

Our Stewardship For: March 14, 17 & 18, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:		Sunday School:	
	Church	Comm.	Attendance:
Lent	12:15p 38		Offerings: \$
	6:30p 172		Total Missions: \$
Saturday	123		<i>GIFTS Men's Shelter</i>
8:00	142	91	
10:30	285		

Our Gifts to God:	MARCH 4, 2018	\$23,294.28
	MARCH 11, 2018	\$16,943.30
	MARCH 18, 2018	\$20,518.95
	MARCH To Date Giving	\$60,756.53
	MARCH Monthly Budget Needs	\$93,000.00

*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!

In memory of Gloria Schmidt: *Undesignated:* David & Karen Speth; *Parking Lot Fund:* Lois Altmann; Dorothy Decker; Barb Hartlaub; Susie Kass; Richard & Colleen Wallis; *Lutheran Heritage Foundation:* Carol Claybaker;



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of March 25, 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 25, 2018

Sunday: *Palm Sunday*; Ladies' Aid Bake Sale-9:15a; Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Ladies' Aid Bake Sale-11:30a; Public School Confirmation-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-7:30p.

Monday: *No School-Easter Break; Scrip Available 9a to 3p.*

Tuesday: *No School-Easter Break; Scrip Available 9a to 3p.* Bible Study-9:30a.

Wednesday: *No School-Easter Break; Scrip Available 9a to 3p.* Women's Bible Study-9a.

Thursday: *Maundy Thursday; No School-Easter Break.* Comm. Worship-2p; Comm. Worship-6:30p.

Friday: *Good Friday; No School-Easter Break; Church Office Closes at noon.* Youth Passion Play-2p; Good Friday Worship-6:30p.

Saturday: Easter Vigil-6p.

Next Sunday: *Easter Sunday*; Comm. Wor.-6a; Easter Breakfast-6:45 to 8a; Comm. Wor.-8a; Easter Breakfast-9 to 10a; Communion Wor.-10:30a.

Altar Flowers: The flowers under the hymnboard last weekend were from the funeral of Gloria Schmidt. We thank the family for the beautiful gift.

Worship Folders: The folders today are given by Bill Giese in loving memory of his wife, Joyce, whose birthday was March 17. 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: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 20, 27; June 3, 10, 24. 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-Margaret Mortensen; Paul Schumacher; Ray Redmann; At Madison-Keith Oldfield; Deb Mundth. Please remember them in your prayers along with Joyce Schroeder who has been released.

Ladies' Aid Spring Bake Sale! Stop by Fellowship Hall (the church basement) after worship today and pick up some goodies from our many bakers. Proceeds are used to purchase many needed items around the church. Thank you for supporting our Ladies' Aid!

There will be NO AFTERNOON COMMUNION on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

A Town Hall Meeting to discuss the budget will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Please join us to get more information on our upcoming budget.

Spring Voters Meeting is set for Monday, April 23 at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Please make plans to attend this very important meeting as we set the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

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. 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).

Sunday School students are participating in a service project for the GIFTS Mens Shelter. We are making birthday cards and bags filled with gift items. We are looking for donations of \$5-\$10 Scrip gift cards to fast food restaurants to put in the birthday bags. If you are interested in donating, you may make a monetary donation or purchase specific gift cards from Scrip and give those to the church office by March 28. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com for more information.

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.

Spring Retreat for 55 & Up! Wednesday, May 9 at Cedar Valley, West Bend. "From One Generation to the Next" is our theme for this spring's retreat. Dr. Patrick Ferry, President of CUW, will help us reflect on how God keeps His promises from one generation to the next, and Dr. Louis Mueller, also of CUW, will show us ways to keep living and MOVING in Him. Registration is \$60 for the day that includes a light breakfast and hearty lunch. There will also be an optional Tuesday evening (May 8) dinner and fellowship followed by a presentation by author Rochelle Pennington about "The Endurance", a 1914 trans-Atlantic adventure. For complete information and registration, go to swd.lcms.org or call Peg at the District office, [414-292-0744](tel:414-292-0744).

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., March 25 from 6 to 7:30p: 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. This week we'll explore steps on how to share your faith.

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., April 1 NO YOUTH GROUP

Sun., April 8 from 6 to 7:30p: 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. Today we'll look at Meanness vs. Kindness. Don't act like a mean girl. Don't think like a mean boy. Don't encourage mean people. Be more like Jesus—be kind.

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

Wed., March 28: Passion Play Dress Rehearsal in the Church.

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

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). Students should assemble in their classrooms. Parents can join us for the opening in Room 201 and then attend Bible Study in Room 202.

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.

Opportunities at Sister Congregations:

- **Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, April 6 from 5 to 7p at St. John's Lutheran Church, 207 E High St., Edgerton.** We'll be serving baked/fried cod (chicken nuggets for children); cheesy potatoes/French fries; cole slaw; rolls; desserts and beverages. Tickets are \$12 adults; children ages 6 to 12 are \$6; children age 5 and under are free. A family pack (2 adults; 2 children) is \$30. Carryouts are available. Call 608-884-3515 for ticket information.

Holy Week Schedule

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.

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.

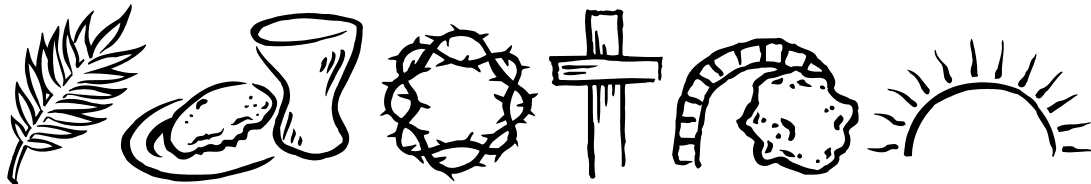
April 1 Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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.



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.

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).