

## Our Stewardship For: Sept. 13, 15 & 16, 2018

<b>Church and Communion Attendance:</b>		<b>Sunday School:</b>
	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	90	66
Saturday---	154	
8:00---	132	98
10:30-	136	
		Attendance:
		Offerings: \$5.00
		Total Missions: \$36.79
		<i>ECHO</i>

<b>Our Gifts to God:</b>	SEPT 2, 2018	\$16,229.45
	SEPT 9, 2018	\$16,099.16
	SEPT 16, 2018	\$16,162.84
	SEPT To Date Giving	\$48,491.45
	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!

*Steve & Michelle Schroeder* gave a gift to St. Paul's Family Tuition Assistance Fund in memory of Pastor Paul Garchow; *David & Janet Jass* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Ella Horner



**OPPORTUNITIES**  
**For the Week of September 23, 2018**  
**For the Family of God at St Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Day Care**  
 210 South Ringold Street Janesville WI 53545-5199; (608) 754-4471  
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**Have you been to our website? [www.StPaulsJanesville.com](http://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 September 23, 2018

**Sunday:** Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; NO Joyful Noise; Walk by Faith-9:15a; Outdoor Wor.-10:30a; Public School Confirmation-4p; NO Youth/Bible Study.

**Tuesday:** Bible Study-9:30a; Financial Peace University-6p; Love & Logic-6:30p.

**Wednesday:** Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Aaron's Hands-2:30p; Handbells-5:30p, Altar Guild-6:30p; Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

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

**Saturday:** Contemporary Comm. Wor.-6p.

**Next Sunday:** Comm. Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a; Youth Praise Band-3p; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-6p.

**Sympathy:** Our prayers are with Brian Branz on the recent loss of his father, Donald Branz. May the God of Mercy bring peace to 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 Bill Giese in loving memory of his wife, Joyce. 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: Sept. 30; Oct. 14, 28; Nov. 4, 11; Dec. 2, 16, 23, 30. Thank you.

**Birthday Greetings:** Dorothy Decker celebrates her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on September 25. Cards may be sent in care of Ron Decker at 3321 La Mancha Dr, Janesville 53546. Many blessings to you, Dorothy! Happy Birthday.

**Hospitalized:** *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* At Madison-John Brazil. Please remember him in your prayers along with Rob McGowan, Lois Cook, and Darrin Riley who have 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!

**Parking Lot Dedication:** We will dedicate our parking lot at the worship services October 4, 6 & 7. Free St. Paul's license plates will be given to participants.

## Opportunities to Remember Others In Prayer

**Aaron's Hands.** Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

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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).

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY WEEKEND IS October 18, 20 & 21, 2018

Every member is asked to make a special effort to attend worship on October 18, 20 or 21, and to make a reservation for a special celebration to be held in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) following the Thursday and Saturday worship services and between the two Sunday services for all of St. Paul's family. More details will soon come your way, but please reserve this day now.

**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](mailto: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](http://stpaulsjanesville.com) website or by contacting Scott Gestrich at 608-580-2054 or [scott.gestrich@evonik.com](mailto:scott.gestrich@evonik.com)

**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](mailto:ahenny@stpaulsjanesville.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) to register.

**Join us every Sunday morning in room 204 from 9:30-10:15a for a 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.

**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!

**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!

## YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

**NO YOUTH GROUP on Sun., September 23, 2018**

**Sun., September 30 from 4 to 5:30p:** Youth/Bible Study. We'll begin in the church sanctuary. ALL youth (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are encouraged to attend this initial meeting to find out more.

**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!

**SUNDAYS AT 9:15A to 10:15A—SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Our Sunday School classes are open to all children ages two years through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://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](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**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 Cindy Perkins at 608-295-0868 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](mailto:smarenda@StPaulsJanesville.com)). Thank you.

**ECHO News:**

[www.echojanesville.org](http://www.echojanesville.org)

- *ECHO Needs:* Pork N Beans; Peanut Butter & Jelly; Soups and Crackers; Mac N Cheese; Spaghetti noodles and sauce; Spaghetti O's; canned meats; deodorant; toothbrushes and toothpaste; dry laundry soap; toilet paper; diapers (sizes 4 to 6) and shampoo. Any non-perishable item is appreciated. Bring your gifts with you to worship and place them in the barrels marked "ECHO" that you find in the back of church (the Narthex) or in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

### 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.

**By Saving "Boxtop for Education" Labels.** Next time you buy groceries, pick up some cash for our school! Just clip "Box Tops" coupons from hundreds of participating General Mills products and bring them to St. Paul's (the school entryways or the container in Fellowship Hall). We get 10¢ for each one we send to General Mills at the end of the school year.