

Our Stewardship For: April 5, 7 & 8, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:		Sunday School:	
	Church	Comm.	Attendance:
Thurs.---	69		Offerings: \$
Saturday---	143	124	Total Missions: \$
8:00---	131		<i>GIFTS Men's Shelter</i>
10:30-	155	115	

Our Gifts to God:	APRIL 1, 2018	\$20,378.68
	APRIL 8, 2018	\$15,573.85
	APRIL To Date Giving	\$35,952.53
	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.)

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!

Mark & Christine Langdok gave a gift to the Parking Lot Fund in honor of their 13 wedding anniversary; Al & Lois Kerl gave a gift to the Parking Lot Fund in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary;

In memory of Gladys Wendt (mother of Judy Sullivan): *Comfort Dogs-Denny & Dianne Vierk; Barry & Ruth Wier; The Tom Skelly Family; Tammy & Dan Uschan; Phyllis & John Connell; Jody & Mary Roberts; Dale & Dawn Oas; Parking Lot-Dave & Sara Knuth; Greg & Jackie Perry; Paul & Cindy Bertagnoli; Roger & Diane Krause; Bob & Lois Cook;*



OPPORTUNITIES
For the Week of April 15, 2018
For the Family of God at St Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Day Care
 210 South Ringold Street Janesville WI 53545-5199; (608) 754-4471
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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 15, 2018

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.

Tuesday: Parents in Prayer-8a; Bible Study-9:30a; LWML-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; Wor.-6:30p.

Friday: Quilting-2 to ?.

Saturday: Quilting-9a to noon; 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; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-7:30p.

Baptisms: On Friday, April 6, 2018, we baptized Kelsey Elizabeth Denison, child of Krista Denison. Her sponsors are Adam & Loretta Montgomery.

On Saturday, April 14, 2018, we welcome the following into the Lord's Kingdom by Holy Baptism. Jennifer Marie Sawyer. We also welcome the children of Nathan & Jennifer (néé Page) Sawyer- James Raymond Sawyer, Laura Marie Sawyer, Anna June Sawyer, and John Michael Sawyer. May our Lord continue to bless these, His children.

Sympathy: Our Lord called Isobel Lueck to her eternal home recently in Texas. Arrangements are pending. Please remember her family in your prayers along with all those who mourn, asking the Lord for comfort and strength.

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 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-Darrin Riley; At Madison-Keith Oldfield. Please remember them in your prayers along with Joyce Schroeder who has been released.

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

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.

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.

School Bags and Health Kits Needed! Orphan Grain Train is in desperate need of school bags and health kits. You'll find bags with a list of needed items in the back of church and in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Please fill these bags as you are able. Thank you!

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.

Lit 'N Lattes, a Christian Women's Book Club, will meet on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30p in Room 202 of St. Paul's School. We will be discussing the book, [The Prayer Box](#) by Lisa Wingate. You can find the book on Amazon or any local or online bookstore.

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 www.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.

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.

Make a Mosaic Garden Stepping Stone! Join us on Friday, April 27 from 6 to 8p at Sue Benedict's home, 1629 Edon Dr, Janesville, to create your own stone. Great for the garden or makes a great gift (Mother's Day is coming up). Cost is \$10 each. Space is limited, so RSVP to Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com TODAY!

Bible Journaling: Those interested in Bible Journaling are welcome to join us on Saturday, April 29 from 9 to 11a in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Don't know how to Bible Journal? Here's your chance to learn how. Already Bible Journaling? Here's your chance to set aside time to do it and learn new ideas. Bring any art supplies you may have (colored pencils, markers, gel pens, scrapbooking supplies, watercolors, etc.) If you have a Bible Journal please bring it. We will have some paper and color sheets available. Donuts and coffee will be served. Questions? Contact Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Are you interested in going on a Royal Caribbean Cruise designed for Christian women? Extravagant Love, a Women's Retreat Cruise will be February 9 to 14, 2019. Deb Burma, CPH author (and former St. Paul's Pastor's wife) is one of the co-leaders of the retreat. Brochures are available through Kathy Pingel if you are interested. See Kathy or email her at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

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. This week's topic: Finding Your Tribe: Building Friendships that Bring You Closer to Christ.

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.

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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!

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.

GIFTS Men's Shelter Annual Dinner: Tuesday, May 1 from 6:30 to 8p at The Armory, 10 S. High St, Janesville. Our Keynote Speaker is Erick Williams from Community Action, Inc. Dinner by Best Events. Cost is \$40 per person. RSVP by April 24. For More info, contact Kelly Sanchez 608-449-3192 or ksanch1224@yahoo.com. To register by phone contact Penny Monte, 608-728-4941.

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!

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).