

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 4/5

7:30 am Easter Breakfast (served until 10:15am)
8:00 am Easter Worship "A Matter of Death & Life"
9:45 am New Member Presentation (Great Room)
10:30 am Easter Worship "A Matter of Death & Life"

Monday 4/6 Church Offices Closed

Tuesday 4/7 Election Day

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

Wednesday 4/8 F3 Spring 2015 Session Begins!

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Great Room)
5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Pizza, Sides, Dessert (Fellowship Area)
6:30 pm F3 Classes Begin

Thursday 4/9 - 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)
5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting (LCR)
6:00 pm Choir Potluck (Fellowship Area)

Friday 4/10

Saturday 4/11

9:00 am Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (Fellowship Area)
4:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship "We Will Tell the Next Gen..."

Sunday 4/12 NEXT Day of Prayer

8:00 am Traditional Worship "We Will Tell the Next Generation"
9:20 am Education Time (Children, Youth, Adults)
10:30 am Contemporary Worship "We Will Tell the Next Gen..."

BOARD OF ELDERS NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee for the 2015-2016 term of service for the SPL Board of Elders has formed. Led by Darren Reynolds, the committee includes Dave Pritts, Chuck Schuette, Mike Mize, and Ed Moss. They are currently accepting Elder nominations and will continue to receive them through April 30th.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 1001
4 Week Avg. Attendance: 857

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 12th

NEXT Family Day of Prayer

April 18th Get your tickets now at LSA - call 233-2001

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

April 19th

NEXT Prayer Walk (12:00pm @SPL)

April 21st

NEXT Advance Commitments Dinner (Fellowship Area)

April 26th

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

April 30th

All Board of Elders Nominations to be received by today

May 2nd & 3rd

NEXT Commitment Celebration Weekend

May 13th

Final Day of Regular F3 Spring Session (Some courses continue)

May 31st

SPL May Voters Meeting (12:00pm @Great Room)

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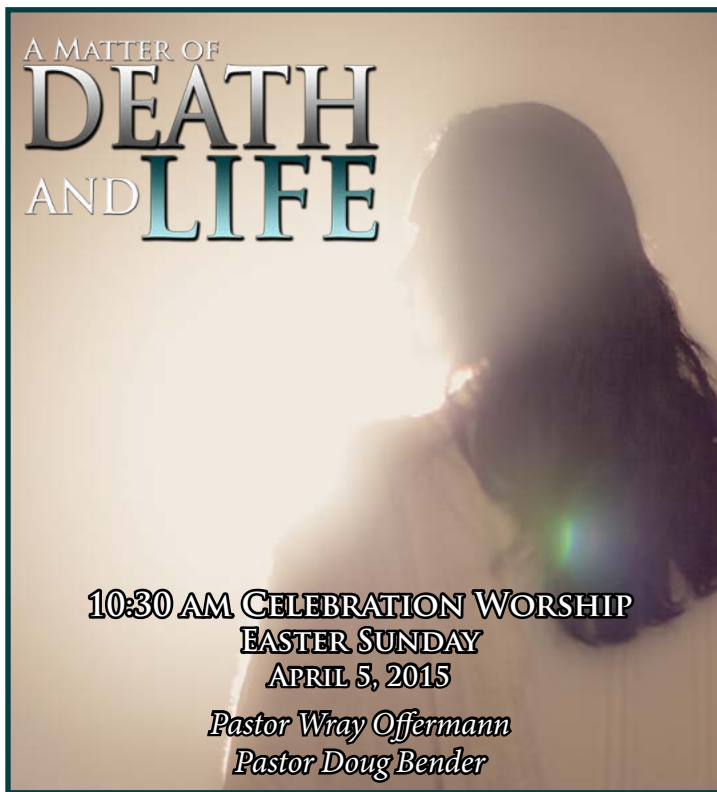
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Prayer Before Worship

Lord, thank You for bringing us together here today, for the blessing of fellow Christians who share eternal hope because of this great resurrection victory. Open our hearts and minds to receive all that You have for us here today and help us respond with renewed dedication and determination to live each day for You. We ask in the name of our risen Lord Jesus. Amen.

Call to Worship

Forever

Welcome and Easter Greeting

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Children's Easter Reading

Opening Praise

For All You've Done

Stronger

The Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Gospel Response

Man of Sorrows



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The Message

“A Matter of Death and Life”

Confession of Sins

So often, Lord, we are troubled and frustrated over the wrong things. We complain about hard decisions to make, hard problems to solve, hard burdens to carry, and hard relationship issues to resolve. We cry over things that have little eternal significance. We obsess over things that in the end do not matter. Forgive our misplaced priorities, our devotion to things that do not last, and our lack of complete confidence in this victory over death You have won for us. Forgive all our sins and give us lasting peace in knowing the battle has been won and the victory is ours. In the name of our Risen Savior Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Offering God Our Gifts

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.

Because He Lives (Amen)

New Member Welcome

Prayers of the Church

A handout with this week's prayer concerns is available at the Usher's Booth for those who would like to continue to pray about these concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Easter Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Song

In Christ Alone

Special Presentation

**HALLELUJAH! HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

Ordered Easter Flowers?

These can be picked up today following our 10:30am Worship service.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of Jeff and Sue Entler and for the blessings of their children, Jeffrey and Mike.

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

“A Matter of Death and Life”

Welcome New Members!

During today's worship we welcome the following new members to the St. Paul's family: Brendan Barnett, Erin Collins, Julia Livingston, Darren Melton, Brei Mercado, Butch Morrow, Gloria Morrow, Charlie Mueller, Kat Mueller, Felipe Phillips, Stacy Phillips, Janet Roundtree, Toni Stoutenborough, Jerry Strahle, and Rhonda Strahle. Blessings on each of you and your families!

F3: FAMILY - FAITH - FORMATION

It's GO Time! The F3 Spring 2015 Session begins this week on Wednesday, April 8th! It's time to be active in getting your life and family in order - classes for kids, youth, and adults. You can view all courses and register online at spldecat.org. Classes meet each week (thru May 13th) at 6:30pm. Dinner is served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Area. Childcare is available. GO!



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.

Mommy & Me: Our next Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect Event is Saturday, April 11th 9:00am (Fellowship Area). We invite moms and their kids (preschool age & under) to enjoy a time of connecting together and with others. Contact Jennifer Power at 423-6955 or jennifer@spldecat.org with any questions.

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

THRIVE Youth Ministry: More events for Senior High Youth are coming in the month ahead - Contact Pastor Doug Bender for details and more info (pastordoug@spldecat.org or 423-6955).