

Our Stewardship For: Nov. 29, Dec. 1 & 2, 2018

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| Church and Communion Attendance: | | Sunday School: |
| | Church | Comm. |
| Thurs.--- | 67 | 52 |
| Saturday--- | 91 | |
| 8:00--- | 136 | 110 |
| 10:30- | 258 | |

Attendance:
Offerings: \$
Total Missions: \$
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| Our Gifts to God: | DEC 2, 2018 | \$19,082.65 |
| | DEC To Date Giving | \$19,082.65 |
| | DEC Monthly Budget Needs | \$103,600.00 |

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!

Doris Alwin gave an undesignated gift in memory of Bob Arnold; Tim & Pat Ebeling gave a gift for the Parking Lot in thanksgiving for blessings received; Marion Ludwig gave a gift to the Parking Lot in celebration of her 105th birthday on Dec. 21; Bill & Jeanne Jannisch gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of “our grandson, Michael Jannisch”;



OPPORTUNITIES
For the Week of December 9, 2018
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 2018-19

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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 9, 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; Youth/Bible Study-4p; Sr. High Youth/Bible Study-6p.

Monday: Church Council-6:30p.

Tuesday: NO AM Bible Study; 4-H-6:30p.

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; Women's Bible Study-6p; NO Evening worship.

Saturday: Contemporary Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Comm. Wor.-8a; Sunday School/Bible Studies-9:15a; Joyful Noise-9:15a; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; Children's Christmas Program-4p.

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 Don & Kathy Pingel in celebration of their daughter, Alexandra's 16th birthday on December 9. Happy Birthday, Alexandra! 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. Thank you.

Birthday Greetings: On December 16, Dorothy Wittenberg celebrates her 93rd birthday. Cards may be sent to 3801 N Wright Rd, # 261, Janesville WI 53546.

On December 20, Kathy Schneider celebrates her 90th birthday. Her address is 1600 E Williams, Beloit WI 53511.

And on December 21, Marion Ludwig celebrates her 105th birthday (making her St. Paul's oldest member.) Marion's address is 109 S Atwood St, # 20, Janesville WI 53545.

We would like to wish a very Happy & Blessed birthday to Dorothy, Kathy & Marion!

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 Deb Shepard who has been released.

Wedding Blessings: Please keep Paul Nelson in your prayers as he marries Courtney Donehue on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will not meet in the month of December.

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 **NOT MEETING IN DECEMBER** *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 *Camp LuWiSoMo Campers*. 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 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.

Ladies' Aid Holiday Bake Sale is HERE! Stop by Fellowship Hall (the church basement) following worship services this weekend (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.

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.

New School/Church Wish List Is Available: Are you looking for somewhere to give a special gift this Christmas? Why not check out our Wish List? It's available on our website, www.stpaulsjanesville.com. There are also copies in the school/church office.

Hey! 4 & 5th Graders! Have We Got a Group For YOU! We are starting up a 4 & 5 Grade ministry that is going to meet after classes at St. Paul's School. The first meeting will be on December 11 from after school (3p) till 4:30p. We will be meeting in the Church Fellowship Hall (church basement). During this time we will be having a snack, work on a service project for St Paul's, play a game, and have a Bible Study. We hope all of the 4th to 5th graders can make it. If you cannot make it this time there will be more activities in the months to come. If you have any questions please ask John Mueller at jmueller@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Thank You! The 8th grade would like to thank all of those who donated to their Florida Trip using the "Envelope Tree." Your support is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for the students and their parents throughout the school year.

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness! St. Paul's members are encouraged to pick up some "Random Acts of Christmas Kindness" cards from the back of church or the school/church office. Then hand these cards out after you do an act of kindness (pay for someone's coffee or meal; let someone in a checkout line ahead of you; you get the idea!). This is a simple way to spread Jesus' love as we celebrate His birth.

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!

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!

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.

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. 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.

Sun., Dec. 16 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.

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 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:

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| 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 |
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| 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. |
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| 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 |
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| Christmas Day | December 25 | 9a Traditional Comm Wor |
| NO EVENING WORSHIP Thursday, December 27 | | |
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| 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 |