

Our Stewardship For: Sept. 17, 19 & 20, 2020

**Church and Communion Attendance:**

	Church	Comm.
Thursday---	20	
Saturday---	37	
8:00---	68	
Parking Lot--	??	

<b>Our Gifts to God:</b>		
	SEPT 6, 2020	\$16,778.00
	SEPT 13, 2020	\$16,969.26
	SEPT 20, 2020	\$16,196.00
	SEPT To Date Giving	\$49,943.26
	SEPT Monthly Budget Needs	\$71,400.00

*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.)*

**Opportunities for Special Gifts/Memorials—Thank you!**



**OPPORTUNITIES**

**For the Week of Sept. 27, 2020**



**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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**St. Paul's Church Council 2019-20**

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*No Offerings will be collected at this time.* Offerings can be mailed to the church: 210 S. Ringold St, Janesville WI 53545. Electronic giving is also available—check our website at [www.stpaulsjanesville.com](http://www.stpaulsjanesville.com) for more information.

## Our Church Calendar for the week of September 27, 2020

**Sunday:** *Virtual Sunday School*; Comm Wor.-8a; Bible Study-9:15a; Parking Lot Comm Wor.-10:30a; Family Night-4p.

**Tuesday:** Bible Study-9:30a

**Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study-9a; Handbells-5:30p; Contemp. Rehearsal-6:30p; ZOOM Women's Bible Study-6:30p.

**Thursday:** Thursday Morning Bible Study-6:30a; ZOOM Women's Bible Study-9a; Women's Bible Study-6:30p; Comm Wor.-6:30p.

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

**Next Sunday:** *Virtual Sunday School*; Comm Wor.-8a; Bible Study-9:15a; Parking Lot Comm Wor.-10:30a; Afternoon Comm.-2p.

**Baptism:** In a private ceremony on September 26, 2020, we welcome Sylvia Grace Hanson, child of Jason & Cyndi Hanson, into the Lord's Kingdom by Holy Baptism. Her sponsors are Rachel LaValley and Dustin & Lindsay Cole. Please pray for our Lord's continued guidance and blessing as this family draws closer to Him.

**Sympathy:** Our prayers are with Laura Manke and Morgan on the loss of mother/grandmother Diane Kamin. May our loving Lord continue to comfort all who mourn.

**Hospitalized:** *Please remember, if you want a pastor to visit you when you are hospitalized, you or a family member or friend will have to notify the pastors or the church office directly at 754-4471 ext. 200 and let them know which hospital you are in. Thank you.*

**Orphan Grain Train Collection Resumes October 10 from 8 to 11a.** Please bring your donations of clean, wearable items (no broken zippers, no missing buttons, no stains or tears) to Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We are looking forward to sharing what we have and what others need. We will follow whatever health and safety guidelines are in place at that time. Thank you for thinking of others!

**Drive-In Family Time is TONITE, Sunday, Sept. 27 at 4 pm in St. Paul's parking lot.** We will host a Family Bible Time on the stage. Families are encouraged to join us for songs, skits, games, and a lot of fun. Families will be able to sit near the stage outside of their cars in the parking lot or stay in their cars and listen from there. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs if you would like to sit closer to the stage. We will be socially distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible. We would love to have you participate in this great opportunity for families. For more info, contact Kathy Pingel or John Mueller. Upcoming Dates: Oct. 11 and 25.

**Pastor Decker invites you to bring your old, unusable Bibles to be buried here at church.** Do you have a Bible with missing/torn pages? Do you own a Bible in another language that you can't read? How do you dispose of damaged Bibles? You bury them! Bring your old Bibles to the school/church office. Pastor Decker will then bury them on the church grounds.

## Opportunities to Remember Others In Prayer

**Members in the Military:** Please pray for all those who serve in our armed forces. We remember: Kathy McKillips; Tyler Morehead; Josh Stanton

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

✓ SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:15A .....	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
✓ FELLOWSHIP HALL(CHURCH BASEMENT) .....	WITH PASTOR JOSH GROTELUESCHEN
✓ TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30A .....	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
✓ CHURCH SANCTUARY (UPSTAIRS) .....	WITH PASTOR DAN DECKER
✓ WEDNESDAYS AT 9A .....	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
✓ WOMEN/FAMILY MINISTRY RM .....	FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)
✓ WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30P .....	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
✓ VIA ZOOM.....	FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)
✓ THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A .....	RAY VANDER LAAN: FAITH LESSONS
✓ FELLOWSHIP HALL .....	WITH BARRY & RUTH WIER (608-752-9330)
✓ THURSDAYS AT 9A .....	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
✓ VIA ZOOM.....	FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)
✓ THURSDAYS AT 6:30P .....	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
✓ LIBRARY.....	FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

## 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 Ordering 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!

Order your SCRIP at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) by Sunday. Orders placed by Sunday will be ready to pick up the following Thursday from the school office (8a to 3:30p) or in the parking lot before the Thursday evening worship service (5:15p to 5:45p). You may pay for your order thru Presto Pay, or deliver cash/check at the time of pick up. (Only exact amount, please. No change will be given).

