

Our Stewardship For: Oct. 18, 20 & 21, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:		Sunday School: 10-14	10-21
	Church	Attendance:	30 20
Thurs.---	100	Offerings:	\$7.60 \$4.60
Saturday---	153	Total Missions:	\$55.30
8:00---	121		<i>ECHO</i>
10:30-	254		

Our Gifts to God:	OCT 7, 2018	\$21,193.71
	OCT 14, 2018	\$15,871.90
	OCT 21, 2018	\$18,614.60
	OCT To Date Giving	\$55,680.21
	OCT Monthly Budget Needs	\$72,700.00

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!

Joel & Joyce Hanson gave an undesignated gift “in loving memory of infant son Stephen Michael” on his birthday, 10-27-1974; Duane & Deb Mundth gave a gift for the Parking Lot “in honor of our 35th wedding anniversary on Oct. 29”;



OPPORTUNITIES
For the Week of October 28, 2018
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.

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 28, 2018

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; NO Youth Group tonight; Reformation Service-6:30p.

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:30a; Financial Peace University-6p.

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

Thursday: *No School; PK3 & PK4 In Session*; Women's Bible Study-6p; Comm. Wor.-6:30p.

Friday: *No School; PK3 & PK4 In Session*

Saturday: Craft Fair 9a to 3p; Contemporary Wor.-6p.

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

Sympathy: Our prayers are with Don & Phyllis Stoker on the loss of their step-son, David Bobzien.

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 Duane & Deb Mundth in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary on October 29. 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. 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; At Mercy: Mary Peschl; Lynn Demerath; Ray Redmann. Please remember them in your prayers along with Darrin Riley 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!

Community Reformation Service TONIGHT (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.

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*
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 *Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op*. 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).

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!

The Fall Voter's Assembly will be Monday, October 29, at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Dinner will be served from 6p on. Childcare will also be provided. Please make plans to attend this important meeting as we are electing new officers (three for a three year term and one for a one year term) for Church Council. On the ballot are Rhonda Schulze, Barb Frank, Jen Ellis and Jason Harvey. You'll find handouts (annual report, agenda, meeting minutes, etc.) available in the narthex (back of church)

God truly blessed our "Consecration Weekend" last weekend! 185 households (both individuals and families) completed commitment cards totalling \$12,558.36 each week. If you were not present last weekend and want to be a part of this emphasis, commitment cards are available in the back of church or from the church office. Thank you to everyone who responded.

Every journey of commitment begins with a first step. Today we ask those who are able, to begin your commitment next week. If you are not able to begin your commitment right away, please set a date when you plan to take your next step forward. Praise be to God!

Do you, or someone you know, need leaves raked from your yard? Our Youth would love to help!! Please call the church office at 754-4471 ext. 350 so that we can schedule our Youth group to come to your home and help you get your lawn ready for winter. The Youth will rake on Sunday, November 11. Janesville's leaf pick-up days are Nov. 5 to 16, 2018.

Ladies' Aid Need Volunteers to help with funeral lunches. We are looking for a coordinator and many shift workers. Men are welcome to help, too! By rotating a group of volunteers through a calling list you wouldn't be working every funeral. If you can serve in this way, please contact Judy Perleberg (931-0848) or Stacey in the church office (754-4471). Thank you.

St. Paul's Craft Fair Is Here! Stop by the school gym on Saturday, November 3, from 9a to 3p and get a head start on your Christmas shopping. Then take some baked goods home with you. We have a full assortment of items at our sold-out show. You're sure to find something to take home. All proceeds support the 8th Grade Florida Trip.

All members are invited to dinner with the Adult Fellowship Club. We meet on Tuesday, November 6, at 6p for a meal (please bring a dish to share). Following our meal (around 7p) Uta Brace will share her family's experiences during World War II in Germany.

Lit 'n Lattes Christian Women's Book Club, has chosen "The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers for our next discussion. If you are interested in participating, you'll need to read the book and be ready to discuss it on Tues., Jan. 8 at 6:30 p in room 204 of St. Paul's School.

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 – A new adult membership class began on October 14 –there's still time to join! We meet Sundays 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.

Hearts at Home 2.0 Conference for Christian Moms: *Legacy: Gather, Grow, Go* is March 15-16, 2019, at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. Register at www.heartsathome2.org/2019conference/. Cost is \$80 if registered by Oct. 31; \$100 if registered from Nov. 1, 2018 to Jan. 31, 2019 and \$120 if registering Feb. 1 to 28, 2019. St. Paul's is looking to take a group of moms to the conference. We'll leave Friday, March 15, at 3:30p and return the evening of Sat., March 16. The cost of the hotel room is \$45 per person. You will need to register for the conference on your own. Then contact Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com or call 754-4471 ext. 306 so she can reserve a spot at the hotel for you. This "Mommy School" is a great way to be refueled, learn from other moms, and be equipped for the parenting challenges you face. We'd love to have you participate.

Buffalo Wild Wings Extends Home Team Advantage Program! Thank you for supporting the 7th Grade Washington, DC Trip! Dine at Janesville's Buffalo Wild Wings from now until December 31. When dining simply inform your server you are there supporting St. Paul's Team E. Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of your dinner total to the trip. If you are interested in other ways to support our class trip, please contact Mr. Kroll (754-4471 ext. 207) or email jkroll@stpaulsjanesville.com.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES & CALENDAR

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

NO YOUTH GROUP on October 28, 2018

Sun., Nov. 4 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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Snack Food Needed: Youth Group is now seeking snack food donations for Sunday night meetings. Donations of chips, cookies, pretzels, juices, etc. would be greatly appreciated! Bring them to the Youth Room (basement of school) or place on the ledge in Fellowship Hall (where the stage used to be)—be sure to mark your donation "Youth Group". Thank you!

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.

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

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 send an email to churchoffice@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you!

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

- *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:

- **Pie, Food & Craft Auction on Sunday, November 4 following the worship service (about 12:15p) at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2015 Kellogg Ave, Janesville.** We will also serve a soup luncheon for \$6.00 a bowl.

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.