

Our Stewardship For: Sept. 21, 23 & 24, 2017

<b>Church and Communion Attendance:</b>		<b>Sunday School:</b>	9-17	9-24
	Church	Attendance:	43	34
Thurs.---	72	Offerings:	\$2.32	\$4.50
Saturday---	248	Total Missions	\$17.02	
8:00---	147	<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>		
10:30-	154			

<b>Our Gifts to God:</b>	SEP 3, 2017	\$19,647.88
	SEP 10, 2017	\$16,206.75
	SEP 17, 2017	\$17,630.70
	SEP 24, 2017	\$18,297.09
	SEP To Date Giving	\$71,782.42
	SEP Monthly Budget Needs	\$80,200.00

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

*LaVerne Frisque* gave a gift for the Parking Lot in memory of Mal & Dorothy Fischer’s grandson; *Ron & Lila Yager* gave a gift to the School “in memory of Jason Yager whose birthday would have been September 24”; *Ed & Lois James* gave gifts to our Comfort Dog Ministry and Unified/General fund “In thanksgiving to God for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary”; *Margaret Mortensen* gave a gift to St. Paul’s Family Tuition Assistance Fund in memory of Christopher Fischer.

**In memory of Paul Schulz** gifts were given for classroom TV/Monitors by Skip & Mary Schulz and many family and friends.

**In memory of Lucille Frisque:** *For the Parking Lot:* Rich & Karen Zastoupil; Bernie & June Anderson; Gregg & Ellen Davis; Vi Schulze; *Undesignated:* Wes Crosby;

**In memory of Vera Muenchow:** *For the Parking Lot:* Bernie & June Anderson; LaVerne Frisque; Gregg & Ellen Davis; Bill & Jeanne Jannisch;

**In memory of Millie Seidl:** *For Unified/General:* Thomas & Paulette Gerhold; *Undesignated:* Ione Erlien;

**In memory of Joyce Giese:** *For the Parking Lot:* Greg & Jackie Perry; Marion Schumacher; Rich & Karen Zastoupil; Bernie & June Anderson; Bob & Arlene Knudson; LaVerne Frisque; Gregg & Ellen Davis; Bill & Jeanne Jannisch; Jeff & Sonia Elser; Don & Kathy Pingel; Vi Schulze; Ed & Lois James; Chuck & Bobbie Wilke; Jackie Levihn; *For Unified/General:* Dave & Karen Speth; Mal & Dorothy Fischer; *Joyful Noise Adult Choir:* Bob & Lois Cook; Ray & Karen Redmann; *Undesignated:* Ione Erlien; *For St. Paul’s Family Tuition Assistance Fund:* Margaret Mortensen;

**In memory of Shirley Sirek:** *For St. Paul’s Family Tuition Assistance Fund:* Margaret Mortensen.



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of October 1, 2017

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 2016-17**

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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 October 1, 2017

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

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

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

**Thursday:** Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Moms and Tots Playgroup-10a; Ladies' Aid-1:30p; Women's Bible Study-6p; Wor.-6:30p; Joyful Noise-7:30p.

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

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

**Baptisms:** On Saturday we baptize Flynn Thomas Harvey, child of Jason & Stacey (neé Peterson) Harvey. His sponsors are Daniel & Sarah Harvey. At the 10:30a service on Sunday we baptize Hunter Joshua Williamson, child of Joshua & Brianna (neé Westendorf) Williamson. His sponsors are Carissa Frank and Mike Corcoran. Please keep these families in your prayers.

**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 Eugene & Carol Lund in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 1. Thank you, and blessings to you, Eugene & 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. 5, 12; Dec. 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.* At Mercy-Dawn Oas; At St. Mary's-Earl Gunz, Betty Wagner, Olive Ward. Please remember them in your prayers

**Please Check Out the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Display in the back of Church and the Dresses hanging from the balcony.** LWML asks for workers and donations on occasion and this display showcases the results of our labors. This year alone LWML has sent to Orphan Grain Train 100 pillowcase dresses, 106 school bags, 60 feminine kits, and 61 quilts. Some of our quilts also stay in the local area. Thank you to all who participated in the work and to those who donated items. We couldn't do it without you!

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Want to help victims of Hurricane Harvey?** Disaster Relief Teams from throughout our LCMS South Wisconsin District will be forming to help the recovery efforts in Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteers will be transported by district-owned vans. St. Paul's will provide support funds for any St. Paul's members who wish to participate. Scheduled trip dates are: October 21 – 29; November 4 – 12, December 2 – 10, January 6 – 14, and January 20 – 28.

