

Our Stewardship For: May 18, 20 & 21, 2017

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	54	46
Saturday---	117	
8:00---	230	127
10:30---	311	159

Our Gifts to God:		
	MAY 7, 2017	\$18,371.27
	MAY 14, 2017	\$17,246.83
	MAY 21, 2017	\$19,229.55
	MAY To Date Giving	\$54,847.65
	MAY Monthly Budget Needs	\$87,900.00

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.

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Elaine Ingold gave a gift for the Parking Lot Fund in loving memory of her husband, Carl, on what would have been their 66th wedding anniversary on May 26; *Duane & Deb Mundth* gave a gift for the Parking Lot Fund “in honor of Makayla Maurer’s confirmation”; *Nolen & Kelley Leach* gave a gift for the Vicar Program “in thanksgiving for Katie’s confirmation” *Donna Ehret* gave a gift for the Parking Lot Fund in celebration of “Levi Ames’ confirmation”;

In memory of Joyce Gehrke for the Parking Lot Fund: Bethyl Johnson; Lois Zimmerman; Shirley Steinke; Bernie & Jeanne Bauer; Gary & Judy Neumueller; Phyllis Onsgard; Frank & Loretta Kern; Janice Rufer; Sis Drew; Bob & Jane Woodman; Andrea Pak; Sue Frederick; Gary & Gloria Tiffany; Jean Kutz & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Hathway; Rich & Evelyn Armstrong; Janice, David & Scott Hill; Nancy Swan; Janet Neuenschwander; Ruth & Worth Tiffany; Ed & Becky Armer & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Baumer; Robert & Shirley Albright; Dorothy Krueger; Kienow Hilt VFW; Dorothy Decker; Joan Albright; Albert & Janet Jenks; Bob & Joyce McAuliffe; Jean & Richard Hoium; Marlene Williams & Randy; Marjorie Burlingame; Karla Perkins & Family; Julie Viscar; Jane & Kevin Mickelson & Family; LaRue Pett; Erland & Jeanne Johnson.



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OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of May 28, 2017



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Have you been to our website? For those with internet access, www.StPaulsJanesville.com is the place to go for information on all of the activities of the congregation. You will find copies of the weekly “Opportunities” and “Taking Faith Home” on the *Home* tab. Under the “*School*” tab you will find a link to the “Principal’s Pads”.

Our Church Calendar for the week of May 28, 2017

Sunday: Comm. Wor.-9a; NO morning Bible Study; Youth/Bible Study-6p.

Monday: *Memorial Day---No School; Offices Closed.*

Tuesday: Men's Basketball-8:30p.

Wednesday: St. Paul's Graduation-6:30p.

Thursday: Comm. Wor.-6:30p.

Friday: Closing School Service-2p.

Saturday: Contemporary Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Missionary Shaugen Trump's presentation on Africa-8a; Comm. Wor.-9a; Graduates Reception-10a; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Comfort Dog Ministry-6:30p.

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: The folders today are given by Roger Christensen in loving memory of his wife, Betty, on what would have been their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 21. Thank you! 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 11; July 2, 9, 23; August 20 & 27. 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-Joyce Schroeder; At St. Mary's-Marge Frank, Frank Splinter. Please remember them in your prayers, along with Marion Schumacher and Jan Jenks who have been released.

St. Paul's Summer Worship Schedule: Beginning today (Memorial Day May 28) through Labor Day (September 3) 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.*

Pastor Decker Shares Highlights of the Spring 2017 Voters' Meeting, held on May 22, 2017 "include the approval of a balanced budget for the 2017/18 fiscal year. The 2016/17 fiscal year should end with a balanced budget. A stewardship program called *Consecrated Stewards* will be initiated this coming year. St. Paul's is considering entering the School Choice Voucher program for the 2018/19 school year. Information meetings will soon be announced. Chrome book laptop computers are being used by our eighth grade students. Our comfort dog ministry is progressing. Thanks to all those who provided refreshments for the meeting and to John Mueller for fixing the computer when others tried and failed to do so."

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.

Aarons' Hands. Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4th Tuesday afternoon of the month, from 2 to 3 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 :

Fellowship Hall *Route 66* with Pastor Daniel Decker

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 *Place of Refuge Ministries---Refuge House Renovation.* 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).

Missionary/Pastor Shauen Trump to join us next weekend, June 3 & 4. On Sunday before the worship service in Fellowship Hall (the church basement from 8 until 8:45a) he'll share a special presentation on his missionary work. We look forward to hearing more about their work throughout Africa. Following our worship service on Sunday we will have a special Free-Will offering for his ministry. Please join us.

High School & College Graduates' Recognition is next Sunday, June 4, at the 9 a.m. service. Following the service there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). All graduates are asked to wear their gowns to the service. We hope you'll join us in congratulating these young men and women and wishing them God's blessings in their future!

No Sunday Morning Bible Study May 28; June 4 or June 11.

It's Time to Renew (or Begin) Your Lutheran Witness Subscription. The cost is \$16 for a year (from September 2017 to August 2018) 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 25, 2017. Thank you.

We're looking for an ECHO representative from St. Paul's. Would you be willing to serve? You will attend monthly ECHO Board meetings and report back to the congregation. You would keep St. Paul's informed on the activities and needs of ECHO. If interested please contact Pastor Decker (754-4471 ext. 300) or the church office (754-4471 ext. 350). Thanks!

