyssa Monk, into the Lord's Kingdom through Holy Baptism. His sponsor is Stephanie Hulberg. May our Lord continue to strengthen this family's faith.

Our prayers are also with Phyllis Onsgard on the loss of her brother, Donald Herr.

Sympathy: Our Lord called Carol Turner to her eternal home on Saturday, March 9, 2019. Services were held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Please remember her family in your prayers, especially her daughter Denise Skelly, granddaughter Fawn Dillon and brother Wes Crosby.

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 31; April 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19. Thank you.

Hospitalized: *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* At Mercy-John Bergman. Please remember him in your prayers along with Darlene Nelson and Brad Springbrum who have been released.

Altar Guild's Next Meeting after Lenten worship on March 27 around 7:20p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

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 *LCMS Mission Central*. 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!

Lenten Worship Schedule: Our Lenten services are Wednesdays from March 20 through April 10 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. On March 20, Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will serve Potato Soup and Beef Vegetable Soup.

Lois Wahrle is Retiring. After 40 years of teaching, Mrs. Lois Wahrle has announced her retirement at the end of the school year. A special collection to thank her for her many years of service to the Lord and St. Paul's will be taken in May. More details to follow.

Teacher Call Meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2019 in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) following the worship service---around noon. We will be voting on extending a call for a third grade teacher to replace Lois Wahrle who is retiring.

Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, March 31, 2019, at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We'll be previewing and discussing the 2019-20 budget that will be voted on at the April 29, 2019 meeting.

Youth Needed for Passion Play: St. Paul's Youth will present The Passion Play at the afternoon worship service on Good Friday (April 19 at 2p). Rehearsals will be March 24, March 31, April 7, and April 14, with a dress rehearsal on April 17. We are looking for both Youth and Adults to help with this. Please contact John Mueller for more information.

Gala of Giving: This year's Gala of Giving is May 11, 2019. Please prayerfully consider supporting the event with a table sponsorship and/or attendance. Registration forms are available in the school office, the back of the church, or online. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Lindau at 290-1560.

Date Night Out, a night to help encourage and support married couples, is Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm in room 204 of St. Paul's School. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We'll continue talking about the Five Love Languages and how it matters in your marriage. Didn't make it last time? No worries! You are always welcome. To RSVP or if you have questions contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com

Ladies' Aid Palm Sunday Bake Sale is Coming! Stop by Fellowship Hall (the church basement) following worship services the weekend of April 13 & 14 and pick up some delicious baked goods for your Palm Sunday and Easter entertaining! We'll have pies, cakes, breads, bars and other goodies available for purchase. All proceeds go toward purchasing needed items for the church and school. Thank you for your continued support.

And to all the bakers out there! Your donations would be appreciated! Please bring your baked goods to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 10 after 4p. Thank you.

Thank You, Everyone, for the cards, visits and phone calls during my recent hospital stay and continued healing at home. A special "Thank You" to Pastor Decker as well. I continue to get stronger each day. ----Carolyn Seekamp

New Adult Confirmation Class Beginning: Are you interested in joining St. Paul's or know someone who may be interested in church membership? Are you a long-time St. Paul's member but would like a refresher course on what you learned in confirmation? The *Art of Living by Faith* is a course on the Bible-based teachings of the Lutheran Church offered by Pastor Decker. Taking this course does not obligate you to join St. Paul's. The first session will meet on Sunday, April 7 from 3-4 p.m. in Room 204 of school. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Decker at 754-4471 ext. 300 or ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Lit 'n Lattes, our Christian Women's book club, has chosen to read In Places Hidden by Tracie Peterson. You'll need to get the book on your own and read it in time for a lively discussion on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm in room 204 of the school.

Our partnership with Buffalo Wild Wings continues until March 31, 2019, 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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., March 17 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.

Sun., March 24 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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).