

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 8/16

9:30 am SPL Special Voters Meeting (Great Room)

Monday 8/17 First Day of School LSA

6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Mtg & Study (Great Room)

Tuesday 8/18

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

7:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday 8/19

Thursday 8/20

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

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

1:00 pm Hinz Group Study (Conference Room)

Friday 8/21

Saturday 8/22 Message: "Preparing for Change: Foundation"

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm SHiNe Praise Team Rehearsal (Great Room)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 8/23 Message: "Preparing for Change: Foundation"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time - *Get Connected with Edu. Opportunities!*

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

12:00 pm Church Picnic & Family Fest (SPL South Lawn)

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST EVENT @SPL

SPL Women's Ministry is sponsoring the Living Proof Live Simulcast Event with Beth Moore HERE at St. Paul's on Saturday, September 12th. Doors open 7:30am, breakfast served til 9am, event begins 9:30am (til 4:15pm). Tickets \$35.00 - Now Available. An event you do not want to miss!!

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We are now utilizing a new system for E-Updates, Subscribe now! Use the form available at <http://eepurl.com/bu3tqL> (also available under the "Sign Up" button on our Facebook page).

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 761

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 749

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 29th www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Decatur.8.29.2015.pdf

LCMS-LERT Lutheran Emergency Response Training (@LSA)

August 30th

LSA Teacher Installation Service (2:00pm @SPL Sanctuary)

September 9th Registration available mid-August

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Fall Session Begins (6:30pm)

September 10th Contact Linda Ippel for info (linda@spldecatour.org)

Regular Adult Choir Rehearsals Resume (@SPL Sanctuary)

September 12th Tickets available NOW \$35.00 @SPL

Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast Event (@SPL)

September 19th

CICIM 7th Annual Golf Scramble (1:00pm @Moweaqua G.C.)

September 19th-20th More information coming soon!

Grandpas-Dads-Kids Campout @Camp CILCA

September 25th

Camp CILCA Golf Outing (12:30pm @The Rail, Springfield)

October 10th & 11th

Flu Shot Clinic (5:30pm on 10/10, 9:20am on 10/11 @SPL)

October 17th Tickets available spldecatour.org - Buy early & save!

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

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Watch for our new SPL Church App Coming Soon!



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
AUGUST 15 & 16, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Doug Bender



"COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID,
"AND I WILL MAKE YOU
FISHERS OF MEN." MARK 1:17

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, coming to worship You is such a privilege. Sometimes we focus on the wrong things and complain about minor inconveniences. Our minds may not be fully devoted to You, but meet us here again. Let us hear again of Your mercy and be moved to go forward in life for You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Soul on Fire

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

All I Am

Message

"What is Your MQ (Mission Quotient)?"

Mark 1:16-18



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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.

Kings and Queens

Confession of Sins

Lord, our excuses are many. We can rationalize our lack of commitment and involvement in many ways, but the reality is we are sinners who have often failed You. You tell us to go, but we have not always gone. You tell us to speak, but sometimes we remain silent. You ask us to take up our cross and sacrifice all for You, but sometimes we invest little. Be patient with us. Forgive us. Go before us in ministry again. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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)

Fearless

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

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

My Lighthouse

SPL Special Voters Meeting

A Special Voters Meeting is slated for Sunday, August 16th at 9:30am in the Great Room (2nd Floor) pertaining to the Phase II resolution from the Board of Elders.

Consider Serving in Guatemala in 2016!

Visit the SPL Guatemala Mission Team table in the Fellowship Area following worship today to sign-up to indicate your interest in learning more about serving on the team in 2016.

Decatur Kids Bags of Hope Collection

During the weekend of August 22/23, we will be collecting items for the Decatur Kids Bags of Hope program. Items such as granola bars, cereal bars, oatmeal packets, cereal, pop tarts, juice pouches, Ramen noodle cups, mac & cheese cups, fruit cups, microwave cup meals, and cheese/peanut butter crackers are needed. Additional shopping lists are available at the table in the Fellowship Area, along with the opportunity to serve and learn more.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the first wedding anniversary of Andrea (Oesch) and Derick Spellman on August 16th.

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

"What is Your MQ?"

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

SEASON OF CHANGE - WELCOME BACK!

Next weekend, August 22 & 23, we begin a new year of worship under the banner of "Be Changed...Be the Change". We want to welcome everyone to join us not only in worship but also to engage in the education opportunities we have available for all ages. Also as the new school year begins, this will be the time where our children and youth will officially "move up" into their next level of learning and classes in SHiNe Children's Ministry and THRIVE Youth Ministry offerings. A time to celebrate!

Be here also on **Sunday, August 23rd** for our **Welcome Back Church Picnic & Family Fest** beginning at **12:00pm** (South Lawn). Let us celebrate together through a meal and family fun - fried chicken and drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish/dessert to share, your own table ware (plates, utensils), and a chair for seating. We'll have inflatables, jousting, Daisy the Clown, games, "kiddie pool" kickball (Gr. 7-12), and more!

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.

Confirmation: Classes beginning soon - watch your mail for further details. Contact Pastor Doug for info (pastordoug@spldecatur.org) & check the **SPL Youth** Facebook group.