

Our Stewardship For: Sept. 14, 16 & 17, 2017

Church and Communion Attendance:	Sunday School:		
Church	Comm.	Attendance:	
Thurs.---	54	46	Offerings: \$
Saturday---	Outdoor, no count		Total \$
8:00---	117	96	
10:30-	105		

Our Gifts to God:	SEP 3, 2017	\$19,647.88
	SEP 10, 2017	\$16,206.75
	SEP 17, 2017	\$17,630.70
	SEP To Date Giving	\$53,485.33
	SEP Monthly Budget Needs	\$80,200.00

Please Note: ALL above figures include only Unified Giving, Loose Cash, General Fund Giving and Special Envelopes (i.e.-Lent; Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc)

Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!

Joel & Joyce Hanson gave a gift to Unified in celebration of their son, Bob's, birthday on September 17.

In memory of Christopher Fischer (grandson of Mal & Dorothy Fischer): *For the Parking Lot:* Mal & Dorothy Fischer; Tim & Pat Ebeling; Paul & Vicki Fetting;

In memory of Paul Schulz: *School Wish List-Chairs-*Denny & Dianne Vierk;

In memory of Vera Muenchow: *Parking Lot—*Paul & Vicki Fetting; Roger & Diane Krause; Mal & Dorothy Fischer; Jeff & Sonia Elser;

In memory of Lucille Frisque: *Parking Lot-*Christine Gray; Rob & Renae Frisque; Dorothy Decker; *School Wish List-Chairs-*Denny & Dianne Vierk; Mal & Dorothy Fischer; *St. Paul's Tuition Assistance Fund:* Richard De War; *Unified:* Craig & Patti Seeman; Ron & Lila Yager; Steve & Holly Milz; David & Karen Speth; and many family and friends; *St. Paul's Comfort Dog:* Jack & Brenda Eden;

In memory of Millie Seidl: *Parking Lot-*Denny & Dianne Vierk; *St. Paul's School-*Bob & Arlene Knudson; Carol Claybaker; *Altar Guild* from Elizabeth Decker's Back Porch Bible Study Ladies;

In memory of Joyce Giese: *Parking Lot-*Denny & Dianne Vierk; Dennis Warnecke; Paul & Vicki Fetting; Carol Claybaker; Tim & Pat Ebeling



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of September 24, 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 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 24, 2017

Sunday: Wor.-8a; Love & Logic-9:15a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a; Confirmation Parents Meeting-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-7:30p.

Tuesday: Parents in Prayer-8a; Bible Study-9:30a; Confirmation Parents Meeting-6:30p; Men's Basketball-8:30p.

Wednesday: Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Handbells-5:30p; Altar Guild-6:30p; Lit N Lattes Ladies Bible Study-6:30p; Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

Thursday: Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Moms and Tots Playgroup-10a; Women's Bible Study-6p; Comm. Wor.-6:30p; Joyful Noise-7:30p.

Saturday: Contemporary Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Comm. Wor.-8a; Love & Logic-9:15a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Taste of St. Pauls-noon to 2p; Afternoon Comm.-1:30p; Public School Confirmation-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-7:30p.

Baptism: Reese Evelyn Gander was welcomed into the Lord's Kingdom by Holy Baptism in a private ceremony on Sunday, September 24, 2017. She is the child of Daniel & Anne (nee Block) Gander. Her sponsors are Katherine Lyons and Daniel Erickson. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Sympathy: Our Lord called Mildred "Millie" Seidl to her eternal home on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Services were held on September 19, 2017. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

Our Lord called Joyce Giese to her eternal home on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Services were held on September 21, 2017. Please remember her family in your prayers, especially her husband, Bill Giese.

Our Lord called Shirley Sirek to her eternal home on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. Services were pending at the time of this printing.

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Andy & Lisa Wier in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary on September 21. Thank you for the beautiful gift and many blessings on your anniversary.

