

Our Stewardship For: Dec. 12, 15 & 16, 2018

Church and Communion Attendance:		Sunday School:	
	Church	Comm.	Attendance:
Wed. 12:15	21		Offerings: \$13.37
6:30	103		Total Missions: \$
Saturday---	131		<i>ECHO</i>
8:00---	188	133	
10:30-	189		

Our Gifts to God:	DEC 2, 2018	\$19,082.65
	DEC 9, 2018	\$22,530.76
	DEC 16, 2018	\$15,361.54
	DEC To Date Giving	\$56,974.95
	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!

The O’Connell Family gave a gift to the Wish List for music items in honor of Wraith, Wrileigh and Wronan and Noah Huenerberg; Elaine Ingold gave a gift for the Parking Lot in memory of her husband, Carl, whose birthday would have been on December 30; Joel & Joyce Hanson gave a gift to the Comfort Dog Ministry in celebration of “Joyce’s birthday on December 24”; Frank & Mary Splinter gave a gift to the Parking Lot in memory of loved ones;

In memory of Bill Leopold (Deb Natz’s father): *St. Paul’s School Wish List:* David & Janet Jass; Karla Spoon; *Parking Lot:* Bob & Arlene Knudson; Chrisann Lemery, Craig & Patty Seeman, and Carrie & Jack Licht; Gwen & Dave Brassington;



OPPORTUNITIES

For the Week of December 23, 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 23, 2018

Sunday: Wor.-8a; NO Sunday School/Bible Studies; Joyful Noise; Contemporary Wor.-10:30a; NO Youth Group.

Monday: *Christmas Eve; No School; Church Office Open 8:30a to noon;* Family Communion Worship with Candlelighting-4p; Contemporary Communion Worship with Candlelighting-6:30p; Traditional Communion Worship with Candlelighting-9p.

Tuesday: *Christmas Day; No School; Offices Closed;* Communion Worship-9a.

Wednesday: *No School;* Contemp. Rehearsal-6:30p.

Thursday: *No School;* NO Evening Worship.

Friday: *No School.*

Saturday: Contemporary Comm. Wor.-6p.

Next Sunday: Comm. Wor.-8a; NO Sunday School/Bible Studies; Joyful Noise; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a.

Worship Folders: 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. 30; Jan. 6, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Thank you.

Birthday Greetings: On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, Carol Turner celebrates her 90th birthday. Cards may be sent to 3821 Goldenrod Pl, Janesville WI 53546. Have a very blessed birthday, Carol.

Hospitalized: *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including Ray Redmann, Jeff Swanson, Darrin Riley and Deb Shepard who have been released.

Church Office Holiday Hours: Monday, Dec. 24 open from 8:30a to noon; Closed Dec. 25; open from 8:30a to 4:30p Dec. 26, 27 & 28; Closed Dec. 31 & January 1 & 2, 2019.

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

Used Christmas Lights Can Be Recycled! Frustrated with those lights that never work? Don't throw them away! Bring them to the barrel outside of Miss. Schultz's classroom (Room 105 of School). We'll collect them and recycle them to earn money for St. Paul's.

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.

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!

St. Paul's School Needs Long Term Substitute Teacher for 5th grade beginning in February and lasting until the end of the school year in June. For more information please contact Rob Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com or 608-754-4471 ext. 302.

St. Paul's School Seeks Elementary Teacher: We will be sending a call for a new teacher in the coming months. Currently we are asking for any names of people we could consider for a teaching position here at St. Paul's. If you have any suggestions, please share them with Mr. Rob Lunak at rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com. Thank you.

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.

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

Get your friends together to beat the winter blues by joining us at Fermenting Cellars Winery, 2004 W Manogue Rd, Janesville, for a Murder Mystery dinner on Saturday, February 2, from 6-9p. The cost is \$65.00 per person, which includes a grilled ribeye steak dinner, with baked potato bar, roll, vegetable, dessert, wine-beer-soda and a donation to St. Paul's Parking Lot. We have spots for 30 adults. Please contact Brenda Eden 608-751-3228 or 57b.eden@gmail.com to sign up, for payment information or questions. RSVP by December 29 2018.

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 Saturday, January 19th at 10a 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."

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. 23 NO Youth Group.

Sun., Dec. 30 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.

NO Sunday School or Bible Study in Room 204 on December 23 or 30th. Both will resume on January 6, 2019.

Holiday Worship Opportunities:

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