

Our Stewardship For: May 17, 19, & 20, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	64	43
Saturday---	148	
8:00---	244	153
10:30-	260	142

Our Gifts to God:	DATE	AMOUNT
	MAY 6, 2018	\$18,893.10
	MAY 13, 2018	\$16,993.30
	MAY 20, 2018	\$16,610.50
	MAY To Date Giving	\$52,496.90
	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 parking lot reconstruction will begin immediately after school dismisses for the summer. To date, \$248,405 of the \$605,000 budget has been raised.

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Carol Claybaker gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Joyce Schroeder and an undesignated gift in memory of Ellie McLaughlin; *Margaret Mortensen* gave an undesignated gift in memory of Keith Oldfield; *Jean Riepl* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Keith Oldfield; *Joan Fenrick* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Gladys Wendt;



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of May 27, 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 27, 2018

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

Monday: Memorial Day; No School; Offices Closed

Tuesday: Parents in Prayer-8a.

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

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

Saturday: Handprint Day-1p; Contemporary Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Comm. Wor.-9a; Lynne Jacobsen's Retirement Celebration-10a; Afternoon Comm.-1:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-7:30p.

Sympathy: Our Lord called Joyce Schroeder to her eternal home on Friday, May 18, 2018. Services are planned for Saturday, June 2, 2018. Please remember her family in your prayers, especially her daughter, Linda Jelinek.

Our Lord called Eleanore "Ellie" McLaughlin to her eternal home on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Services were held on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Please remember her family in your prayers especially her husband Bob and son Neil.

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Richard De War in loving memory of his wife, Linda on what would have been their 54th wedding anniversary (May 30, 2018). Thank you for the beautiful gift!

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: June 10, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22. 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-Rob McGowan; Mal Fischer; Laura Johnson; At St. Mary's-Bob Radtke. Please remember them in your prayers along with Earl Gunz who has been released.

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.

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 DONE FOR THE SEASON

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30A DONE FOR THE SEASON

THURSDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A DONE FOR THE SEASON

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).

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.

Father's Day Worship in the Park (Palmer Park): On June 17, 2018 at **10:30 a.m. (please note change in time)** we will worship at Palmer Park, 2501 Palmer Dr, Janesville. This service is an opportunity for you to invite your friends and neighbors to a semi-informal service with music provided by our Men's Club. A free picnic lunch will be provided. So bring your friends and lawn chairs and join the fun and fellowship! Please note that there will be no Saturday, June 16th, worship service that weekend.

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed: Due to the construction scheduled for this summer, this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place on one day, Saturday, August 4, 2018. Potty trained three year olds thru those entering Kindergarten in the fall will attend from 9a to 11a; Those entering grades 1 to 8 in the fall will attend from 9a to 3p. (Must bring a sack lunch.) We are in need of many (80 to 100) volunteers to help make this day happen. If you can donate your time or for more information, please contact Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com. *Students who have started ceramic nativity sets in years past will be completing them at next year's VBS. We are sorry for any inconvenience.*

A list of volunteer opportunities, to sign up to volunteer and to register your children to attend VBS can be found on our website: www.stpaulsjanesville.com. (Look for the banner notice or use the VBS listing under the church tab.)

Donations Needed: There is a donation board in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Take a tag and fill the need. Scrip Cards to Walmart/Sams Club are always appreciated.

Dear Members of St. Paul's, Thank you so much for the generous gift to celebrate 25 years of teaching. I am blessed to have served 23 of those years here. Thank you for the support you have shown me and the entire faculty and staff of St. Paul's School. Without you, we could not share our love of Christ with so many children each and every year.

God's Richest Blessings, Kristen Gestrich

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, What a sweet and highly unexpected gift I received for my 25th year in the teaching ministry. Thank you for the opportunity to teach here at St. Paul's and thank you for the gift.

In HIS love, Elizabeth Decker

Philemon 1:4 I thank God always when I remember you in my prayers.

Thank You! Margaret Mortensen would like to thank everyone for all the cards, visits, etc. while I was in the hospital. They were much appreciated. I am now home and recovering slowly. THANK YOU!

The Comfort Dog Ministry Would Like to Thank Everyone who supported our event at Festival Foods last Saturday. We also appreciate the generosity of Festival Foods for making this fund raiser possible and Thrivent for their Action Team funds. Not only did we raise a significant amount to support the ministry, but we introduced Mary and the ministry to many new people in the community. We also asked for free will donations to help defray the travel expenses for the Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) Comfort Dogs that traveled to Texas, to provide comfort to the students, staff and community after the shooting at Santa Fe High School. A check for \$235 will be sent to LCC from these donations.

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.

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 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.

Sun., June 3 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!

St. Paul's Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m.:

Father's Day Worship in the Park (Palmer Park): Do you remember how pleasant our *Praise in the Park* service was last July? Well, on **Father's Day, June 17th** at the special time of 10:30 a.m. we will hold a service in Palmer Park, 2501 Palmer Dr, Janesville, to celebrate God's gifts of family and friends to us all. This service will also be an opportunity for you to invite your friends and neighbors to a semi-informal service with music provided by our Men's Club. A free picnic lunch will be provided. Please note that there will be no Saturday, June 16th worship service that weekend. Please bring friends and lawn chairs and join the fun and fellowship.

Worship Locations, Times, and Directions During the Construction:

The following will be our worship arrangements for Thursday, June 21st through Sunday, July 29th:

- **THURSDAYS at 6:30 p.m.:** We will meet at Trinity Free Lutheran Church, 2727 Holiday Drive, Janesville. Holiday Drive is located off of Pontiac. Parking is located at the back of the church and building entrance is located on the west side of the building.
- **SATURDAYS at 6 p.m.:** We will meet at Trinity Episcopal Church 409 E. Court Street, Janesville. Parking is available at either the parking lot on Atwood Street or at the Courthouse parking lot across Court Street. The church entrance is located on Court Street.
- **SUNDAYS at 9 a.m.:** We will meet at the large auditorium of Craig High School, 401 S. Randall Avenue, Janesville. Please park in the south lot of Craig High School. Please enter through door # 40 or # 41. These entrances will take you right in to the large auditorium. There will be a wheelchair available for members. Members who need a wheelchair/walker are allowed to drive up close to the doors. We have to remember to leave room for emergency vehicles. You can leave your vehicle there until the service is over.

