

Our Stewardship For: May 10, 12 & 13, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	67	
Saturday---	144	101
8:00---	101	
10:30-	157	123

Our Gifts to God:	MAY 6, 2018	\$16,993.30
	MAY To Date Giving	\$16,993.30
	MAY Monthly Budget Needs	\$87,800.00

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.

At the April 23rd Voters' Meeting, the congregation approved increasing the parking lot fundraising goal to \$605,000. The \$55,000 increase was to allow for a 10% contingency fund. The previously allowed contingency was used up due to higher than anticipated costs. The parking lot reconstruction will begin immediately after school dismisses for the summer. To date, \$245,000 of the \$605,000 budget has been raised. This includes \$103,500 from the Scrip program earnings. Many, many thanks to Gail Pateros and all of the Scrip volunteers for this amazing accomplishment!! Thanks also to everyone who has already given an individual gift to the parking lot fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Please consider making a gift (or an additional gift), over and above your regular offering, toward completion of this much needed project. Contact business manager, Cindy Perkins (cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com OR 754-4471 X307), with any questions regarding a gift.

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Don & Phyllis Stoker gave a gift for the Comfort Dog Ministry in memory of Gladys Wendt; *Jerry Bluhm* gave a gift for the Pipe Organ Repair Fund “in loving memory of my father, Norman W. Bluhm”; *Vi Schulze* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Keith Oldfield;



OPPORTUNITIES
For the Week of May 20, 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 May 20, 2018

Sunday: Confirmation Sunday; Comm. Wor.-8a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a; Adult Confirmation-4:30p; NO Jr. Youth/Bible Study; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-7:30p.

Tuesday: Parents in Prayer-8a.

Wednesday: Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Aaron's Hands-2:30p; Handbells-5:30p, Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

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

Friday: *No School*

Saturday: Contemporary Comm Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Comm. Wor.-9a; Adult Confirmation-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-7:30p.

Sympathy: Our Lord called Reinheart Zirbel to his eternal home last week. A memorial service is being planned for June 18, 2018. Please keep his family in your prayers, especially his wife, Mary Zirbel. May our Lord continue to support all who mourn.

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by the 2018 Confirmation Class.

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 27; June 10, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22. Thank you.

Birthday Greetings: On Saturday, May 26, Don Schneider celebrates his 91st birthday. Cards may be sent to 1600 E Williams Dr, Beloit 53511. Have a very blessed birthday, Don!

Hospitalized: *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* At Mercy-Mal Fischer, Rob McGowan. At St. Mary's-Earl Gunz. At Madison-Joyce Schroeder. Please remember them in your prayers along with Lois Kerl and Chuck Wilke who have been released.

St. Paul's Summer Worship Schedule: From Memorial Day through Labor Day we will worship each week on Thursdays at 6:30p; Saturdays at 6p and **Sundays at 9a.** *Please note the change in the Sunday worship schedule.*

High School & College Graduates' Recognition is Sunday, June 10 at the 9 a.m. service. Following the service there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall. All High School graduates should have received an invitation (the church office has a list of who you are). Unfortunately, we have no list of college graduates, so we are asking for your help. If your son or daughter will be graduating from college this year, please call the church office at 754-4471 so that we may send them an invitation as well. All graduates are asked to wear their gowns to the service.

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 DONE FOR THE SEASON

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 DONE FOR THE SEASON

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 *Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Food Bank*. 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).

Please join us for a Retirement Celebration for Mrs. Lynne Jacobsen! On Sunday, June 3, 2018, following the 9a worship service we will hold a special reception for Mrs. Jacobsen who is retiring at the end of this school year after 40 years of teaching. Please stop by and wish Mrs. Jacobsen well as she embarks on this next phase of her life.

Join Us for St. Paul's School's First Handprint Day: Saturday, June 2 at 1p. This is a time to see old friends and leave your mark on St. Paul's by putting your handprint in the tunnel. We will meet in the gym where everyone will be able to reconnect with old friends and meet others who have also graduated from St. Paul's. Then we will start putting our handprints in the tunnel. The whole event should last about two hours. For more information contact Mr. Rob Lunak at 608-754-4471 ext. 302.

Volunteer Opportunity - Do you like working outdoors? We are in need of additional volunteers for our mowing crews. You would be partnered with one other person, and scheduled for duty once every six weeks during the mowing season (now through end of November). Mowing on Thursday, Friday or Saturday is preferred. School parents - this is a great way to fulfill your volunteer hours requirement. If you are able to help out, please contact Cindy Perkins (cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com, 608-754-4471 X307) or Betsy Nelson (608-931-0910).

It's Time to Renew (or Begin) Your Lutheran Witness Subscription. The cost is \$16 for a year (from September 2018 to August 2019) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's official magazine. Please include a check, made payable to *St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church*, in an envelope with your name and address and turn this into the church office, or place it in the offering plate, no later than JUNE 24, 2018. Thank you.

Flames Basketball Camp: There have been a lot of questions about the 2018 Flames Basketball Camp. Yes, there will be a Youth Camp at St. Paul's again this year. Plan on the camp being held in the fall once the kids are back in school. This will hopefully allow more kids to attend, get us through the parking lot repairs, and give the kids some momentum as they head into their seasons. Thanks. – Coach Gestrich

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!

Orphan Grain Train Bicycle Collection: Orphan Grain Train would like to thank those who recently donated bicycles. We will continue to collect bikes to be sent to Liberia and Sudan sometime this summer. Call Pastor Jim Hendrikson at 608-373-0985 for more information.

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

Save the Date! Taste of St. Paul's on Sunday, October 14th, 2018. As we start planning this year's event, we are looking for food vendors. Do you have a special dish that everyone wants the recipe for? Then share it with your St. Paul's Family. Do you like to cook but it's now only you at home? Cook for your St. Paul's Family. For more information please contact Brenda Eden at 57b.eden@gmail.com or 608-751-3228. Thank you.

Update on Pastor Paul: *Pastor Paul Garchow served St. Paul's congregation for 32 years, retiring in 2011. He continues his battle with pancreatic cancer.* Pastor Paul posted this on Facebook on May 14, 2018: "Hi friends, the scans came back with some tough news today. New tumors are showing up, that have already resisted the chemotherapy. Very conscious of God's hand around us, and very grateful for our prayer warriors. Please keep us before the throne, as we make decisions and move forward."

You're Invited to a Special Event! Pastor Paul Garchow's 40th Anniversary in the Holy Ministry. Pastor Paul Garchow will be celebrating his 40th anniversary in the Holy Ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod on Saturday, May 26, 2018, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1045 Belvidere Rd, Belvidere, Illinois. There will be an Open House from 4 to 5:45p. The Saturday evening worship service will begin at 6p and at that time we will commemorate Pastor Paul's 40 years of service. We will sing, pray, hear the Word and give thanks. We hope you'll join us. If you are unable to attend, but would like to send a card, Pastor Paul's address is 1525 Wildrose St, Belvidere, IL 61008.

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.

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!

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.

Wanted: Part Time Band Director. 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., May 20 NO Youth/Bible Study from 6 to 7:30p

Senior High Youth Group Meets at 7:15p: All youth in grades 9 to 12, will meet from 7:15 to 8:15p in the gym. Tonight we will be going on a scavenger hunt.

Sun., May 27 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!

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.

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.