Scott Gestrich to hold Basketball Camp: The Flames Basketball Camp (for 1st thru 8th grade boys and girls) will be held June 19-22 this year. Please mark your calendars and help get the word out. Contact Coach Gestrich at scott.gestrich@evonik.com if you have any questions in advance of the sign-ups coming home in early May.

The Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mission team still needs 6 more volunteers to help rebuild following last summer's flooding. Must be 16 years old or older to participate. Skills will be taught on location, but dry walling and general construction backgrounds are needed. Deadline to join is May 31st. Please email Vicar Ethan (espira@stpaulsjanesville.com) or call the church office (754-4471) if you are able to help.

Save the Date! Maker's Fun Factory Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held July 31-Aug.4 from 8:30 - 11:30a at St. Paul's. VBS is open to all children ages 3-8th grade. Registration forms will be made available next week. We are also in need of many volunteers. If you are willing to help in any capacity before, during, or after VBS, please contact Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Lit 'n Lattes Book Club meets Wed., June 28 at 6:30p at Bodacious Brew, 119 N Main St, Janesville. Our next book will be a CPH publication called The Messengers: Discovered by Lisa M. Clark. You will need to locate and read a copy of the book and be ready for lively discussion. Lit 'n Lattes is a Christian book club for women. Women of all ages who love to read or want to be encouraged to read more are welcome to join.

Mark Your Calendars: Saturday, November 4th, is our Annual Craft Fair. We're seeking crafters and vendors. Contact Janie Carroll at 608-931-4854 or Janie_apfel@yahoo.com for more information.

***Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply*, a brand new Women's Bible study written by Deb Burma, will be offered two times during the summer.** Studies will be held Wednesdays at noon in room 202 of St. Paul's School, where you can bring lunch and enjoy as we study the Word together. Or come for any early evening study and a delicious drink Wednesdays at 5:45p at Bodacious Brew (119 N Main St) downtown Janesville. Each study is designed to be about an hour in length depending on how much discussion we have. This is a seven week study beginning June 14 and ending July 26. RSVP by May 30 to reserve your book to kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com. The book is \$8 payable to St. Paul's.

Volunteer Opportunity - *Do you like working outdoors?* We are in need of people to help with mowing this season. You would be partnered with one other person, and scheduled for duty once every six weeks during the mowing season (last week in April through end of November). Mowing on Thursday, Friday or Saturday is preferred.

We are also looking for someone to take over the responsibility for scheduling the mowing teams. Thank you to Richard De War who has done the scheduling for many years!

If you are willing to serve as either a mowing volunteer or the scheduler of the mowing team, please contact Cindy Perkins (754-4471 ext. 307 or cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com) or Betsy Nelson (608-931-0910 or bet_nel@yahoo.com).

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 email Tim Ebeling at ebelingtim@hotmail.com or Jeff Elser at rxscuba@aol.com. Thank you!

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.

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 Angie Stephens at 608-921-0808 for more information or to volunteer.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

Our Youth Group is Open to ALL students in 6th to 12th grades. Friends are welcome, too! 5th graders, it's time for you to join us!

Sun., May 28 from 6 to 7:30p: Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room. Let's start the summer right with great fellowship, food and fun! Please join us and bring your friends!

Sun., June 4 from 6 to 7:30p: Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.
ALL youth (entering grades 6th through 12th this fall) are invited to join in our Bible Study and activities.

Wed., June 7 from 7 to 9p: Senior High and Young Adult basketball 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!

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.

Employment Opportunities:

Bookkeeper Sought: To better serve the financial needs of St. Paul's, we are moving our bookkeeper position onsite with regular daytime office hours. *For the past 15 years, Jill Elliott has been fulfilling these duties evenings and weekends, in addition to working an almost full time day job at Summit Accounting. She is unable to transition to daytime hours, as they would conflict with her other job. Please join me in thanking Jill for her many years of service to St. Paul's, and for her willingness to train a new employee and help us through this transition!* We are looking for someone to work 15-20 hours per week with daily daytime office hours. Summer hours can be more flexible. Accounting education and/or experience is preferred, but we would be willing to train someone with good attention to detail and ability to maintain confidentiality. Primary duties are accounts payable, payroll, general ledger accounting and assisting with budget preparation and reporting. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Cindy Perkins at cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Spanish Teacher Needed: Mrs. Ellen Stumbo, our Spanish teacher, is moving out of the state at the end of this school year. She has been a great asset to our school, and she will be missed. Knowing this, we have begun the search for a teacher to replace her. We are looking for someone qualified and capable of teaching 6, 7, and 8 grade Spanish classes two days a week. If you, or anyone you know, is interested have them contact Mr. Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you.

Part Time Librarian Wanted for next school year: Responsibilities include: cataloging and processing new books; monitoring and maintaining the library catalog; implementing Accelerated Reader and Star Reading programs; teaching students how to use the library; running the book fair; and teaching various other classes as needed. If you, or anyone you know, is interested have them contact Mr. Lunak at rlunak@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, is interested have them contact Mr. Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you.

Shepherd's Heart Daycare is looking for part-time help: The position would include assisting the lead teacher and general supervision of children. Interested individuals, please contact Julie at 608-754-4471 ext. 100 or email jwojcik@stpaulsjanesville.com.