

Our Stewardship For: Aug. 30, Sept. 1 & 2, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	94	??
Saturday---	138	
9:00---	184	114
Monthly Afternoon Comm.	8	

Our Gifts to God:	SEPT 2, 2018	\$16,229.45
	SEPT To Date Giving	\$16,229.45
	SEPT Monthly Budget Needs	\$97,100.00

Major Gift for the Parking Lot Received from *The Theodore W. Batterman Family Foundation!* *The Theodore W. Batterman Family Foundation* has made a very generous gift of \$250,000 to the Parking Lot Fund! To God be the glory! This gift brings the fundraising total to \$510,000 of the \$605,000 goal. We have \$95,000 left to raise for the parking lot!

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Robert & Sharmian Jessie gave a gift to the Parking Lot “for blessings received for 40years of marriage”; *Bob & Arlene Knudson* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary on September 10;

In memory of Dorothy Schiefelbein: *Parking Lot:* Herman & Theresa Schiefelbein; Tom & Lynn Demerath; Wes Crosby

In memory of Pastor Paul Grachow: *Comfort Dog Ministry:* Rich & Roxann Cannistra; Gary & Judy Sullivan; Jeff & Sonia Elser; Andy, Lisa Wier and Family; ; *St. Paul’s School Endowment Fund:* Susie Kass; *St. Paul’s Family Tuition Assistance Fund:* Bob & Lois Cook; Charlene McKittrick; *School Wish List:* Margaret Tegt; *Undesignated:* Dorothy Decker; *Parking Lot Fund:* Christine & Mark Langdok; Jackie Levihn;



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of Sept. 9, 2018

For the Family of God at St Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Day Care

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St. Paul’s Church Council 2017-18

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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 Sept. 9, 2018

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

Monday: Church Council-6:30p.

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:30a; Scoopie Night-4p; 4H-6:30p; Love & Logic-6:30p.

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

Thursday: Women's Bible Study-6p; Wor.-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; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High 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 Joel & Joyce Hanson in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary on September 11. Thank you, and Happy Anniversary, Joel & Joyce! 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: Sept 30; Oct. 14, 28; Nov. 4, 11; Dec. 2, 16, 23, 30. Thank you.

Birthday Greetings: Marjorie Owen celebrates her 91st birthday on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Cards may be sent to 1615 N Sumac Dr, Janesville 53545. Blessings to you today and always, Marjorie!

Hospitalized: Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit. At Mercy-Darrin Riley; Darlene Nelson; Robert McGowan. Please remember them in your prayers along with John Brazil who has been released.

SCRIP Hours: After worship on Saturdays and Sundays. In the School/Church Office on school days during school hours (8a to 3:15p). Thank you for supporting St. Paul's by using SCIRP!

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.

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)

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 *Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI*. 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).

Parenting with Love & Logic® starting in September. Are you in need of some great practical advice to use with your kiddos after this long summer? Elizabeth Decker will lead the next sessions of *Parenting with Love & Logic®* beginning on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Each of the 6 week sessions will begin at 6:30p and run until 8p. If you're interested in attending please contact Elizabeth at edecker@stpaulsjanesville.com

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!

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University is returning to St. Paul’s! Nolen Leach will lead the 9-week money management education series, which will be held Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm in Kathy Pingel’s Room 204 starting September 18. To register and order your materials, contact Nolen at (608) 751-7311, email Nolen at nleach@stpaulsjanesville.com, or use this link: <https://fpu.com/1071117>. Class materials cost \$129 per household, but a generous St. Paul’s couple (who wish to remain anonymous) will reimburse that dollar amount to St. Paul’s members who attend 8 of the 9 sessions. Childcare will be available for this 9 week series. Please let Nolen know if you will be needing childcare. Please consider this opportunity and sign up today!

Join us on Thursday, September 13, for a special presentation by Missionary Ben Helge. During the Thursday evening worship service we welcome Ben Helge, who will speak about his work in the Czech Republic. He teaches conversational English in public schools and leads weekly mission clubs in English and Czech. During the summer months, he helps organize English Bible camps in the Czech Republic and Poland. Benjamin also coordinates the LCMS GEO (globally engaged in outreach) missionaries who serve in the Eurasia region. Benjamin is from Albuquerque, N.M., where his home congregation is Christ Lutheran Church. He graduated from Concordia University, Irvine, Calif., with a bachelor’s degree in music, as well as an emphasis in education and a minor in worship arts. Benjamin served on one short-term mission trip to Asia, two short-term mission trips to Hungary and one short-term mission trip to Mongolia, Thailand, India, Hungary and Bolivia during his time at Concordia Irvine. He enjoys playing volleyball, writing songs, traveling, hiking and cooking.

Mark Your Calendars for Tuesday, September 11, 2018—it’s time for another Youth Group—Culver’s Scoopie Night! Join us at Culver’s on Milton Avenue, Janesville, from 4 to 8 p.m. St. Paul’s Youth will receive 10% of all sales during those hours. So whether you dine in, carry out, or drive through, you can help our Youth raise money for their activities (like the National Youth Gathering). Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and enjoy a night away from cooking. Remember to purchase SCRIP cards!

