

## Our Stewardship For: Dec. 13, 16, 17, 20, 24, 25, 2017

<b>Church and Communion Attendance:</b>		<b>Sunday School:</b>	12-17
Church	Comm.	Attendance:	38
Wed. 12:15p---	23	Offerings:	\$
Wed. 6:30p---	200	Total Missions:	\$
Saturday---	159	<i>GIFTS Men's Shelter</i>	
8:00a---	158		127
10:30--	165		
Wed. 12:15p	17		
Wed. 6:30p	107		
<i>Christmas Eve</i>			
4:00p	650		365
6:30p	249		201
9:00p	217		165
<i>Christmas Day</i>			
9:00a	87		80

<b>Our Gifts to God:</b>	DEC 3, 2017	\$23,825.90
	DEC 10, 2017	\$18,741.52
	DEC 17, 2017	\$17,715.06
	DEC 20, 2017	\$2,280.84
	DEC 24 & 25, 2017	\$38,725.64
	DEC To Date Giving	\$101,288.96
	DEC Monthly Budget Needs	\$92,400.00

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

*Frank & Mary Splinter* gave a gift for the Parking Lot in memory of loves ones at Christmas time; *Jack & Sue Arnold* gave a gift for the Parking Lot in memory of Carol Strunz and Betty Wagner; *Dave & Julie Engebretson* gave a gift for the Parking Lot in memory of Carol Strunz and Jean Zielinger; *Richard De War* gave a gift for the Tuition Assistance Endowment fund in memory of Linda De War; *The James Knudson Family* gave a gift for the School Wish List in memory of Beverly Knudson;



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

## OPPORTUNITIES

### For the Week of December 31, 2017



**For the Family of God at St Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Day Care**  
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#### St. Paul's Church Council 2017-18

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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 and a link to the "Principal's Pads" under the "School" tab.

**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 31, 2017

**Sunday:** *New Year's Eve*; Comm. Wor.-8a; Contemporary Comm. Wor.-10:30a.

**Monday:** *New Year's Day*; Comm. Wor. 9a.

**Tuesday:** *No School.*

**Wednesday:** Chapel-8:15a; Handbells-5:30p, Contemp Rehearsal-6:30p.

**Thursday:** Breakfast Bible Study-6:30a; Moms and Tots Playgroup-10a; 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; Confirmation Parent Mtg-4:30p; Youth/Bible Study-6p; Sr. High Youth Bible Study-7:30p.

**Sympathy:** Our prayers are with Robert Calderwood and family at the recent loss of his father, Robert G. Calderwood II. Lord, please be with those who mourn.

Our Lord called Vivian Butke to her eternal home on December 22, 2017. Services were held on December 27, 2017. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Our Lord called James Knudson to his eternal home on December 24, 2017. Services were held on December 30, 2017. Please remember his family in your prayers, especially his daughters Nancy Griffith and Julie Murph.

**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:** 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: January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25. Thank you.

**Birthday Greetings:** On January 1 2018, Doris Alwin celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her address is 10922 E County Rd MM, Avalon 53505. Also on January 1, Mrs. Norma Bluhm celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Her address is The Villa at PA Peterson, 1311 Parkview Ave # 116, Rockford IL 61007. A very Happy Birthday to Doris and Norma!

**Hospitalized:** *Please notify us when in the hospital (and let us know at which hospital) so pastors and staff members can visit.* At Mercy-Al Schiefelbein. Please remember him in your prayers along with Joyce Schroeder, Darrin Riley, Nancy Zastrow, Evelyn Callahan, and Michelle S. Welton who have been released.

**The School/Church Office will be closed the following days:** January 1 & 2, 2018.

## Opportunities to Remember Others In Prayer

**Pray for Us Missionary Calendar Available!** You are invited to pick up the most recent prayer calendar, showing prayer requests submitted to LCMS World Mission by our co-workers in the Lord's Mission around the world. They are available in the back of church.

**Aaron's Hands.** Aaron's Hands is an informal prayer group that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday afternoon of the month, from 2 to 3 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.

**Parents In Prayer meets Tuesdays from 8 to 9 a.m.** in the conference room of school. This group is for moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone who would like to pray for our school, teachers, students, and staff. We meet every Tuesday that school is in session. For more details, contact Lisa Stanton at 608-563-0203.

