

Our Stewardship For: April 18-21, 2019

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
M. Thurs. 2p	78	78
6:30p	104	101
G. Fri. 2p	194	
6:30p	101	
Saturday---	175	
6:00	109	80
8:00	360	244
10:30	368	260

Sunday School:

Our Gifts to God:	APR 7, 2019	\$20,387.10
	APR 14, 2019	\$15,993.68
	APR 18, 2019	\$4,147.00
	APR 19, 2019	\$3,466.00
	APR 21, 2019	\$26,908.67
	APR To Date Giving	\$70,902.45
	APR Monthly Budget Needs	\$90,400.00

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.

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Don & Kathy Pingel gave a gift to the School Endowment Fund “in memory of Ben Cannistra, whose 30th birthday would have been April 15”; *Ron & Laurie Decker* gave a gift for the Handicap Door Push Button in memory of Donald Manor (father of Mike Manor); *Pete & Denise Skelly* gave an undesignated gift in memory of Carol Turner;

In memory of David Redmann: *For St. Paul’s School Endowment Fund:* Barry & Ruth Wier; Denny & Dianne Vierk



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of April 28, 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 April 28, 2019

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

Monday: Voters' Meeting-6:30p.

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:30a;

Wednesday: Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Women's Bible Study-1:30p; Handbells-5:30p; Contemp. Rehearsal-6:30p.

Thursday: Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Ladies' Aid-1:30p; Women's Bible Study-6p; Comm. Wor.-6:30p.

Friday: Junior High Operetta: *A Not So Terrible Parable*-6:30p.

Saturday: Contemporary Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Comm. Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Afternoon Comm.-1:30p; Youth Praise Band-3p; Adult Confirmation-3p; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-6p.

Sympathy: Our Lord called Jeffrey Hewes to his eternal home on Sunday, April 21, 2019. Private services are being planned. Please remember his family in your prayers, especially his mother Nancy Hewes. Our prayers are also with Ray & Karen Redmann at the loss of their son, David Redmann. And we remember Mike Manor and children Max and Madison on the recent loss of their father/grandfather Donald Manor.

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: May 12, June 2, 9, 16. Thank you.

Hospitalized: Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit. Please remember all who are ill in your prayers, especially Doris Schwartzlow, Bob Zastoupil and Lois Kerl who have been released.

Altar Guild Selling Easter Flowers: following worship services. We have mums and lilies at \$10 each. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's Altar Guild. Thank you.

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 *Shelter My Sheep-Free At Last Ministry*. 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!

Spring Voters Meeting: Monday, April 29 at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting as we will be approving the July 2019 – June 2020 budget.

Town Hall Meetings Scheduled: The Building Committee will be holding Feasibility Study Town Hall Meetings to discuss the possibility of expanding the Church and School. Please come to one of these meetings to learn about this project and share your questions and comments. All meetings will be held in Fellowship Hall (the church basement)

- Tuesday, April 30th at 9:30a
- Wednesday, May 1st at 2:00p
- Sunday, May 5th at 9:15a
- Monday, May 6th at 6:30p
- Thursday, May 9th at 5:30p – Dinner served, child care available.

Praise the Lord! We are receiving a candidate to serve as Associate Pastor! We have been notified that St. Paul's will receive a graduate of our St. Louis seminary. The formal call service is on Wed., May 1, at 7p. Pastor Decker is planning on attending the service in person and Pastor Fish is planning on leading a live streaming of the service in our sanctuary. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate this new chapter in St. Paul's history.

It's Official! Praise God! Anne Jesgarz has accepted the Call to serve as a teacher at St. Paul's School.

Do you like mystery and intrigue with some sweet singing? Come to the Upper Grade Operetta, Friday, May 3 at 6:30p in the school gym. The Jr. High is presenting A Not So Terrible Parable.

Remember Your Mother with a Rose on Mother's Day, May 12! On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, the Rock County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life, will hold their annual Rose Sale. Roses will be available following the 8 & 10:30 a.m. services in Fellowship Hall. Costs are \$3 each or two for \$5. This is a major fund raiser for the Rock County-Wisconsin Right to Life Chapter. Help support Wisconsin Right to Life and let your Mom know you love her! Thank you.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Lawnmowing: The Facilities Task Force is looking to add a few more people to our mowing crews, either to be on the rotation as part of a team that mows every six weeks or as a substitute. Please contact Betsy Nelson (bet_nel@yahoo.com or 608-931-0910) for more information or to join the crew! Thank you for spending some of your time to help us keep our grounds looking nice over the summer.

New Bible Study Forming: Jack & Brenda Eden are hosting a new small group bible study in their home (1716 E Milwaukee, Janesville) beginning on Tuesday, May 7th, at 7p. They will be looking at the "not so nice Bible stories" using Jonathan Schlage's book, *Gory Deaths of the Bible*. (Available from Concordia Publishing House, www.cph.org) Couples or singles are welcome. Please contact Jack or Brenda at 57b.eden@gmail.com or call 608-751-3228 by April 28 so books can be ordered.

New Date for Lit 'n Lattes, our Christian Women's book club. We will 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 Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm in room 204 of the school.

Did you miss the Red Letter Challenge? If so, it is not too late! We are starting another Red Letter Challenge small group Bible study for anyone who would like to attend. It will be held each Tuesday from April 30 through June 4 at 6pm in room 204 of the school. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com to reserve your spot.

Blessing of the Bikes: Please join us on Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 a.m. in the church parking lot for the BLESSING OF THE BIKES. Bring your and your friends' bicycles or motorcycles as we seek God's blessings to keep all our riders safe for the summer.

Shepherd's Heart Daycare Is Looking for Teachers: This is a part-time position (up to 20 hours per week). Schedule varies between the hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. And school families---there is a tuition discount when you are an employee of the congregation. If interested, please contact Cassie Bonow at cbonow@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Firefighter Appreciation Day: On Saturday, May 4, we would like to honor our Janesville Firefighters on Firefighter Appreciation Day by delivering baked goods and cards to each of the five fire stations. We are asking for the congregation and school families' help in a couple ways. First we are looking for donations of baked goods. We will be collecting these Friday, May 3, from 2:45 till 3:30p and Saturday, May 4, from 12:30 till 2p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Second we are asking for anyone who would like to join us to deliver these to the fire stations to meet at the school at 2p that Saturday. We would love to have as many people as possible join us to show these men and women just how much we truly appreciate what they do for us. Thank you all for your consideration.

Our partnership with Buffalo Wild Wings has been extended! We have received another check for over \$330 towards our trip to Washington DC. 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.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., April 28 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.

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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!

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.

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.

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

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).

Opportunities to Support St. Paul's Church & School:

By Enrolling in *Simply Giving!* Through *Simply Giving* your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the amount and frequency of your automatic gift. Because your gift is given consistently, you won't need to play “catch-up” at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings. Contact the church office for an enrollment form.

By Purchasing and Using SCRIP for all of your shopping needs! SCRIP certificates and cards give 3 times . . . full value to you (or the recipient of your choice) PLUS a rebate of 2%-25% of that amount to our school! And we'll give back part of the rebate to you to reduce your tuition, to help St. Paul's Budget or to add to St. Paul's School Scholarship Fund! The choice is yours! You can purchase SCRIP following the weekend worship services or from the school office during regular business hours.

By Saving “Boxtop for Education” Labels. Next time you buy groceries, pick up some cash for our school! Just clip “Box Tops” coupons from hundreds of participating General Mills products and bring them to St. Paul's (the school entryways or the container in Fellowship Hall). We get 10¢ for each one we send to General Mills at the end of the school year.