

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/12

9:20 am THRIVE Youth Bible Study (Room 122)

4:00 pm Wedding (Sanctuary)

Monday 7/13

6:30 pm Kubow Shepherd Group (Fellowship Area)

Tuesday 7/14

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

Wednesday 7/15

6:30 pm THRIVE Fun in the Son Event (@Albert home)

Thursday 7/16

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

6:30 am (Barr) Men's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

1:00 pm Hinz Group Meeting & Study (Conference Room)

Friday 7/17

Saturday 7/18 Message: "GO: Missionary Journeys - Timothy"

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:15 pm SHiNe Praise Team Rehearsal (Great Room)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 7/19 Message: "GO: Missionary Journeys - Timothy"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Pastor's Class - Creation vs. Evolution

Addressing the questions you've been afraid to ask

Three Part DVD Series starts July 12th - with Larry Oestrich

Meets Sunday at 9:20am in the Great Room (2nd floor)

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE - SPL

Now accepting applications: Part Time Maintenance/Janitorial Position. Hours are 5:30am-9:30am (M-F), and special event coverage when needed. For an application and more info, contact Ruthie Baum (423-6955 or ruthie@spldecatour.org). All interested persons should submit an application by July 31st.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 715

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 729

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 11-18

SPL Guatemala Mission Team-Group 1 (Led by Gloria Greene)

July 18-25

SPL Guatemala Mission Team-Group 2 (Led by Heidi Sack)

July 26th

New Member Welcome (At 10:30am worship w/Breakfast @9:20am)

July 28th

Red Cross Blood Drive (11am-4pm @SPL Fellowship Area)

August 1st

Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (Room 122)

Missionary Andrew Schlund & Family - this weekend in worship

August 6th-8th Contact Pastor Doug (pastordoug@spldecatour.org)

"Follow the Leader" Local Youth Service Event (Decatur Area)

August 7th-9th Cont. Andrea Gerhard (andrea@spldecatour.org)

Decatur Celebration Christian Stage (Moriah Peters & Unspoken)

August 29th

LCMS-LERT Lutheran Emergency Response Training (@LSA)

September 12th

SAVE THE DATE: Beth Moore Simulcast Event (@SPL)

October 17th

Couples SAVE THE DATE: "I Still Do" Family Life Event (@SPL)

CONNECT WITH US!

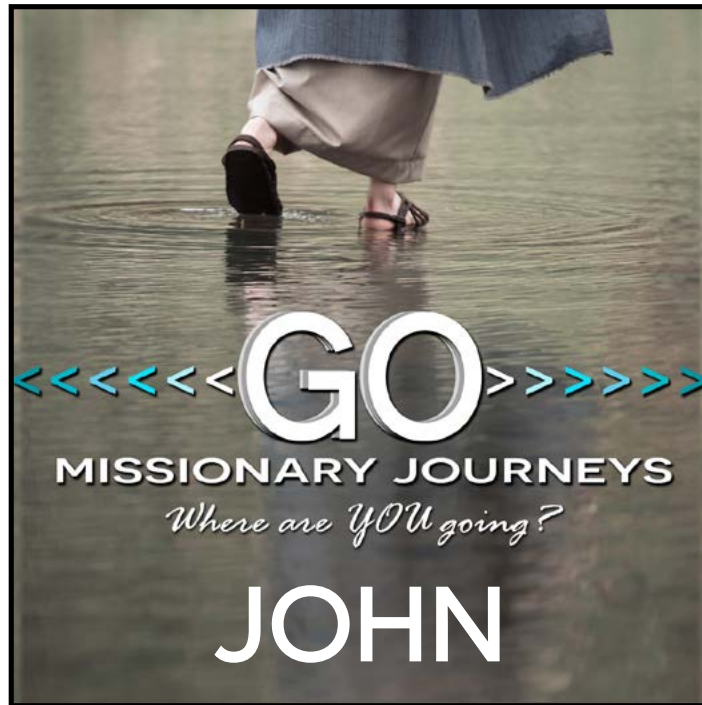
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
JULY 11 & 12, 2015