Worship Folders: The folders today are given by Ed & Lois James in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on September 16. Thank you and Happy Anniversary, Ed & Lois! 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: November 5, 12, December 3, 17, 24, 31. 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, especially Chuck Wilke who has been released.

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.

Parents In Prayer meets Tuesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. in the conference room of school. This group is for moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone who would like to pray for our school, teachers, students, and staff. We meet every Tuesday that school is in session. For more details, contact Lisa Stanton at 608-563-0203.

Opportunities to Be in God's Word: Weekly Bible Studies

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A *MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION:*
FELLOWSHIP HALL *VICAR MARIN CERCHEZ*

SUNDAYS AT 9:30A *"LOVE RULES"*
SCHOOL ROOM 202 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30A
FELLOWSHIP HALL *THE GOSPEL OF LUKE* WITH PASTOR DAN DECKER

WEDNESDAYS AT 9A *WOMEN'S STUDY—HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD*
SCHOOL ROOM 202 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30P *LIT 'N' LATTES LADIES BOOK CLUB*
SCHOOL ROOM 202 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

THURSDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A
FELLOWSHIP HALL *"WALK AS JESUS WALKED"* WITH BARRY & RUTH WIER (608-752-9330)

THURSDAYS AT 6:30P *WOMEN'S STUDY—HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD*
SCHOOL ROOM 202 FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

THURSDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A
FELLOWSHIP HALL *"IN THE DUST OF THE RABBI"* WITH BARRY & RUTH WIER (608-752-9330)

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).

Welcome POBLO International. This weekend (Saturday and Sunday), we will have the opportunity to learn more about the ministry of POBLO International, an organization affiliated with the LCMS that seeks to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Muslims. As we will learn, this ministry is being carried out here in Wisconsin and in many other areas in the United States. The sermon this weekend will be given by the Rev. Wayne C. Schroeder, POBLO Ambassador, and the Bible class on Sunday will be led by Mr. Ebou Faye, Ethnic Missionary for POBLO.

Adult Fellowship Club starts off the New Season! Please join us on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). A potluck dinner will be served at 6p, (please bring a dish to share). Then stay for a presentation by local attorney and St. Paul's member Ben Wright beginning approximately 7p.

Ladies, you are invited to the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Fall Rally at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2015 Kellogg Ave, Janesville, on September 30 at 9a beginning with coffee and donuts. The program includes a Bible Quiz with a Family Feud format and a Bible Study. There will also be some trivia on the 75th year for LWML and a business meeting with elections. Come for faith, fun, and fellowship with other Women in Mission!

Ladies, please join us for: Knitting for a Purpose: We will teach you how to knit using a loom; If you already knit, come with your own needles; Knit red hats for the American Heart Association's October campaign "Little Hats, Big Hearts" for babies born with congenital heart defects. We'll meet Tuesday, October 3 at 6p in Room 202. For more info contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com.

It's not too late for the Thursday Morning Breakfast Bible Study: Please join us at 6:30a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We meet for breakfast and then follow the Ray Vander Laan video series: *Walk as Jesus Walked*. Everyone is welcome, so please make plans to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Barry & Ruth Wier at 608-201-4148.

It's St. Paul's Turn to Serve Meals on Wheels! We're looking for people to help with our next deliveries the week of September 25 to 29 and October 2 to 6 from 11a to about 12:30p. We're also looking for people to cover the weekend routes on September 30 & October 1 and October 7 & 8. If you can help or for more information, please contact Linda Servais at 608-290-5737. Thank you!

Help with Funeral Luncheons Needed! We're looking for an additional person to help coordinate volunteers and assist with set-up/serving/clean-up of funeral luncheons. You would be working with another St. Paul's member who is handling the ordering of food. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact Stacey in the church office (754-4471 ext. 350). Thank you. (School Parents, volunteering for funeral luncheons can count toward your school volunteer hours.)