*We're sorry, but all SCRIP sales must be PRE-ORDERED ONLINE at this time. No sales on demand will be made. Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.*

**The Monthly Afternoon Communion Service returns on October 4 at 2p.** Do you know of someone for whom sitting for long periods of time is difficult? Then invite them to our Afternoon Communion service, held on the first Sunday of each month at 2p (please note the time change). There is a short sermon message, prayer and Holy Communion is available. Please join us!

**St. Paul's 11th annual Walk by Faith will be held virtually this year!** We will have a parking lot church service on Sunday, September 27, 2020, at 10:30a followed by a walk in your neighborhood with your family. Even though the event will be different than previous years, we hope you will join us in celebrating our Faith together during these unprecedented times! God's blessings to you!

**Welcome to the Virtual Mile/5k/10k!** Are you tired of lying around? Did you have an exercise goal before Covid hit and ruined it? Has Covid forced your school to shut down your Athletic Program? Do you want to train for something! It is more important than ever to stay active and keep your body healthy. We here at St. Paul's want to help you do that. We will be having a 1 mile/5k/10k race on November 7<sup>th</sup> and are providing you with an 8 week training plan to help you accomplish your goals. This is open for middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults. Pastor Josh will be hosting group runs in the parking lots on Saturdays starting September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we glorify God by taking care of the bodies he has given to us. The cost for the race will be \$40 per racer, you will get a T-Shirt, a medal and a racing bib. The proceeds also go to the Great Chicago Food Dispensary. You can sign up for the race using the following link-[Bit.ly/stpaulsrace2020](https://bit.ly/stpaulsrace2020). Please contact Pastor Josh at [JGrotelueschen@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:JGrotelueschen@stpaulsjanesville.com) or John at [Jmueller@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:Jmueller@stpaulsjanesville.com) if you would like to volunteer to help train or run with a group or if you have comments or concerns!

**Secret Sister Ministry for Women!** This is a ministry to glorify the Lord by uplifting our sisters in Christ. Uplift your sister in Christ with a prayer, a card, or a note to let her know she is being thought of and prayed for. (It's not about material things.) Our Secret Sisters Ministry will begin Oct. 15 and will continue through March 15. If you're interested, contact Kathy Pingel by October 2 at [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**Support St. Paul's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC Trip while enjoying dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings, 2929 Milton Ave, Janesville!** Just tell your server that you are supporting TEAM E – St. Paul's Lutheran School. The server will add 10% of your total sales to our running total. And when you purchase a Scrip card, you can support St. Paul's even more. If you aren't able to dine at Buffalo Wild Wings and want to support the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip, cash donations are greatly appreciated. Contact Mr. Jim Kroll ([jkroll@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:jkroll@stpaulsjanesville.com)) for more information.

## Parsonage Survey

A church family has recently offered to pay the cost of the demolition of the brick parsonage next to the church. In consideration of this offer, I feel it is best to conduct a survey of St. Paul's members as to the options concerning the future of the parsonage. The three major options and some attendant information are as follows:

1. **LEAVE THE BUILDING AS IS:** There would be no added financial burden to our already challenged budget (Please note that about twenty years ago the board of trustees agreed not to maintain the building because of plans to demolish it for a proposed addition to the church building. But intervening events prevented that addition to happen). Budget challenges for the past several years has prevented the restoration of this building.
2. **REPAIR THE BUILDING:** Estimates are that it would cost anywhere from \$50,000 to \$90,000 to repair it as there are roof, window, electrical, and plumbing issues. Once repaired the building could be used for more storage (St. Paul's is blessed with wonderful facilities but storage space is lacking). A repaired parsonage would not facilitate middle school youth ministry but might facilitate some high school small groups. Licensed daycare and infant care could not be easily be carried out in it as well. Once repaired it could be rented out for income if St. Paul's would be willing to venture into the rental business.
3. **DEMOLISH THE BUILDING:** The building would be torn down and the area including where the parsonage was and on over to the other parsonage would be landscaped accordingly.

Please prayerfully consider these options or if you have any other suggestions you can let us know by contacting the church office: (608) 754-4471, ext. 350 **by October 7<sup>th</sup>**.

God's Blessings! *Pastor Dan*

**Volunteers Needed to Decorate Vehicle Trunks for Drive Thru Trunk 'n Treat**

Sunday, Oct. 25 4-5:30 pm in St. Paul's Parking Lot

Consider decorating your vehicle's back area/trunk for our Drive Thru Trunk 'n Treat. Decorate a Bible-themed trunk and see the joy on children's faces as their eyes light up seeing all of our trunks. Let's help the kids enjoy a fun day! You can make a difference!

Be creative! Have fun! To volunteer or have questions, contact Kathy Pingel at [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**Drive Thru Trunk 'n Treat, Fun for the Entire Family!**

Sunday, Oct. 25 4-5:30 pm in St. Paul's Parking Lot

Looking for a Christ-Centered alternative to trick or treating? Look no further! Consider coming to Drive Thru Trunk 'n Treat. Drive thru and view Bible-themed vehicle trunks and see if you can recognize the Bible story; plus, receive **treat bags** on the way out. There will be a **stop for photos** so if kids want to dress up, they may!

**Volunteers are needed** to decorate trunks based on a Bible theme or story! Be creative! Make it fun! To volunteer or for more information, contact Kathy Pingel at [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com).