

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/5

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

Monday 7/6

6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Meeting & Study

Tuesday 7/7

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

5:30 pm SHiNe Praise Team Rehearsal (Great Room)

Wednesday 7/8

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Basics Class - Makeup Session (LCR)

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

Thursday 7/9

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

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

5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday 7/10

5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday 7/11 Message: "GO: Missionary Journeys - John"

3:00 pm Harvey-Schaffnacker Wedding (Sanctuary)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 7/12 Message: "GO: Missionary Journeys - John"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

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 Jan Allen (423-6955 or jan@spldecat.org). All interested persons should submit an application by July 17th.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 757

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 735

...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)

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

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

August 7th-9th

Decatur Celebration Christian Stage (Moriah Peters & Unspoken)

Contact Andrea Gerhard to volunteer (andrea@spldecat.org)

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!

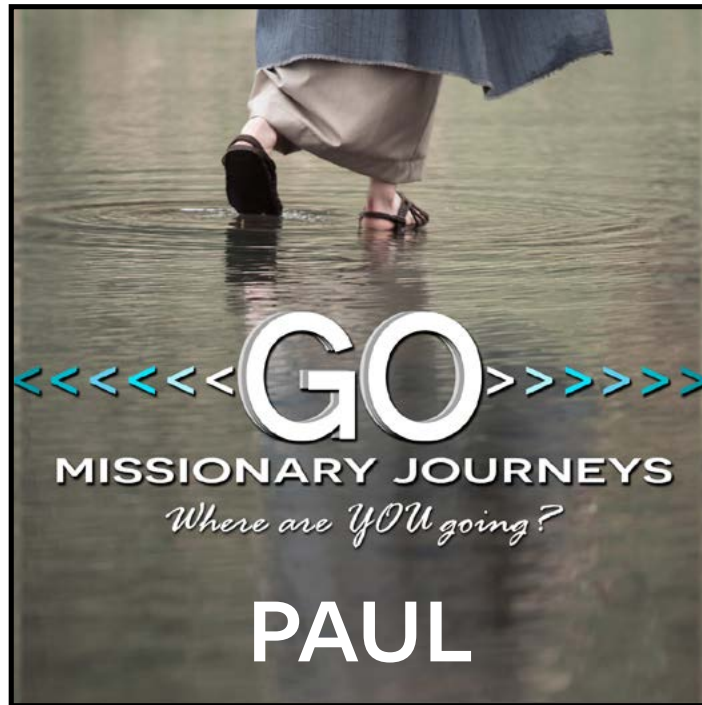
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
JULY 4 & 5, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann
Pastor Doug Bender

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, we are here in Your House of Worship to hear again a word from You, and by Your Spirit's power, to respond with praise and passionate worship of You. Stir us deeply and fill us with Your power to live more fully for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Worship

Freedom Song

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Hear Our Praises

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:24-26

Lord Help Me Follow

Message

"GO: Missionary Journeys - Paul"
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

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.

You Said



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Confession of Sins

Gracious Father, when we compare our lives and our commitment along side that of Your servant Paul, we are ashamed we have so much growing to do. We lack his passion for lost people. We often do not possess the boldness to speak to others about the issues in their lives. We are less than willing to sacrifice everything for You. Forgive us for our many failures as Your disciples and stir us to new levels of ministry in this world. All because of Jesus, who sacrificed His life for us. 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 at this time.

Communion

Touch the Sky

To the Ends of the Earth

Calling Out to You

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

Whatever It Takes



This Independence Day, continue to be in prayer for our country.

Give thanks for the blessings in your life, the freedoms you have, and for God's presence to remain strong in this land and in our lives.

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@spldeatur.org or 423-6955.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's leading and presence in His Church.

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 - Paul"

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

SPL Guatemala Mission Team 2015 - Group 1

The first group of our SPL Guatemala Mission Team members will travel July 11-18, led by Gloria Greene. They will build homes for the Vega Carmano and Hernandez families & lead VBS - we ask you to be in prayer for the following: Olivia Bruntjen, Madison Butler, Emily & Jacob Haycraft, Carol & Clarence Josefson, Stan Kuhns, Jane & Jerry Lillpop, Dalton Lun, Nancy McGlade, Emily Minton, Adam & Jordan Mize, Eileen Nelson, Pastor Wray Offermann, Danielle & Michael Peer, and Ivan & Ross Peterson.

"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. Registration is now open for this event. He is also looking for adult volunteers to assist as site leaders, meal helpers, chaperones, etc. Contact Pastor Doug at 423-6955.

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@spldeatur.org for info.

Youth Ministry: THRIVE Senior High Youth and Grade 7/8 Sundays at 9:20am (214B) (pastordoug@spldeatur.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@spldeatur.org) & check the *SPL Youth* Facebook group for weekly details.