

Our Stewardship For: Nov. 21, 22, 24, & 25, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:

Sunday School:

	Church	Comm.
Thanks Eve	152	116
Thanks Day	64	44
Saturday---	184	160
8:00---	114	
10:30-	177	118

Our Gifts to God:

NOV 4, 2018	\$21,409.52
NOV 11, 2018	\$15,338.45
NOV 18, 2018	\$19,877.23
NOV 21 & 22, 2018	\$3,554.50
NOV 25, 2018	\$12,115.30
NOV To Date Giving	\$72,295.00
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!

Family and Friends of Donna Louison gave gifts in her memory to the Parking Lot;



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of December 2, 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 December 2, 2018

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; Advent by Candlelight-4p; Public School Confirmation-4p; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-6p.

Tuesday: Bible Study-9:30a; Adult Fellowship -6p.

Wednesday: Chapel-8:15a; Women's Bible Study-9a; Advent Wor.-12:15p; Women's Bible Study-2p; Advent Wor-6:30p.

Thursday: Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Ladies' Aid/LWML Lunch at Mac's Pizza-12:30p; Women's Bible Study-6p; NO Evening Worship.

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

Worship Folders: The folders today are given by Paul & Vicki Fetting in celebration of their 18th wedding anniversary on December 3. Happy Anniversary, Paul & Vicki! 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: Dec. 16, 23, 30; Jan. 6, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 24. Thank you.

Hospitalized: Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit. Please remember all who are ill in your prayers, especially Mary Peschl and Julie Johnson who have been released.

Special Appeal to Thursday Night Worshipers: St. Paul's Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 1 starting at 8a in the sanctuary of church. Much help is needed! If you are able, please join us as we begin the celebration of the birth of our Savior!

Advent Envelopes Have Incorrect Dates—It's been brought to our attention that the special Advent Offering envelopes in your envelope boxes have the incorrect date on them. They have the dates of Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13. The correct dates are Dec. 5, 12 and 19. We're sorry for any confusion this has caused. We will be celebrating Advent with special worship services on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at 12:15p and 6:30p.

You're invited to celebrate Christmas with the Adult Fellowship Club! Please join us on Tuesday, December 4 beginning at 6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We'll start with a meal; please bring a dish to share. Then we'll listen to the sounds of the holiday as Ann Henny accompanies Miss Ruth Ann Schultz's First Grade Choir in singing praises to God for sending us His Son, our Savior.

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)

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!

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.

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Quilt Sale: Lutheran Women in Mission have completed six special quilts to be auctioned off in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Included are the following designs: Green Bay Packer; University of Wisconsin; St. Paul's Basketball colors; an embroidered baby quilt; multi-colored red and white; and a multi-colored quilt in shades of brown and tan. Check out the quilts displayed. Bids may be made by placing your name and your bid on the attached sheets of paper on each quilt. Proceeds from these quilts and an assortment of microwave pot holders will be sent to several mission projects in January.

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 6:30p in room 204 of St. Paul's School.

New Women's Bible Study begins in January - *Altogether Beautiful* is a video-based study of the book of Song of Songs. Song of Songs was written by Heidi Goehmann who is our speaker for our spring event. We'll meet Wednesdays at 9a and 2p or Thursdays at 6p beginning, Jan. 9 and 10, 2019 in room 204 of the school. The cost of the workbook is \$13.00. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com by Jan., 3, 2019 to reserve your spot and to order a book.

Save the Date: Our next Gala of Giving is set for Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 5p.

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

Share Your Holiday with Others: St. Paul's Congregation delivers Christmas Cheer Baskets to members who need a little extra help to make ends meet. You can help by contributing dish washing liquid, laundry detergent, bath soap, facial tissue, paper towels, toilet paper, canned soups (mushroom, tomato, chicken, etc.), canned cranberry sauce, canned tuna, peanut butter and jams/jellies; or any non-perishable food item. Please bring your gifts to Fellowship Hall by December 17. There will be a table set up for your donations. Thank you! *Could you or someone you know use a Christmas Cheer Basket?* Please contact David Jass at 608-755-0564. All calls remain confidential.

Ladies' Aid Collecting Items for Rock Haven's Canteen. The canteen provides residents of Rock Haven the opportunity to "purchase" items for themselves and for their family/friends. We're looking for new or gently used items. Rock Haven has very few restrictions and many interests that include: those free calendars, wrapping paper and cards you receive in the mail or free samples of shampoo, conditioner, and lotions; movies on VHS and DVD; Music CDs and cassettes; Books; stuffed animals are popular to give to grandkids and toys for all ages; knick-knacks; clothes—all sizes for men and women, fuzzy socks and slippers; jewelry and nail polish (this is VERY popular); craft supplies; purses, coin purses, make-up bags, hair scrunchies, makeup. The list is endless. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Please make your donations by December 16, 2018. Thank you!

Garden Stepping Stone Craft Party – We will be crafting beautiful stained glass garden stones as a fundraiser for the 7th grade class trip to Washington D.C. Classes will be held on Friday, December 7th at 7p and again on Saturday, January 19th 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 7th 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.

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.

Have you seen the new Information Screen in the back of church? Thanks to a generous donation from four school alumni we have been able to purchase multiple TV Screens for use throughout church and school. There's one in the entryway of school, one in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) that is used to display the hot lunch menu; and now one in the Narthex. Please stop by and check it out!

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."

Donate to St. Paul's Using Your Smart Phone: St. Paul's now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Just download the free GivePlus Mobile app from the App Store or Google Play. The first time you download the GivePlus app, you will be prompted to enter our church name. After selecting St. Paul's Church, it automatically becomes your "home" church. You are not charged a fee to make donations using this app and your gifts may be a one-time gift or recurring gifts. St. Paul's is also looking into adding Give by Text as a donation option in the future. Watch for more information as this rolls out.

Give Online this Christmas: As you contemplate donations this Christmas season, please keep St. Paul's in mind. Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses---both are deserving of your support. Please be as generous as you can this Christmas and in the year ahead. For the convenience of church members, we offer online giving. To donate, visit the church website at www.stpaulsjanesville.com, locate the link to our online giving page (it's the "Donate" button in the middle of the page) and follow the instructions.

The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is December 10, 2018, 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.

2018-19 Council Members are: Jack Eden- 608-751-5999; Jennifer O'Connell, 608-359-3544; Rhonda Schulze, 920-946-7417; Jeff Elser, 608-752-5120; Tom Neumann, 608-751-4504, Laura Manke, 608-563-1142; Jen Ellis, 608-449-3072, Barb Frank, 608-718-1278; Jason Harvey, 608-322-9443.

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!

Sun., Dec. 2 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.

Sun., Dec. 9 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.

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:

- **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.

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.

In Advent, we wait for our coming King. The Church Year begins with Advent (from Latin *adventus*, which means "coming into"), a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was just right, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the world.

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