

Our Stewardship For: Aug. 3, 5 & 6, 2017

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	306	
Saturday---	107	
9:00---	196	165
Monthly Afternoon Comm.	7	

Our Gifts to God:	AUG 6, 2017	\$20,553.28
AUG To Date Giving		\$20,553.28
AUG Monthly Budget Needs		\$73,300.00

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: Balance as of June 30, 2017 is \$159,413: 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!

Doris Alwin gave a gift to support the Vicar in memory of Gaylord and Raymond Berg (Ione Erlien's brothers) and Ted Bartel (Corrine Hendrikson's brother); *Charlene McKittrick* and *Joan Fenrick* gave gifts for the Parking Lot Fund in memory of Gaylord and Raymond Berg (Ione Erlien's brothers) and Ted Bartel (Corrine Hendrikson's brother); *Margaret Mortensen* gave a gift to the School in memory of Ted Bartel; *Jim & Debbie Millard* gave a gift to the St. Paul's Family Tuition Assistance Fund in memory of Patrick Terry;



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of August 13, 2017



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 copies of 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 August 13, 2017

Sunday: Wor.-9a; Youth/Bible Study-6p.

Monday: Church Council-6:30p.

Tuesday: LWML Work Day 1:30p-7p; Men's Basketball-8:30p.

Wednesday: *SCRIP Sales 9a to 3p*; Sr. High & Young Adults Basketball-7 to 9p.

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

Friday: *Office Closed.*

Saturday: Contemporary Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Comm. Wor.-9a; Youth/Bible Study-6p.

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 Stanley Maresch in loving memory of his wife, Mary Maresch. 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: Aug. 27; Sept. 3; Oct. 15, 29.. 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.

Summer SCRIP Hours: In the School/Church Office on Wednesdays between 9a and 3p and weekends, after worship services. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's by using SCIRP!

School Supplies are now on sale. It's the perfect time to fill School Bags! The stores have begun their sales for school supplies, so now is the time to fill a school bag. Pick up one or two bags in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). There is a list inside with items named to fill the bag. When you have the bag filled, just bring it back to church and place it in the box that is available. They will then be shipped to Orphan Grain Train at our next packing day. *If you do not wish to buy school supplies, you may also donate \$10, the cost of shipping one box of school kits to the children that need them.* Just place the money in an envelope marked "LWML Shipping" and put it in the LWML mail box at the bottom of the east church steps by Fellowship Hall or put it in the offering plate. Thank you all for your generosity.

Help Others Keep Warm: Join Us For Quilting on Tuesday, August 22 from 9a to 3p and Wednesday, August 23 from 9a to noon in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Come for an hour or the whole day! You don't need any special skills—if you can tie a knot, you can help assemble a quilt. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

NO Aarons' Hands over the summer months. Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4th Tuesday afternoon of the month (Sept. thru May), 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 10:15A :

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 *The Clothing & Food Co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.* 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).

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!

The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is August 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of School. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend Church Council meetings. Minutes of the approved Church Council meetings are also available for review from the Church Office or a copy will be mailed to you upon request.

2016-17 Council Members are: Ralph Bock, 608-563-2129; Bridget Lindau, Secretary, 608-290-1460; Quentin Schrader, 608-346-0252; Chad Slama, Vice-Chair, 608-346-9485; Brian Garcia, Treasurer, 608-449-4711; Sarah Williams, Chair, 608-295-2806; Jack Eden, 608-751-5999; Jennifer O'Connell, 608-359-3544; Nate Simmons, 608-436-6720.

Attention Thrivent Members---here's your chance to designate even more dollars to St. Paul's! Thrivent Financial, as part of their "Summer of Impact" campaign, is giving each member who logs into their online account \$50 to designate to their favorite charity! This is in addition to any other Choice Dollars you may have accumulated. All you have to do is log into your Thrivent online account and designate the Choice Dollars however you wish. You can divide it between multiple charities if you wish. If you designate the monies to St. Paul's and want them to be used for something special, please let the Church Office know at 754-4471 ext. 350. The deadline is August 31 or whenever they run out of the 8 million Choice Dollars they have designated for this effort. Put these dollars to work!

Theology Book Club: Ben and Gabby Wright are starting a group to read books about confessional Lutheran theology this fall. If that sounds interesting to you, please email benjamin.scott.wright@gmail.com or call/text [\(608\) 698-1336](tel:6086981336).

Help Wanted:

Afternoon school custodian position available; 12-4p on days that school is in session. Opportunity for some summer hours as project needs arise. Contact Cindy Perkins to apply: 608-754-4471 X 307 or cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Part Time Assistant Cook Needed for School Lunch Program: Hours would be 9:30a to 1:30p, 20 hours per week. You would help prepare, serve and clean up. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please contact Mr. Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you.

3 year old Pre-School teacher needed: We are looking to open up a second three year old class. This position requires an early childhood education degree. Please contact Rob Lunak at rlunak@StPaulsJanesville.com for more information.

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.

