

Our Stewardship For: Sept. 6, 8 & 9, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	79	
Saturday---	175	132
8:00---	114	
10:30-	158	107

Sunday School:

Attendance:	44
Offerings:	\$21.79
Total Missions	\$21.79

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Our Gifts to God:

SEPT 2, 2018	\$16,229.45
SEPT 9, 2018	\$16,099.16
SEPT To Date Giving	\$32,328.61
SEPT Monthly Budget Needs	\$97,100.00

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.

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!

Linda Bontly Servais gave gifts for the Parking Lot and St. Paul's Family Tuition Assistance Fund in honor/memory of her sister, Susan Cox;

In memory of Pastor Paul Garchow: *St. Paul's Family Tuition Assistance Fund:* Dale & Dawn Oas; Shirley Fischer;



OPPORTUNITIES
For the Week of Sept. 16, 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 Sept. 16, 2018

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.

Monday: Florida Meeting-6:30p.

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:30a; Financial Peace Universtiy-6p; LWML-6p; 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 Comm. Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Walk by Faith-9:30a; Outdoor Wor.-10:30a; Parent Confirmation Meeting-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-6p.

Sympathy: Our prayers are with Betty Zastoupil at the recent loss of her mother Ella Horner, and David Ames on the loss of his sister Bonnie Hines. Dear Lord, please be with all who mourn.

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 Don, Allie and Karalynn Pingel in celebration of Kathy Pingel's birthday on September 16. Happy Birthday, Kathy! 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.

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; Robert McGowan. Please remember them in your prayers, along with Darlene Nelson who has been released.

We rejoice with Rob & Brooke Lunak at the birth of a son, Cato Craig Michael.

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

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)

WEDNESDAYS AT 2P *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).

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!

Consecrated Stewards is Coming Soon! *Consecrated Stewards* is a Bible-based stewardship education and commitment process designed to help our members grow in their spiritual lives and in the grace of giving. Watch for details on Bible studies and other events. **Mark the weekend of October 21 now as the time of our Consecration Service and Celebration.** And please pray that God will bless this emphasis as a time of spiritual growth and commitment.

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) hosts a Salad Supper on Tuesday, September 18 at 6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Please bring a salad to share; LWML will provide the beverages. We have invited Calvary Lutheran Chapel's UW Student Center Pastor Dan Anderson, who will speak about campus ministry in nearby Madison. Optional ingathering items to support the student center include donations of paper plates; napkins; cups; plastic forks, knives, and spoons. We hope you'll join us!

Adult Fellowship Club Begins a New Season: All adults in the congregation are invited to join the Adult Fellowship Club on Tuesday, October 2 at 6p for a meal in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Please bring a dish to share. Our speaker for the evening is Erik Goth, a detective with the Janesville Police Department. He will give us tips on how to watch out for scams and things you can do to prevent ID theft.

It's time again for St. Paul's Church to serve the men of the GIFTS Homeless Shelter. We are scheduled to serve the week of Oct. 7 – 13 at the new building at 1025 N. Washington St, Janesville (across the street from Mercy Mall). We are in need of seven evening meals (serving 25); seven breakfasts (serving 20); and men for seven nights of "sleepover." This is an opportunity for a Bible Class, choir group, or family to prepare a meal. Please sign up by calling Linda Bontly Servais at 608-290-5737. God's blessings for your service.

New Adult Confirmation Class Beginning: Are you interested in joining St. Paul's or know someone who may be interested in church membership? Are you a long-time St. Paul's member but would like a refresher course on what you learned in confirmation? The *Art of Living by Faith* is a course on the Bible-based teachings of the Lutheran Church offered by Pastor Decker. Taking this course does not obligate you to join St. Paul's. The first session will meet on Sunday, October 14 from 3-4 p.m. in Room 204 of the school. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Decker at 754-4471 ext. 300 or ddecker@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!

The Flames Basketball Camp will be held Oct 13 & 14 this year. Please help get the word out. For St. Paul's students, the sign-up sheets will be coming home soon. For others, please keep an eye out on stpaulsjanesville.com website or by contacting Scott Gestrich at 608-580-2054 or scott.gestrich@evonik.com

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/107117>. 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!

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!

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.

Looking for a simple 15-minute family Bible study that you can do with your kids or grandkids including teenagers? Look no further than our “Parenting the Faith” email studies. Receive free weekly fun-faith-family moments Bible studies to do with your younger children (3-8 year olds) and older children, including teenagers (8-18 years olds). Sign up today by contacting kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com Please state your name and email address and indicate if you would like email for younger or older children or both.

Grandparents, are you looking for ways to share your faith with your grandkids? Sign up for “Grandparenting the Faith” email which include activities to encourage faith talks with your grandkids, including teenagers. Sign up today by contacting kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com Please state your name and email address and indicate if you would like email for children younger (3-8 years) or older (8-18 yrs) or both.

Our Women's ministry is adding an additional Bible study on Women of the Bible, Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm in room 204 beginning Wed., Sept. 19. Each week is takes a look at a different women of the Bible so if you happen to miss a week, it is ok! Join us for the ones that you can. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com to register.

Join us every Sunday morning in room 204 from 9:30-10:15a for a wonderful Bible study called The Story. From Sept - May, we will walk you through the main Bible events and characters from Genesis through Revelation. Hear how this one continuous story of God's love for His people unfolds in the Bible. Learn how God's love comes to us in the most amazing ways.

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.

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

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

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.

Sun., September 23 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.

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.

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A to 10:15A—SUNDAY SCHOOL. Our Sunday School classes are open to all children ages two years through 8th grade. (Two year old students must have a parent with them). Students should assemble in their classrooms. Parents can join us for the opening in Room 202 and then attend Bible Study in Room 204.

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A: Jr. High Grapple for 7th & 8th Grade Students! Come grapple with the real questions you're asking – join us for Grapple each Sunday from 9:15a-10:15a in the conference room. It's NOT Sunday school – it's so much more. You don't want to miss the fun! Contact Josh Blake (608-368-8052) for more info.