

Our Stewardship For: March 29, 30, 31 & April 1, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

Sunday School:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs. 2p-	80	70
6:30p-	116	89
Fri. 2p-	No count	
6:30p-	116	
Saturday—	151	
Sunday 6a--	100	79
8a--	301	208
10:30a-	406	271

Our Gifts to God:	DATE	AMOUNT
	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 31, 2018	\$9,772.20
	MARCH To Date Giving	\$88,745.43
	MARCH Monthly Budget Needs	\$93,000.00
	APRIL 1, 2018	\$20,378.68
	APRIL To Date Giving	\$20,378.68
	APRIL Monthly Budget Needs	\$113,000.00

*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.)*

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Gary & Judy Sullivan gave a gift for the Comfort Dogs in memory of Judy's mother, Gladys Wendt; *Tim & Pat Ebeling* gave a gift to the Parking Lot fund in memory of Pat's mother, Vida Bickel who died on April 1, 2015; *Wes Crosby* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Nel Crosby.



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of April 8, 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

Bridget Lindau	608-290-1460
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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 8, 2018

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-6:30p; Town Hall Budget Meeting-6:30p; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-7:30p.

Monday: Church Council-6:30p.

Tuesday: Parents in Prayer-8a; Bible Study-9:30a; 4H-6:30p

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

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

Saturday: Orphan Grain Train-8 to 11a; Contemporary Wor.-6p.

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

Baptisms: On Thursday, April 5, in a private ceremony we baptized Colton Andrew Bowles, child of Steven & Jill (neé Kressin) Bowles. His sponsors are Josh & Lisa Wedel.

Today (Sunday) at the 10:30a service we baptize Ethan Ryan Booth, child of Ryan & Jennifer (neé Colburn) Booth. His sponsors are Steve & Jill Hrycay. May our Lord continue to bless these families as they grow in His Grace.

Sympathy: Our prayers are with Judy Sullivan and family at the recent loss of her mother, Gladys Wendt. May our Risen Lord comfort 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: April 15, 22, 29; May 20, 27; June 3, 10, 24. Thank you.

Happy Anniversary: We wish the Lord's blessings on Allen & Lois Kerl as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on April 6. Happy Anniversary!

Hospitalized: Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit. At Edgerton-Hazel Barfknecht; At Mercy-Joyce Schroeder. Please remember them in your prayers along with Paul Schumacher, Margaret Mortensen, Deb Mundth and Keith Oldfield who have been released.

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).

A Town Hall Meeting to discuss the budget will be held TODAY, Sunday, April 8 at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Copies of the proposed 2018-19 budget are now available at the back of the church and in the church office. Please join us to get more information and ask questions about our proposed 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.

Adult Confirmation Class Starting: 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 22nd from 4:30-6 p.m. in the church conference room. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Decker at 754-4471 ext. 300 or ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com.

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.

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 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., April 15 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.

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.

Snack Food Needed: Youth Group is now seeking snack food donations for Sunday night meetings. Donations of chips, cookies, pretzels, juices, etc. would be greatly appreciated! Bring them to the Youth Room (basement of school) or place on the ledge in Fellowship Hall (where the stage used to be)—be sure to mark your donation "Youth Group". Thank you!

Guide Book and Directory: Advertising Opportunity: We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for St. Paul's. This book will be the "Who, What, Where, When, Why and How" of our congregation. The book is being provided at no cost to our church (including the mailing to each family) and is subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out more about advertising in the book, please contact Stacey in the church office (754-4471 ext. 350) and she will take your name and number and have the representative from Guide Book Publishing contact you at a later date. Thank you!

It's time to update your information for the new directory! Does St. Paul's have YOUR family membership information correct? Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are all of your children still at home? It's time to update the office with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year. If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your membership information, please let us know now so that the information in the new directory (mailed to you this summer) is correct. Call Stacey at 608-754-4471 ext. 350. Thank you.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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).