

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 5/3 NEXT Commitment Weekend

12:00 pm SPL Guatemala Mission Team Meeting

Monday 5/4

6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Meeting and Study (Great Room)

Tuesday 5/5

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*

5:30 pm LWML Friends in Faith Salad Supper (@Concordia)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

Wednesday 5/6 F3 Spring 2015

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Salad Bar & Hot Dogs (Fellowship Area)

6:30 pm F3 Classes Meet

Thursday 5/7 National Day of Prayer

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)

1:00 pm Hinz Group Bible Study (LCR)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday 5/8

Saturday 5/9 Message: "Extreme Home Makeover"

10:00 am "Teach What is Good" Women's Brunch (Great Room)

4:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 5/10 Message: "Extreme Home Makeover"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time (Children, Youth, Adults)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE - SPL

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is now accepting applications for a Part Time Maintenance/Janitorial Position. Hours are 5:30am-11:30am Monday-Friday, and special event coverage when needed. For an application and more information, contact Jan Allen in the church office (423-6955 or jan@spldecat.org). All interested persons should submit an application by May 15th.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 904

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 919

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 9th & 10th

SPL Foundation "Planting for Eternity" Special Offering

May 10th

THRIVE Community Group Meeting (6:30pm @Pastor Doug's)

May 11th

SPL Guatemala Mission Team Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

May 13th

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

May 13th-17th

SPL Early Learning Center Scholastic Book Fair (@ELC Lobby)

May 14th

Red Cross Blood Drive (11:30am-4:30pm @ LSA)

Ascension Day Worship Service (6:00pm @SPL Pond)

ELC Preschool Graduation (7:00pm @Sanctuary)

May 23rd

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

May 31st

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

June 15th-19th Pre-Register for VBS Today!

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHiNeSPLDecatur>

"Everest" Vacation Bible School 2015 (@SPL)

CONNECT WITH US!

Visit our updated website at spldecat.org

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour

Follow us on Twitter at @SPLDecatur

View our Live Stream at stpaulsdecatour.sermon.net

Watch for our new SPL Church App Coming Soon!



Excel in the Grace of Giving

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
MAY 2 & 3, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann
Pastor Doug Bender

We will TELL the NEXT generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
HIS power, and the wonders
HE has done. *Psalms 78:4*



Prayer Before Worship

What an amazing blessing, Lord, to gather with Your people, to hear a Word from You that we know is true, and to experience Your love and acceptance, even when we have fallen short of Your expectations. Bless us mightily today as we join the family of faith in worship of You. All because of Jesus, and in His name, and to His glory. Amen.

Call to Worship

Soul On Fire

Welcome

Opening Praise

How Great Thou Art

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

All I Am

Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Worship Only)

Message

"Excel in the Grace of Giving"



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1 BACHRACH CT. | DECATUR, IL 62526

PH: 217-423-6955 | FAX: 217-423-6959

SPLDECATUR.ORG

BUILD THE HOME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. Today, our children will first come forward to bring their special offering. Then we ask each of you to come forward using the center aisle to bring your NEXT Commitment Card and weekly offering to the baskets at the front (if you have already submitted a commitment card, please do fill out another and write "Duplicate" on the card you bring forward). Also 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.

Giving It All To You

Words of Institution (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

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 (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

Speak O Lord

We Fall Down

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

Lay Me Down

National Day of Prayer "Lord, Hear Our Cry"
Thursday, May 7th

SPL Foundation "Planting for Eternity"
May 9th & 10th

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 10:30am Sunday worship, we celebrate the baptism of Raegan Marie Head. Raegan was born February 24, 2015 to parents Rollin and Sasha (McKown) Head. Please welcome Raegan and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Lester Miller's birthday on May 6th from his loving family.

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

"Excel in the Grace of Giving"

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

Fellowship Opportunities for Women

- SPL Women's Ministry is sponsoring "Teach What is Good", Women's Fellowship Brunch, on Saturday, May 9th (10:00am-12:00pm - Great Room), for women and girls of all ages. A variety of dishes, fruit, and pastries will be served. Claudia Quigg will present. Tickets now available \$3.00 each.
- LWML Friends in Faith "Spring Fling" Salad Supper - hosted by Concordia Lutheran on Tuesday 5/5 (5:30pm registration, 6:00pm dinner). Sign up available in the Fellowship Area.

Guatemala Mission Team Support

For a quick and easy way to show support for the 2015 SPL Guatemala Mission Team, go online to: GoFundMe.com/snuf68

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Follow @SHiNeSPL
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.

BUILDING BLOCKS: NEW class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies-3 years on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211. Contact Jennifer Power at 423-6955 or jennifer@spldecat.org.

Youth Ministry: THRIVE Senior High Youth and Grade 7/8 Sundays at 9:20am (214B) (pastordoug@spldecat.org). F3 Wednesdays at 6:30pm for Gr. 5-8 (Rm. 213) and Gr. 9-12 (Rm. 214B).

THRIVE Serve: Opportunity for a Senior High service trip this July (MN or OH). Stay tuned for more details to come!

THRIVE Community: Sr. High Community Group Meeting on Sunday 5/10 at 6:30pm (Pastor Doug's home - 3151 St. Andrews Ct.). Contact Pastor Doug for info (pastordoug@spldecat.org).