**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School has been exploring being a part of the Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program.** This is a state program that our South Wisconsin District is encouraging each school to join or at least seriously consider. St. Paul's Church Council, church administration, and school administration are all fully supportive of us entering into this program. We have begun completing our registration paperwork. This marks us as an interested school, but it does not bind us to the program in any way. We have had three speakers about this program so far, and there will be a few more in the coming weeks. If you have questions about the program please contact our principal, Rob Lunak (754-4471 ext. 302 or [rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com)). There is an information sheet in the back of church for your review. This is an important decision, and we need every member to be informed about what it means before we vote on it at the Voter's meeting on November 5, 2017.

**Nominations for Called Position Candidates Sought:** St. Paul's School is searching for a Music Teacher and a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher. The Call Committee met and has developed a form for submitting names to be considered for these positions. Forms are available in the back of church or from the school/church office. Forms must be returned to the school/church office by October 13, 2017, to be considered. Thank you.

**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, 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](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**Please join us for a Special Reformation Anniversary Service on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5p.** Pastors from the area will preach and special music will be provided by the choirs of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church and School. Our offering will be sent to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the Texas and Florida/Georgia districts to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

**The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is October 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Science Room of School (room 205).** 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.

2016-17 Council Members are: Ralph Bock, 608-563-2129; Bridget Lindau, Secretary, 608-290-1460; Quentin Schrader, 608-346-0252; Chad Slama, Vice-Chair, 608-346-9485; Brian Garcia, Treasurer, 608-449-4711; Sarah Williams, Chair, 608-295-2806; Jack Eden, 608-751-5999; Jennifer O'Connell, 608-359-3544; Nate Simmons, 608-436-6720.

**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.)

**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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**St. Paul's Lutheran Craft Fair is Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>,** 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 FREE! Lunch will be available. For more information contact Janie Carroll at 608-931-4854.

*Donated Baked Goods Needed:* Please bring baked goods to the gym on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, after 5p. Thank you!

**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 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).

**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.

## 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!**

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

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

**Sun., October 8 from 6 to 7:30p:** Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.

ALL youth (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades) are invited to join in our Bible Study and activities. Our Bible Study is titled: "Earthquake!" based on Acts 16:16-34.

**Senior High Youth Group:** All youth in grades 9 to 12, are invited to stay a little later (from 7:30 to 8:15p) in the gym.

**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.

**Youth Group Lock-In (grades 6-12) on October 6<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>.** *We know this is the night before the State cross country meet. If your youth is going to run in the meet, you are more than welcome to pick them up early from the lock in so that they can get their rest. We are going to meet in Fellowship Hall (church basement) at 7p on Friday, Oct. 6 and be picked up at 7a on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the side doors of school. We would like the youth to bring a sharable snack or drink. Pizza will be provided for a late night snack. The youth team from Concordia Wisconsin will be here to help out, have fun with us, and keep us awake. This is going to be a fun time of fellowship, games, and Bible studies. John Mueller's Cell Phone is (909) 936-3955. Please feel free to contact him if there are any problems or concerns.*

**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 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 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. 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.

**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.

**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.

### ECHO News:

www.echojanesville.org

- **CURRENT ECHO Needs:** Soup & Crackers, mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter & Jelly, feminine products, diapers (larger sizes), deodorant, toilet paper, 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).

**ECHO Thanksgiving Basket Prep** Volunteers are needed from 8a to 1p on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Please call Fran at 754-5333 with questions or to volunteer. Also, volunteer bakers are needed that same day! Please drop off homemade prepackaged cookies and bars (1 dozen per Ziploc bag) at the Fair Grounds from 8 to 10a or at the ECHO office on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> from 9a to noon.

**ECHO Thanksgiving Baskets Canned Cranberry Drive:** Starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>, ECHO will be holding a Canned Cranberry drive, with a goal of collecting 1,200 cans. Please like us on Facebook to hear more information about this and our other efforts!

**Upcoming ECHO Events:** 10/28 Empty Bowls at Parker High School; 11/18 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution at the Rock County Fairgrounds; 11/23 Festival Foods Turkey Trot at Craig High School; 11/26 Holiday Express 2p at the Pontiac Convention Center.

For additional information about these events please contact Jessica at [jlocher@echojanesville.org](mailto:jlocher@echojanesville.org)

### Opportunities at Sister Congregations:

- **St. John, Edgerton Fall Bazaar; Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 11a to 1p; at 207 E High St, Edgerton.** Join us for a Luncheon & Craft & Bake Sale. Our menu is Swiss Steak; Mashed Potatoes & Gravy; Corn; Green Beans; Tossed Salad; Bread and Pies. Cost is \$9 for adults; Children under 12 are \$4. Takeout meals are available.