

## Our Stewardship For: Nov. 15, 17 & 18, 2018

### Church and Communion Attendance:

	Church	Comm.
Thurs.---	79	54
Saturday---		
8:00---	115	102
10:30-	136	

### Sunday School:

Attendance:	36
Offerings:	\$23.15
Total Missions:	\$101.77
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### Our Gifts to God:

NOV 4, 2018	\$21,409.52
NOV 11, 2018	\$15,338.45
NOV 18, 2018	\$19,877.23
NOV To Date Giving	\$56,625.20
NOV Monthly Budget Needs	\$86,300.00

*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.*

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

*Deanna Wolgram and Lee Moore gave gifts to the Comfort Dog Ministry in memory of David Bobzien (step-son of Don Stoker);*



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

## OPPORTUNITIES

### For the Week of November 25, 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](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.**

**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 November 25, 2018

**Sunday:** Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-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.

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

**Wednesday:** Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Women's Bible Study-2p; Aaron's Hands-2:30p; Scoopie Night-4p; Handbells-5:30p, Altar Guild-6:30p; Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

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

**Saturday:** 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; Adult Confirmation-3p; Youth Praise Band-3p; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-6p.

**Baptisms:** In a private ceremony on Friday, we baptize Harper Rae Melton, child of Cody Melton and Samantha Eichelt. Her sponsors are Sierra Eichelt and Alex Hedding. On Sunday at 10:30a we baptize Addison L'wren Jensen, child of Mason & Meghann (née Arnold) Jensen. Her sponsors are Natasha Arnold and Kevin Kolovitz.

**Sympathy:** Our prayers are with Scott Gestrich and family on the loss of his mother, Wendee Gestrich.

**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 Rob & Renae Frisque in celebration of the baptismal birthday of Luke Walker Fenrick on November 29. Thank you. 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: December 16, 23, 30; January 6, 20, 27. 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-Trevor Ratzburg; At Mercy-Mary Peschl, Julie Johnson. Please remember them in your prayers along with Vicki Fetting and Chuck Wilke who have been released.

## 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)

WEDNESDAYS AT 2AP ..... *WOMEN'S STUDY*  
SCHOOL ROOM 204 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

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!

**Advent Devotional Booklets Available:** Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent Devotions for 2018, “The Coming King”, are now available from the back of church. Please feel free to take a few and give them to family and friends.

**Mark Your Calendars for Wednesday, November 28—it’s time for another Youth Group—Culver’s Scoopie Night!** Join us at Culver’s on Milton Avenue, Janesville, from 4 to 8 p.m. St. Paul’s Youth will receive 10% of all sales during those hours. So whether you dine in, carry out, or drive through, you can help our Youth raise money for their activities (like the National Youth Gathering). Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and enjoy a night away from cooking. Remember to purchase SCRIP cards!

**Ladies’ Aid Holiday Bake Sale is Coming!** *We need bakers!* Would you be willing to whip up an extra batch or two of your holiday specialties and donate them to our bake sale? We would appreciate any homemade items: cookies, candies, sweet breads, pies, cakes, cupcakes, etc. Donations can be brought to Fellowship Hall (the church basement) on Saturday, December 8 after 4p. Thank you!

*We also need shoppers!* Stop by Fellowship Hall (the church basement) following worship services the weekend of Dec. 8 & 9 and pick up some delicious baked goods for your holiday entertaining! We’ll have pies, cakes, breads, breakfast and holiday foods available for purchase. All proceeds go toward purchasing needed items for the church and school. Thank you for your continued support.

**Join us for an Advent Family Night: One Starry Night—A Savior is Born.** Wednesday, December 5 from 5 to 6:15p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). There will be dinner and stations of activities for this Bible-Times Christmas Event for Families. RSVP to kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com.

**Kindergarten thru 5th grade students are invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus** on Saturday, December 8th from 4 to 5:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Please bring a small unwrapped toy (\$5 limit) as a gift for Jesus which will be shared with those less fortunate.

**Caring Cards Ministry and Knitting for a Purpose supports GIFTS Men’s Shelter** - Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30p in room 204. We will be having stations to create handmade Christmas cards and to knit hats to be given to GIFTS. You are welcome to participate in either or both of the stations as you wish. If you plan on knitting, we have looms you may use or you can bring your own needles. We’d appreciate it if you could bring your own yarn, any color. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com with questions.

