

Our Stewardship For: Sept. 27, 19 & 30, 2018

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| Church and Communion Attendance: | | Sunday School: | 9-23 | 9-30 | |
| | Church | Comm. | Attendance: | 31 | 28 |
| Thurs.--- | 57 | 48 | Offerings: | \$6.46 | \$3.60 |
| Saturday--- | 126 | 98 | Total Missions: | \$36.85 | |
| 8:00--- | 121 | 98 | <i>ECHO</i> | | |
| 10:30- | 281 | 173 | | | |

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| Our Gifts to God: | 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 30, 2018 | \$14,231.55 |
| | SEPT To Date Giving | \$75,356.40 |
| | 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!

Tim & Dawn Roberts gave a special gift toward the purchase of new grills in memory of Dawn's father, Harvey Riepl, and Dawn's sister, Beth Benedict; *Leonard Zimmerman* gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of Sandra Zimmerman; *Delores Stephan* gave an undesignated gift in memory of Donna Louison;



ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Day Care

OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of October 7, 2018

For the Family of God at St Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Day Care

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St. Paul's Church Council 2017-18

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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 October 7, 2018

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.

Monday: Church Council-6:30p.

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:30a; Financial Peace University-6p; 4H-6:30p; Love & Logic-6:30p.

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

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

Saturday: Orphan Grain Train-8a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-6p.

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

Please join us today (Sunday) for a very special service: **Afternoon Communion** at 1:30 PM

Sympathy: Our prayers are with Michelle Risch and Ericka De War on the loss of mother/grandmother Katheleen Oium.

Our Lord called Judy Matheson to her eternal home on Monday, October 1, 2018. Services are planned for Friday, October 5, 2018. Please remember her family 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 Denny Warnecke in loving memory of his wife, Carol Warnecke. Thank you for the gift. 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. 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. Please remember him in your prayers, along with Pastor David Lieske who has 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!

Thank you for your donations to purchase two new grills for JLIT. These grills will not only be used by the Janesville Lutheran Invitational (basketball) tournament but at other times as well. Thank you for your generosity.

Opportunities to Remember Others In Prayer

Aaron's Hands. Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4th 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*
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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.

Reservation cards for the service and celebration will be distributed during our worship services today and next Sunday. Please fill out this card to enable our planning. Those who do not fill out a card will be contacted to confirm their attendance at the service and celebration.

Help Celebrate LWML Sunday and "Undie Sunday"! Today 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.

Join us for "Knitting for a Purpose" on Monday, Oct. 8 at 6:30p in Room 204 of school. We'll teach you how to knit infant hats using a loom, or if you already knit using a loom or needles please bring your own materials and knit hats with us. Red yarn and looms will be provided. The infant hats will be donated to hospitals to be given to babies in both Mother-Baby units and Neonatal Intensive Care units.

Ladies, Join us for a night of service projects on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We will be making tie blankets to donate to a shelter for battered women. We'll also assemble baskets for homebound members which will be delivered in the days to follow. Please join us!

Orphan Grain Train Day on Saturday, October 27 from 9a to 3p. Please come for an hour or two, or the entire day, and help assemble projects in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Easy projects to assemble are: pillowcase dresses for girls living in orphanages in Africa; feminine kits; quilts; and health kits. Thrivent has generously provided funds for the projects and willing hands are needed to complete these projects. Lunch and beverages will be served. Cinnamon rolls and coffee are available throughout the day. Families are welcome to come and work together as we serve the Lord in helping others in need.

Community Reformation Service on Sunday, October 28 at 6:30p. Local pastors will preach, our school choirs will sing, and we're inviting members of our sister congregations to join us in the celebration of Reformation.

St. Pau's Altar Guild will meet on Wednesday, October 24 at 6:30p in the school library.

October Family Night: St. Paul's Friends and Families of all ages and sizes are encouraged to join us on Wednesday, October 17 beginning at 5p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We'll share a pizza dinner at 5p and then at 5:30p learn ways to pray with your family and together carve a pumpkin using the Pumpkin Prayer. *Bring your own pumpkin(s) for your family and carving utensils.* RSVP to kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com by Tuesday, Oct. 16 with the number of family attending so that we can plan for dinner. Let us also know if you have dietary restrictions so that we can accommodate your needs.

Howdy ya'll! Come on out to Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday, October 16 from 4-8 PM. The 8th grade will be wrangling up some bake goods to sell and 10% of your meal goes to the 8th Grade Florida Trip. You will need to pick up a flyer to present to your server. Look for them to be coming soon.

Help St. Paul's 8th 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), or simply email Mr. Fenrick (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.

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. Check out the introductory video at 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 website or by contacting Scott Gestrich at 608-580-2054 or scott.gestrich@evonik.com

Calling all high school musicians, St. Paul's has started a Youth Praise Band! 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

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

Sun., Oct. 7 from 4 to 5:30p: Youth/Bible Study. We'll begin in the church sanctuary. ALL youth (6th through 12th 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.

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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 8th 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 7th & 8th 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