Get Ready for Taste of St. Paul's, Sunday, October 1, from 12-2p, in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). St. Paul's Chefs have already agreed to prepare Jambalaya, Harlan's Chicken Casserole; and Mac N Cheese. We are looking for additional food vendors and volunteers to help. Contact: Brenda Eden 751-3228 or email 57b.eden@gmail.com

Love & Logic® Parenting: Elizabeth Decker will be hosting the 6 week sessions of *Love & Logic®* beginning on September 10th. The sessions will meet at 9:15a during the Sunday School hour. We will be meeting in the Science Lab of school (Room 205). All parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to attend! Each session will include practical techniques to use with your children. Please contact Elizabeth Decker for more information and to get your name on her list for the fall sessions. edecker@stpaulsjanesville.com or call 618-973-5791.

Music volunteer needs: The musical groups at St. Paul's are always looking for more members. Your participation can be geared to fit your schedule. We have members who participate regularly, but others who come only occasionally.

Joyful Noise Adult Choir sings at the traditional services (Sundays at 8a and occasionally 6:30p Thursdays) and at special services. Joyful Noise is not practicing during the summer, but will resume after the school year starts at a yet-to-be-determined time. Contact Katie Miller (Katarina.miller@cuw.edu) if you are interested or have questions.

Hand Bell Choir also plays at the traditional services (Sundays at 8a and occasionally 6:30p Thursdays) and for some special services. Practices are Wednesday evenings at 5:30p during the school year. No practices during the summer. Ability to read music is helpful, but not required. Contact Cindy Perkins (cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com, or 608-754-4471 ext. 307) if you are interested or have questions.

The Praise Team plays/sings at the contemporary services (Saturdays at 6p and 10:30a Sundays, almost every week. Practices are Wednesday evenings at 6:30p. We are especially in need of guitar and keyboard players at this time. Contact Cindy Perkins for more information.

Pre-Season Practices Begin: If you are interested, or thinking about playing any fall sports at St. Paul's, you are invited to attend any of these OPTIONAL pre-season practices. These are a great way to get back into shape for the coming season. It also gives Mr. Fenrick and the coaches a better idea of how many are actually planning on participating. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Fenrick at 754-4471 ext. 208. *PLEASE NOTE: the grades listed are for the grade the child is entering this school year.*

CROSS COUNTRY: Aug. 21, 23*, 28 –5:15 – 6:15p at Palmer Park (between tennis courts and wading pool) – Grades 4-8 boys and girls *7th grade safety patrol members are *REQUIRED* to attend their meeting instead on this night.

VOLLEYBALL: 7th & 8th grade girls –Aug. 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 28 -6:30-8:30p; 5th & 6th grade girls –Aug. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28 -5:30-7:30p.

Upcoming workday opportunity: *Saturday, August 19, 8am - noon: School-wide cleaning workday.* We will be washing windows, scrubbing stairs and steps, cleaning out eaves, power cleaning bathrooms, cleaning classroom walls/cabinets, digging pea gravel out of playground drains, and a few other tasks necessary to get our facility sparkling clean before registration day.

If you are able to help, please contact Betsy Nelson at bet_nel@yahoo.com or 608-931-0910. If this day does not fit your schedule, but you would be willing to add your name to a list of volunteers to be contacted about future workdays, please let Betsy know that as well. By adding your name to the list, you would not be committing to any specific workday(s). You would simply be indicating your willingness to help on future workdays, if it fits your schedule at that time, or to independently do certain tasks when you can fit them into your schedule. We have tasks to fit any skill level or time availability! Betsy can provide more details when you contact her.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., August 13 from 6 to 8p: Youth Pool Party! We'll meet at the Malloy's home, 5446 E Clayshire Dr, Milton. Bring your swim suits and towels! Refreshments will be provided. Open to all Youth.

Hey, Youth---Let's Help Out at the Clean-Up Day, Saturday, August 19, 8am - noon: We will be washing windows, scrubbing stairs and steps, cleaning classroom walls/cabinets, digging pea gravel out of playground drains, and a few other tasks necessary to get our facility sparkling clean before registration day.

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 Brian Laatsch at 608-754-4230 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.



Mission Servants
Activity of the Month

July 2017

Make Pillowcase Dresses
for Africa



www.lwml.org

New or Gently Used Pillowcases Needed: for a special Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)/Orphan Grain Train project. Please place them in the container under the mailboxes in the Ringold Street entrance of Fellowship Hall (the church basement) no later than August 13, 2017. Thank you.

Lutheran Women in Mission Host Special Service Project on August 15 from 1:30p to 7p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). All women of the congregation, especially families with teenage girls, are invited to help make pillowcase dresses for girls in poor areas. The work project will take place from 1:30 to 6p. Come for the entire time or help out when you can.

Sewing machines; scissors; ¼" or ½" elastic, double-fold bias tape and laces, etc. for decorations are needed.

At 6p we will enjoy a salad supper. Please bring a salad to share. Rolls, dessert, and beverage will be provided. The evening will close with devotion.