**Singers Wanted:** Do you enjoy singing? The Sunday 10:30 service is looking for more singers to be a part of the praise team. If you are interested, contact Ann Henny at ahenny@stpaulsjanesville.com

**Garden Stepping Stone Craft Party** – We will be crafting beautiful stained glass garden stones as a fundraiser for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington D.C. Classes will be held on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7p and again on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10a. Both classes will meet in the science room (205) at St. Paul’s School. The cost is \$40 with \$30 being returned to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Come check out some samples in the school office. All are welcome to participate. No experience necessary. These make beautiful decorative pieces for your garden or patio and can be given as unique gifts for Christmas, birthdays or Mother’s Day. Payments can be made on the day of the event. Make checks payable to Sue Benedict. Sign up is located in the school office or you can call 608-754-4471 ext. 325 to reserve a spot.

**Advent by Candlelight** will be Sunday, December 2, at 4p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). All women of the congregation, (high school girls and friends, neighbors, and relatives) are welcome to join us for a devotion, entertainment, appetizers and desserts. Sign up using the insert in this issue of *Opportunities*. Forms may be placed in the back of church or given to the school/church office. Members of St. Paul’s are asked to bring a donation for St. Paul’s Cheer Baskets. *If anyone would like to help with decorating the tables, donating an appetizer or dessert, please contact Brenda Eden at 608-751-3228 or 57b.eden@gmail.com*

**Ladies Aid and LWML Lunch:** The December meeting for Women in Mission (LWML) will be a fellowship lunch gathering with Ladies Aid held at Mac’s Pizza Shack on Thursday, December 6th, at 12:30p. Remember to bring your mites that day or to Advent by Candlelight. Also, please be praying and preparing to vote on mission grants in January.

**Church Custodian Needed:** Christine Gray, our current church custodian, will be stepping down at the end of the year. We are looking for a replacement to start in January. Schedule can be somewhat flexible, approximately 10-15 hours per week. Please contact Cindy Perkins (608-754-4471 ext. 307 or cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com) for more information."

## 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., November 26: The Fifth Annual Turkey Olympics!** Join us today from 4 to 6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) and test your skill in the Turkey Relay, the Turkey Toss, and more! Open to all youth in grades 6 through 12 and your friends. Please join us!

**Sun., December 2 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.

**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.

### Opportunities at Sister Congregations:

- **Everyone His Witness Workshop; on Saturday, December 1, from 8:30a to 4p at Messiah Lutheran, 1531 Townline, Beloit WI.** Registration is from 8 to 8:30a. The cost is \$12 per person and includes a workbook. Meals will be provided for a free-will offering.
- **Christmas Concert featuring Elinor Paulison on Thursday, December 20, at 6p at St Mark Lutheran Church, 2921 Mt. Zion Ave, Janesville.** Enjoy a free concert of Christmas favorites and original songs by Ellie. Bake sale items will be available for purchase and free-will donations are appreciated. All proceeds will support Ellie's work with orphans in Russia.

**Germany Trip:** Members of St. Paul's Janesville are invited to join members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Delavan on a 2020 trip to experience Luther's Germany, and the highlights of Bavaria which includes the world famous PASSION PLAY in Oberammergau from September 24, 2020, to October 5, 2020.

Included is round trip air Chicago to Berlin en-route and from Munich to Chicago return, hotel accommodations in charming old-world hotels, ground transportation with deluxe private motor coach, daily breakfasts and a total of 8 dinners, admission to Luther sites in Wittenberg, Eisleben, and Eisenach, as well as admission to Neuschwanstein Castle and first-class tickets to the Passion Play all for only \$3,899.00 per person (double occupancy). Early sign-up includes a \$100.00 discount per person if reservation is received before December 31, 2018.

For further information e-mail Cheryl Kaufenberg at [kaufenbergc@gmail.com](mailto:kaufenbergc@gmail.com) or telephone her at 262-882-5333 (home) leaving message if necessary.

### Holiday Worship Opportunities:

Wednesday Advent	December 5	12:15p and 6:30p
NO WORSHIP, Thursday, December 6		
Saturday	December 8	6p
Sunday	December 9	8a and 10:30a
Wednesday Advent	December 12	12:15p and 6:30p
NO WORSHIP, Thursday, December 13		
Saturday	December 15	6p
Sunday	December 16	8a and 10:30a
Children's Christmas Program	December 16	4p in St. Paul's Gym
Wednesday Advent	December 19	12:15p and 6:30p
NO WORSHIP, Thursday, December 20		
Saturday	December 22	6p-No Communion
Sunday	December 23	8a and 10:30a-No Comm.
Christmas Eve	December 24 at 4p	Family Comm. Wor with Candlelighting
	December 24 at 6:30p	Contemp. CommWorship with Candlelighting
	December 24 at 9p	Trad. Comm Worship with Candlelighting
Christmas Day	December 25	9a Traditional Comm Wor
NO EVENING WORSHIP Thursday, December 27		
Saturday	December 29	6p
Sunday	December 30	8a and 10:30a
New Year's Eve	December 31	6:30p with Holy Communion
New Year's Day	January 1, 2019	9a with Holy Communion