

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

Church and Communion Attendance:		Sunday School:	<u>3-18</u>	<u>3-25</u>
	Church	Attendance:	32	26
Lent	12:15p 27	Offerings:	\$10.50	\$6.50
	6:30p 233	Total Missions:	\$78.00	
Saturday	140		<i>GIFTS Men's Shelter</i>	
	8:00- 163			
	10:30--- 219			

Our Gifts to God:	MARCH 4, 2018	\$23,294.28
	MARCH 11, 2018	\$16,943.30
	MARCH 18, 2018	\$20,518.95
	MARCH 25, 2018	\$18,216.70
	MARCH To Date Giving	\$78,973.23
	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: *Parking Lot:* Margaret Tegt, Jean Riepl; Jack & Sue Arnold.



OPPORTUNITIES
For the Week of April 1, 2018
For the Family of God at St Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Day Care
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St. Paul's Church Council 2017-18

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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 April 1, 2018

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

Monday: *No School; Offices Closed.*

Tuesday: Parents in Prayer-8a; Bible Study-9:30a; Adult Fellowship-6:00p

Wednesday: Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Handbells-5:30p, Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

Thursday: Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Moms N Tots-10a; Ladies' Aid-1:30p; Women's Bible Study-6p; Wor.-6:30p.

Saturday: Contemporary Comm. Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a; Public School Confirmation-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Comfort Dog-6p; Budget Town Hall Meeting-6:30p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-7:30p.

Sympathy: Our Lord called Allen Lueck to his eternal home recently in Texas. Arrangements are pending. Please remember his family in your prayers, especially his wife, Isobel Lueck. May the promise of the Risen Lord, "Today you will be with Me in paradise" give 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: The folders today are given by Norma Schiefelbein in honor of her late husband, Al's, 79th birthday on March 17. Thank you for the gift. 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 8, 15, 22, 29; May 20, 27. 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-Paul Schumacher, Margaret Mortensen; At St Mary's-Deb Mundth; At Madison-Keith Oldfield. Please remember them in your prayers along with Ray Redmann who has been released.

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.

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).

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.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University: St. Paul's recently hosted the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University (FPU) series this winter and it was a resounding success! With much appreciation to class leader, Ben Wright, the nine week financial education class was attended by nine St. Paul's families. During the course of the class, attendees paid off \$25,260 in non-mortgage debt, saved \$23,324 and cut up 16 credit cards. Two of the families were able to increase their generosity through giving!

An incredibly generous couple from our congregation, who wish to remain anonymous, paid for the leadership materials and reimbursed all of the attendees' materials costs (\$129 per family) upon completion of the series. The donor couple have graciously agreed to provide the same reimbursement again for St. Paul's members who wish to attend a future Dave Ramsey FPU series at St. Paul's. Plans are underway to host another series later this year.

Adult Fellowship Club Welcomes You to their next event, Tuesday, April 3, in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Dinner is at 6p (please bring a dish to share). The program will start at approximately 7p. This evening we welcome Janesville Police Detective Erik Goth who will give a presentation on scams and hacking. Please join us!

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 \$60 per person. 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 April 9, 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; Jen Ellis, 608-449-3072; Jack Eden-Vice Chair 608-751-5999; Jennifer O'Connell, 608-359-3544; Nate Simmons, 608-436-6720; Jeff Elser-Chair, 608-752-5120; Tom Neumann, 608-756-1978, Laura Manke-Secretary, 608-563-1142.

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. We will collect them up until April 14. For more information, please contact Pastor Jim Hendrikson at 608-373-0985.

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).

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.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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