## Opportunities to Be in God's Word: Weekly Bible Studies

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A (BEGINNING JAN. 7).....*JESUS' STORIES AND OUR STORY*  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ..... *VICAR MARIN CERCHEZ*

SUNDAYS AT 9:30A ..... *"LOVE RULES"*  
SCHOOL ROOM 202 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30A  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ..... *THE GOSPEL OF LUKE* WITH PASTOR DAN DECKER

WEDNESDAYS AT 9A ..... *WOMEN'S STUDY*  
SCHOOL ROOM 202 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

THURSDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ..... WITH BARRY & RUTH WIER (608-752-9330)

THURSDAYS AT 6:30P ..... *WOMEN'S STUDY*  
SCHOOL ROOM 202 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

**Mites Support Missions with Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)!** For the next two years (2016-2018), St. Paul's Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will be using their mites to support eleven mission grants. Our next project is *Free at Last Ministry to Women*. 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).

**Voters Extend Calls:** At the Voters Call Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 it was decided to extend a call to Anne Henny as our music teacher and a call to Katie Huie to be our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Please keep Anne and Katie in your prayers as they consider where the Lord would have them serve.

**Used Christmas Lights Can Be Recycled!** Frustrated with those lights that never work? Don't throw them away! Bring them to Mrs. Kristen Gestrich's classroom (Room 104 of School) and she can recycle them to earn money for St. Paul's.

**New Sunday Morning Bible Study Starting January 7, 2018.** You're invited to join us at 9:15a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) as we take a look at *Jesus' Stories and Our Stories*. Vicar Marin Cerchez will lead us in a closer look at Jesus' parables and how to apply the lessons learned from them to our faith life. Jesus used parables to teach others how to share their faith. We can use our own experiences to talk about our faith with others.

**Women's Bible Study to begin Wed.,** Jan. 10 at 9a and Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6p. Both studies will be held in room 202 of St. Paul's School. We will learn how to equip ourselves with God's truths to be able to stand firm in our faith against the schemes of the devil. We will be focusing on Ephesians 6:10-19. The cost of the workbook is \$13.00. RSVP to [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) by Thurs., Jan. 4 to ensure we have enough workbooks for everyone interested.

**Date Night Out, a fun time for couples to grow and connect in their marriage, begins Monday, Jan. 15 at 6p in room 202 of the school.** This relationship study, based on "For Women Only, For Men Only" by Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn, looks at the differences between men and women and how those affect our marriages. You will be offered insights and practical tips for understanding the opposite sex. Men and women will be discussing topics separately and will come back together to wrap up each session. We'll enjoy appetizers and desserts following our study. A total of 3 sessions will be held. One in Jan., Feb, and Mar. The study ends by going on a group date to a restaurant. Date/place to be determined by the couples that attend. RSVP by Fri., Jan. 12 to [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) to reserve your spot. Please indicate if you would like to purchase the accompanying participants guides, which will be a total of \$25.00 for both books.

**The Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is January 8, 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.

2017-18 Council Members are: Bridget Lindau, 608-290-1460; Brian Garcia, 608-449-4711; Sarah Williams, 608-295-2806; Jack Eden, 608-751-5999; Jennifer O'Connell, 608-359-3544; Nate Simmons, 608-436-6720; Jeff Elser, 608-752-5120; Tom Neumann, 608-756-1978, Laura Manke, 608-563-1142.

**Let's Give Pastor Paul & Chris Garchow a Special Christmas Gift!** *Pastor Paul Garchow served St. Paul's congregation for 32 years, retiring in 2011. He continues his battle with pancreatic cancer.* Let's show our support by giving a special gift this Christmas. We will collect a special door offering following the Christmas worship services, or place your gift in an envelope marked "Pastor Paul" and place in the offering plate, or turn in to the church office. Donations will be accepted through December 31. Make checks payable to St. Paul's, and we'll write one big check from the congregation. Thank you!

If you would like to send them a Christmas Card, their address is: 1525 Wildrose St, Belvidere IL 61008.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming to St. Paul's!** Ben Wright will lead the 9-week money management education series, which will be held Monday evenings from 6-8p in Kathy Pingel's Room 202 starting January 22nd. To register and order your materials, contact Ben at [\(608\) 698-1336](tel:6086981336), email Ben at [benjamin.scott.wright@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.scott.wright@gmail.com), or use this link: <https://fpu.com/1053541>. Class materials cost \$129 per household, but a generous St. Paul's couple (who wish to remain anonymous) will reimburse that dollar amount to St. Paul's members who attend 8 of the 9 sessions. Please consider this opportunity and sign up today!

## 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., Dec. 31 from 6 to 7:30p:** Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.

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 7:30 to 8:15p) in the gym.

**Sun., Jan. 7 from 6 to 7:30p:** Youth/Bible Study in Youth Room.

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 7:30 to 8:15p) 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 and three year old students must have a parent with them). We meet in room 202 for opening and then head down to our classrooms to meet our teachers.

**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. It's NOT Sunday school – it's so much more. You don't want to miss the fun! Contact Josh Blake