

## Our Stewardship For: Sept. 20, 22 & 23, 2018

<b>Church and Communion Attendance:</b>		<b>Sunday School:</b>
	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	44	
Saturday---	158	104
8:00---	181	
10:30-	Estimated 475	

<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 23, 2018	\$15,633.40
	SEPT To Date Giving	\$64,124.85
	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.*

**Parking Lot Update:** We have raised \$521,666 towards our goal of \$605,000. Thank you for your continued generous gifts towards this project. We have \$83,334 still to raise.

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

*Michael Mullen* gave a gift for St. Paul’s Tuition Assistance Fund in memory of Pastor Paul Garchow; *Donna Ehret* gave a gift to the Parking Lot Fund in memory of Ella Horner (mother of Betty Zastoupil); *Ron & Lila Yager* gave a gift to St. Paul’s School in memory of Jason Yager on his birthday, September 24; *Jack & Sue Arnold* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Dorothy Johnson and Donna Louison; *Ruth Braatz* gave a gift for St. Paul’s Family Tuition Assistance in memory of Pastor Paul Garchow;



## OPPORTUNITIES

### For the Week of Sept. 30, 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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#### St. Paul’s Church Council 2017-18

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Tom Neumann	608-751-4504
Laura Manke, Secretary	608-563-1142

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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 30, 2018

**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.

**Tuesday:** Bible Study-9:30a; Financial Peace University-6p; Adult Fellowship-6p; Love & Logic-6:30p; Lit N Lattes-6:30p.

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

**Thursday:** Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Ladies' Aid-1:30p; Women's Bible Study-6p; Comm. Wor.-6:30p.

**Saturday:** Wedding-3p; Contemporary Wor.-6p.

**Next Sunday:** Comm. Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Afternoon Comm-1:30p; Youth Praise Band-3p; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-6p.

**Baptism:** At the 10:30a service this weekend we welcome Lewin Benjamin Moe, child of Benjamin & Vanessa Moe, into the Lord's Family through Holy Baptism. His sponsors are Matt & Makenzie Michelson; Cassie Makela and Grant Jahns.

**Sympathy:** Our Lord called Marion Schumacher to her eternal home on September 20, 2018. At this time no services are planned. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Our Lord called Donna Louison to her eternal home on September 24, 2018. Services are planned for October 2, 2018. Please remember her family in your prayers, especially her daughter Pam Clark and sisters Shirley Bobzien and Susan Michaels.

**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 David & Carol Welton in celebration of their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 28. Thank you and Happy Anniversary, David & Carol! 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: 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 Madison-John Brazil; Pastor David Lieske. Please remember them in your prayers.

## 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, Saturday, and Sunday 8a and 10:30a worship services for all of St. Paul's family. More details will soon come your way, but please reserve this day now.

HEAR THE STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY of Ed James

WE CELEBRATE OUR COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

Learn more about what Mary, our Comfort Dog, and the Comfort Dog Ministry Team have been doing. You'll find the information in the insert located in this edition of *Opportunities*.

**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.

**Help Celebrate LWML Sunday and "Undie Sunday"!** Next Sunday, October 7, is LWML/Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday and also "Undie Sunday". St. Paul's members are asked to contribute new children's underwear which will be given to Orphan Grain Train's ingathering. Sizes requested are children's 6-12. Containers for donations will be in the Narthex (back of church) and in Fellowship Hall (basement of church).

**The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is October 8, 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.

**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.

**Help St. Paul's 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Raise Funds for Florida Trip!** Please take a moment to stop in the Narthex (back of church) to check out the fundraiser for the 8th grader's trip to Florida. Here's how it works; envelopes are labeled from 1-100. If you are able to help, please choose an envelope that you are willing to fill with the same amount of money. For example, envelope 6 = \$6, envelope 54 = \$54. Please return your filled envelope to the offering plate or to the office by Friday, November 16. Make checks payable to: St. Paul's Florida Trip. The 8th graders are very thankful for your help.

**St. Paul's Veterans Appreciation Meal:** Mr. Mark Fenrick and the 8th Grade U.S. History classes will be hosting a Veterans Appreciation Meal on Sunday, November 11 from 11:30a-1:30p. This is open to all Veterans who are members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (and their immediate families). This year, members of our sister congregations (St. Mark's, Mt. Calvary, and Our Savior) are also being invited. The meal will consist of lasagna, salad, bread, desserts, and beverages. You are welcome to come at any time between 11:30a and 1:30p (similar to how our Lenten suppers are held) . . . whatever is best for your schedules.

In order to prepare enough food, we are asking for reservations. Reservations are needed by **Mon., Oct. 29**. You can find a form in this edition of *Opportunities*, make reservations online ([bit.ly/veteransmeal](http://bit.ly/veteransmeal)), or simply email Mr. Fenrick ([mfenrick@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:mfenrick@stpaulsjanesville.com)). If emailing, please provide the name of the Veteran, how many will be in attendance, branch, and dates of service. Thank you.

**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 would be greatly appreciated. Money can be given to the School/Church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Hanson at 608-322-9100. Thank you!

**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.

**Adult Membership Class** – We are forming a new adult membership class. It will start on Sunday, October 14, from 3-4 p.m. in school room # 204. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Child-care is provided. If you have any questions contact Pastor Decker at 754-4471 ext. 300 or [ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com). Check out the introductory video at [www.lhm.org/GodConnects](http://www.lhm.org/GodConnects).

**Milton High School students we have a new awesome Bible Study starting in Milton High School.** We will be meeting every Wednesday at 2:40p in Classroom 117 (Mr. Jauchs room). The Bible Study will last for an hour. There will be some drinks and snacks. If you cannot come for the whole time please still stop by and say “Hi!”.

**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)

## 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!**

**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.

**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.

**Sun., Oct. 7 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.

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**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.

**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!

**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) or John Mueller (909-936-3955) or simply sign up at [bit.ly/stpaulssupports](http://bit.ly/stpaulssupports)

**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.

### 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 at Sister Congregations:

- **St. John’s Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar, Saturday, October 6 from 11a to 1p at 207 High Street, Edgerton.** We will host a craft and bake sale and serve a special luncheon of swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy; corn, green beans, and tossed salad; bread & pies. Adult are \$10 and children under 12 are \$4. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial Action Team.