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Wray Offermann

Prayer Before Worship

Gracious God and Father, we come to this in-gathering of believers to be fed and nourished. Your Son has given His life in our place so that we can live. We firstly enter here to rest in that promise. As You fill us up, Lord, send us out from here boldly, like You did with Your missionaries of old. Use our lives as Your instruments, specifically designed for the people and places You have picked out for us. May we impact them with Your holy and perfect love that has changed us forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Worship

There Is Power

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Rising

Scripture Reading

John 3:16-18

Your Name

Message

"GO: Missionary Journeys - John"

John 3:14-21



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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.

Made New

Confession of Sins

Almighty Father, You have called us to lose our lives, that we might find them in You. To give up our wants, and place the needs of others before ourselves - just as Jesus did for the world. In our pride, we refuse to do things Your way. In our selfishness, we listen to our desires rather than Your Word. And with hard hearts, we grow numb to the guilt within us and to the importance of turning back to You. Soften us, once again dear Father. We are unworthy of Your love, and ask that in Your mercy You would receive us this day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 during this time.

Communion

Be Still

The Wonderful Cross

Mighty to Save

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

This Is Amazing Grace

"Follow the Leader" - Youth Service Event

Pastor Doug is leading a group of SPL and St. John's youth in a local youth service event to serve the Decatur community August 6-8 (2015 Freshmen - 2015 Graduates). Registration is now open for this event (youth families - check your mail for information). Cost is \$50.00/participant (scholarships available). Adult volunteers are also needed to assist as site leaders, meal helpers, crew leaders, etc. Contact Pastor Doug at 423-6955.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - COMING SOON!

An amazing journey for healing from your life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups - coming soon to St. Paul's! We are currently seeking individuals for leadership team, small group leaders, worship team, prayer team, snack/meal providers, and child care. If interested, contact Jarvis Howe, Director of Counseling and Family Ministry, at jarvis@spldecatur.org or 423-6955.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of Pat Ryan's birthday on July 10th, from her loving daughters in thankfulness for the most unselfish woman who is mom, grandma, and grammy.

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

"GO: Missionary Journeys - John"

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

SPL Guatemala Mission Team 2015 - Group 2

The second group of our SPL Guatemala Mission Team members will travel July 18-25, led by Heidi Sack. They will build a home for Candida Portillo and her family and lead VBS - we ask you to be in prayer for the following: Daniel & Rebekah Bennick, JB Bruntjen, Bob Fleck, Isaac & Tyler Fleck, Ross Gaddis, Valerie Garner, Kelli & Noah Hanselman, Kathy Luecke, Maryel Nelson, Stephanie Price, and Chuck Schuette.

New Member Welcome - Donations Needed

Breakfast items (egg casseroles, pastries, breads, fruits, juice) are needed for New Member Brunch on Sunday 7/26. Items may be brought to church 7/24 from 4-5pm, 7/25 from 11am-12pm, or 7/26 from 7:30-8:30am. Contact Mickey Johnson at 423-6955 to help.

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: Class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies to 3 year olds on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211. Contact Jennifer Power at 423-6955 or jennifer@spldecatur.org for info.

Youth Ministry: THRIVE Senior High Youth and Grade 7/8 Sundays at 9:20am (214B) (pastordoug@spldecatur.org). **Donuts & Doug** meets on Sundays (9:20am) in Room 122 for the summer. *Current study with Paul Butler & Pastor Doug in session.*

FUN in the SON: For Youth, Wednesdays 6:30pm, location varies. Contact Pastor Doug for info (pastordoug@spldecatur.org) & check the **SPL Youth** Facebook group for weekly details.

FOLLOW THE LEADER - Youth Service Event (August 6-8) \$50.00/person. Check your mail for info & register by July 27th.