

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday 3/22

- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal: Palm Sun., Good Friday (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Weekly SHiNe Prayer Time (Welcome Center Area)
- 12:00 pm Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (Rm 122)
- 6:30 pm THRIVE Community Hangout Night (@Pastor Doug's)

### Monday 3/23

### Tuesday 3/24

- 5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
- 5:30 pm SHiNe Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

### Wednesday 3/25 Join us for Midweek Lenten Worship

- 11:00 am Ministry to Mature (Great Room)
- 12:15 pm **Lenten Worship** (Traditional)
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner: Baked Potato Bar (Fellowship Area)
- 6:30 pm **Lenten Worship** (Contemporary)

### Thursday 3/26 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir & Winds 6:30pm

- 5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
- 6:30 am (Barr) Men's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)
- 9:30 am "Covenant" Women's Bible Study (Great Room)
- 6:30 pm Basics 1&2 Class Meeting (LCR)

### Friday 3/27

### Saturday 3/28 Message: "Jesus Engaged the Culture"

- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

### Sunday 3/29 Message: "Jesus Engaged the Culture"

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal: Good Friday, Easter (Sanctuary)
- 9:20 am Education Time
- 9:30 am Weekly SHiNe Prayer Time (Welcome Center Area)
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
- THRIVE Praise - Winter Jam in Peoria, IL

### MATTHEW WEST CONCERT - SAT. APRIL 4TH @7PM

The Live Forever Tour with Matthew West & Special Guest Colton Dixon  
Decatur Civic Center Arena - Tickets at [www.decaturoviccenter.org](http://www.decaturoviccenter.org)

*A great opportunity for you and your family  
to kick off your Easter celebration together!*

### We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 790  
4 Week Avg. Attendance: 798

**...Better Together!**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 29th

THRIVE Youth "Winter Jam" concert (Peoria, IL)

### March 29th - April 3rd Holy Week

Palm Sunday (3/29) worship at 8:00am & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday (4/2) worship at 7:00pm

Good Friday (4/3) worship at 1:00pm & 7:00pm

### April 4th

SPL Family Easter Celebration & Annual Egg Hunt (10:00am)

**April 4th Get your tickets now at [www.decaturoviccenter.org](http://www.decaturoviccenter.org)**

**The Live Forever Tour with Matthew West (7pm @DCC Arena)**

### April 5th

Easter Sunday worship at 6:30am, 8:00am & 10:30am

New Member Welcome at 10:30am worship

Easter Breakfast 7:30am-10:15am (Fellowship Area)

### April 8th

F3 Spring 2015 Session Begins (Info available later this month)

### April 11th

Mommy & Me: Pray - Play - Connect (9:00-10:30am @SPL)

### April 18th

Annual LSA Dinner Auction (@Mt. Zion Convention Center)

### April 26th

Family & Faith Celebration: Confirmation (at 10:30am Worship)

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM Worship

March 21 & 22, 2015

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Wray Offermann

### Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, You alone have the Words of eternal life. In this world where truth is relative and morals are redirected and prescribed by mankind, call us again back to Your Word. We desire to stand on and speak for Your truth. We desire to do this in love. Create new hearts within us that are challenged to obey Your Will for the sake of others who need to hear it. And send to us your Spirit to provide the strength to do so. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Call to Worship

*Greater*

### Welcome

### Opening Praise

*Jesus Move*

### Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:18-25

*All I Am*

### Message

"Engage the Culture - Respond to: Sexual Identity"

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 19-20

### Offering

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

*Soul on Fire*



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## Confession of Sins

Dear Father, Your Word is clear. All life outside the path You have designed only leads to death. I have failed to walk that path. I have chosen death. More than this, there are times when I willfully commit the same sins that I know are wrong. The sins You have forgiven me for and rescued me from, but I have chosen to return to them. My desire to repent so often grows weak and weary. This is the darkest, most dangerous place in my life – and I give it over now to You. (Pause for reflection.) Oh wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

## Words of Institution

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the following page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer ministers are available at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

## Communion

*We All Bow Down*

*Man of Sorrows*

*He Knows My Name*

## Prayers of the Church

*A handout of this week's prayer concerns is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would continue to pray about these concerns.*

## The Lord's Prayer

## Blessing

## Closing Song

*I Have A Hope*

Have you been serving in the community and making a Kingdom Impact? Be sure to place your hand on the Kingdom Tree. Available following worship in the Fellowship Area.

## Join us for our final week of Midweek Lenten Services

**Wednesday, March 25th at 12:15pm or 6:30pm**

Dinner served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Area

This week features Baked Potato Bar

Provided by the SPL Guatemala Mission Team

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of 57 years of marriage for Edwin and Janet Brozio.

## Flowers on the Altar - Correction

From last weekend, Flowers on the Altar were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of Russ and Melody Bodine, from Mary Bodine.

## Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (*They are not merely symbolically present.*)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.\*

*\*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.*

## MESSAGE NOTES

**"RE: Sexual Identity"**

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*Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the sanctuary.*

## Preparing for Easter

- Visit the Flower Board in the Fellowship Area to place your order for Easter Flowers for 2015! This year we have quantities of lilies, tulips, hyacinth, and daffodils for \$6.00/pot, and an additional limited quantity of larger mixed bulb pots for \$8.00 each.
- Donations are needed for Easter Breakfast items (Sunday 4/5 from 7:30-10:15am. If you can contribute or help in some way, please contact the church office at 423-6955.

## LOVE PACKAGES

We will continue to collect items for the Love Packages ministry through Easter. The bin is located at the Connection Center.

## CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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**Children's Ministry:** SHiNe with us on Sundays at 9:20am (Saturday 6:15pm) for children's education time. PreK-K meet in 206. 1st-4th Gr. meet in 203 to start. Gr. 5/6 meet in the Choir Room. Parents - Join us for Prayer Time on Sundays @9:30am (come to the armchairs in the Welcome Center Area).

**Easter Event:** SPL Family Easter Event & Annual Egg Hunt, Saturday 4/4 at 10am. Potluck breakfast, devotional, and crafts, followed by the annual Egg Hunt! Candy donations needed - contact Jennifer Power at 423-6955 or jennifer@spldecat.org.

**Youth Ministry:** THRIVE Senior High Youth Sundays at 9:20am (214B). Grade 7/8 meets in Rm 122. (pastordoug@spldecat.org)

**THRIVE EVENT:** WINTER JAM with THRIVE on Sunday 3/29 in Peoria, IL. Contact Pastor Doug Bender for details and more info (pastordoug@spldecat.org or 423-6955.