Calling all high school musicians, St. Paul's will be starting a Youth Praise Band on September 30! We will need singers, guitarists, bass guitarists, keyboardists, and drummers. No experience necessary. Instruments can be learned at rehearsal, but you will need to have an instrument to practice with. The Youth Praise Band will meet on Sundays at 3-3:45p in the Church Sanctuary. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Ann Henny at ahenny@stpaulsjanesville.com

Donations Still Needed to purchase two new grills for JLIT/St. Paul’s. We’ve raised around \$125 for the purchase of new grills, but that’s not enough to cover the cost. Monetary donations or gift cards to Menard’s would be greatly appreciated. Money and/or cards can be given to the School/Church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Hanson at 608-322-9100. Thank you!

Saintly Stuffers Needed! The church office is looking for volunteers willing to stuff our weekly bulletins. We currently have three teams who work one month, four times per year. You would be stuffing on Thursday mornings of your month from 8:30a until completed. (Most groups are finished in an hour and a half.) If interested in serving this way, please contact Stacey in the school/church office at 754-4471 or email: churchoffice@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you!

The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is September 10, 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.

2017-18 Council Members are: Bridget Lindau, 608-290-1460; Brian Garcia-Treasurer, 608-449-4711; Jen Ellis, 608-449-3072; Jack Eden-Vice Chair 608-751-5999; Jennifer O’Connell, 608-359-3544; Nate Simmons, 608-436-6720; Jeff Elser-Chair, 608-752-5120; Tom Neumann, 608-751-4504, Laura Manke-Secretary, 608-563-1142.

Join us for Sunday Morning Bible Study from 9:15 to 10:15a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) beginning September 9, 2018. Pastor Dan Decker continues his study of the Bible, “Route 66” with a focus on the Life of Christ as seen through the four Gospels. All are welcome!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes on September 11 at 9:30a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Everyone is welcome to join in as Pastor Dan Decker continues a study of the Gospel of Luke.

You’re invited to Breakfast and Bible Study on Thursday mornings beginning on September 13 at 6:30a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We meet together for breakfast (each member takes a turn preparing and serving) and then we dig into God’s Word using Ray Vander Laan’s DVD Bible Study, “Faith Lessons: Fire on the Mountain”. We’ll discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves Him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today.

The Taste of St. Paul's Event, scheduled for Sunday, October 14, 2018, has been canceled. We hope to re-schedule at another time.

Lit 'n Lattes will meet Tues., Oct. 2, at 6:30p at Panera, Bread, 2753 Milton Ave, Janesville. We are going to be discussing the book Out of the Ashes by Tracie Peterson, Bethany House Publishers. This is the second book of the series. Don't worry if you didn't read the first book, this is a whole new story that takes place in the same town. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville by Aug. 30 if you would like to order a book or you may purchase a copy on your own.

Ladies weekly Fall Bible study, Women of the Bible, will begin on Wed., Sept. 12, at 9a and Thurs., Sept. 13, at 6p in room #204. We will be looking at various women of the bible and learn what Scripture says about each woman's background, joys and sorrows, and discover wonderful ways that God worked in their lives to draw them closer to Him and how He is doing the same in our lives. Each week we are studying a different woman, therefore, no worries if you can't attend all of them. Come to the ones that you can. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville if you would like to participate or have questions.

Sunday School will begin Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9:15-10:15a. Sunday School is for children preschool age - 8th grade. Meet in the school gym on the first day. Sunday School is a great way to learn about the Bible and about God's love for us. To register, visit www.stpaulsjanesville.com and click on the Sunday School link under the church tab.

Parents/Adult Bible Study: Join us during the Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:15a each week beginning Sept. 9 for Bible Study for parents and adults in room 204. This is a great time to learn God's Word and meet new people too.

Ladies, we need you! *Broken Crayons Still Color*, our Women's Spring Event is looking for women to serve on the planning committee. We are looking for ideas, suggestions, and enthusiasm as we plan for this wonderful all day event which will be March 30, 2019. We need people to help plan for breakout sessions, decorations, lunch, facilities, publicity, music, and more. Join us as we learn about the needs for the event and ways that you can participate. We will meet Monday, Sept. 17, at 6:30p in room 204. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com for more info.

Joyful Noise Adult Choir Is Ready To Begin A New Season Of Praising Our Lord And We Need YOU!! Joyful Noise Adult Choir is looking for new members to help us sing praises to our Lord. No prior experience needed. All voices are needed: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Don't know what category you'd fit in? That's OK---join us and find out. Rehearsals are Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15a in the school music/band room beginning Sunday, September 9.

Ringers of Joy Handbell Choir Seeks Members Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:30p in the Church Balcony, beginning September 5, 2018. We play for one service a month. High School and older are welcome. No experience needed—we'll show you what to do!

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 the Narthex (the back of church) or 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.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., September 9 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.

Sun., September 16 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.

Youth Movie & Game Night: St. Paul's Youth group will have a Movie & Game Night on Friday, September 21, 2018, from 6 to 8:30p. We'll be showing *God's Not Dead 2*, about a high school teacher who is asked a question in class about Jesus. Her response lands her in deep trouble. The movie is rated PG for some thematic elements. As with any good movie night, there will be popcorn and other snacks and drinks. The movie will be shown in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). During the same time there will be fun games played in the Gym. This event is open to ALL youth grades 6th through 12th. Parents, you're invited to join us to watch the movie as well.

RESCHEDULED: National Youth Gathering Meeting on Sunday, September 30, following the 10:30a worship service (11:30-ish) in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). All Current 8th through 12th graders and their parents are encouraged to attend this initial meeting to find out more.