Church Office is looking for a volunteer to put up hymnboard numbers each week. This would require you to use a small stepladder and move a piano (it's on wheels). Numbers need to be up for Thursday night services and may need to be changed for Sunday morning services. If you'd be willing to help, please contact Stacey in the church office (754-4471 ext. 350). Thank you.

Church Office is looking for a volunteer to help print and fold bulletins on Wednesdays after 12 noon. You would "job share" with another so you would not be committing to every week. If interested, please call Stacey in the church office at 754-4471 ext. 350.

The Art of Living by Faith is an adult confirmation course on the Bible-based teachings of the Lutheran Church. The theme that runs through the six chief parts of the Small Catechism and the Bible itself is *Faith*. This class is designed for you to get a deeper grasp of what faith is and how faith is lived out in your daily life. If you are wishing to join St. Paul's or are already confirmed and looking for a refresher course on the Lutheran faith then *The Art of Living by Faith* is for you. Classes will begin in the church conference room from 3-4:30 p.m. each Sunday beginning on October 19th. If you need child care or have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Decker at-office: 754-4471 ext. 300 or cell: 322-5839 or ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., September 24 from 6 to 7:30p: Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.

ALL youth (6th through 12th grades) are invited to join in our Bible Study and activities. Our Bible Study is titled: "From the Fish's Mouth" based on Matthew 17:24-27. Learn more about the Temple Tax.

Sun., October 1 from 6 to 7:30p: Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.

ALL youth (6th through 12th grades) are invited to join in our Bible Study and activities. Our Bible Study is titled: "Drop Dead" based on Acts 5:1-9.

Senior High Youth Group beginning September 24. Calling all youth in grades 9 to 12, we're forming a group just for you! We'll meet from 7:30 to 8:15p in the gym. If you'd like to come a little earlier and play games at the Jr. High Youth Group feel free to do so. And don't forget to bring your friends!

High School Bible Study Sunday Mornings: Beginning October 8 we'll start a new study going through the book *Loved and Sent* from 9:15 to 10:15a in the Youth Room. There will be donuts! Please come and bring your friends.

Part Time Help Wanted: Assistant to Kathy Pingel, Family and Women's Ministries. We're looking for someone to help with data entry, making copies, scheduling and other duties as needed. This is a 20 hour per week position, paying \$9 per hour. If interested, please contact Rob Lunak at 754-4471 ext. 302 or rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you.

St. Paul's Lutheran Craft Fair is Saturday, November 4th, from 9a to 3p in the school gym. Come for a great variety of unique crafts and gifts. Do all of your holiday shopping in one stop, and you may even find something for yourself! Admission is \$2 for ages 10 and up. Lunch will be available. For more information contact Janie Carroll at 608-931-4854.

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 and three year old students must have a parent with them). We meet in room 202 for opening and then head down to our classrooms to meet our teachers.

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. It's NOT Sunday school – it's so much more. You don't want to miss the fun! Contact Heather or Mike Sullivan at (608) 758-4526 for more info.

Moms & Tots Playgroup is held every Thursday from 10-11a in the Family Ministry Room # 202 in the school. There is a story and play time for toddlers and devotions for moms. Join us to connect, support, and socialize. Contact Kathy Pingel for more info at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com or 754-4471 ext.306.

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 Latest Issue of St. Paul's "Principal's Pad" is available for pick-up in the Narthex (back of church).

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.

Gala of Giving. The Gala of Giving Committee is pleased to announce that, because of God's blessings and your generosity, the 2nd Annual Gala of Giving raised over \$52,000 for the mission and ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. Hoping to build on our early success, we are happy to announce that the 3rd Annual Gala of Giving will take place on May 12, 2018. Please mark your calendars!

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.

ECHO News:

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.

By Saving Grocery Store Receipts. St. Paul's School receives a 1% rebate on all purchases. Both Sentry locations (West Court Street and East Milwaukee Street) participate in this program. If you shop at Sentry, simply ask for a sticker on your receipt and then turn your receipts into the box in the School entryways or in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).