

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 8/30

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

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

Monday 8/31

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

Tuesday 9/1

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

Wednesday 9/2

Thursday 9/3

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 Mtg & Bible Study (Conference Room)

Friday 9/4

Saturday 9/5 Message: "Preparing for Change: Forgiveness"

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 9/6 Message: "Preparing for Change: Forgiveness"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE - SPL

Accounts Payable/Payroll/Benefits Administrator Position: Responsible for paying claims timely and accurately, processing SPL/ELC payroll 2x monthly, and assisting colleagues with insurance & payroll-related paperwork. PT position (10 hours/3 days weekly). Submit application to Ruthie Baum, Business Manager. **Deadline: September 18th.** Details at spldecatour.org

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 905

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 777

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 9th Registration available online at spldecatour.org!

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)

National Youth Gathering Info Meeting (7:00pm @Great Room)

September 12th Tickets available NOW \$35.00 @SPL

Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast Event (@SPL)

September 12th/13th Welcome others to join us for this series!

ROOM FOR DOUBT message series begins at SPL

September 19th

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

September 19th-20th Sign-up today in the Fellowship Area!

Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout @Camp CILCA (Optional 9/18)

September 21st

Annual LSA Golf Outing (11:30am @Country Club of Decatur)

September 22nd

Women's Fall Fellowship Event (6:00pm @Garner Park)

September 25th

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

October 9th

Homecoming at LSA (Homecoming Assembly 2:00pm @LSA)

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!

For Couples: Family Life "I Still Do" Event (@SPL)

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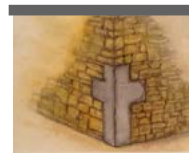
FOREVER

"AND HELL WILL NOT OVERCOME IT"

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
AUGUST 29 & 30, 2015

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Wray Offermann



"AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,
AND THE GATES OF HADES
WILL NOT OVERCOME IT."

MATTHEW 16:18

Prayer Before Worship

Gracious Lord God, what an awesome thing it is to know we stand in Your presence; that we are filled to the brim with blessing and protection from an almighty God who holds us in the palm of His hand, and that Christ Jesus is our solid rock and cornerstone. We thank You for making us Your Church. We thank You for connecting us to every fellow believer in time and space as one Body - the Body of Christ. Search our hearts again Lord, that we might grow to know and become Your love in this world. Amen.

Call to Worship

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Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Let God Arise

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Whom Shall I Fear

Message

"Preparing for Change: Forever"

Matthew 16: 16-19



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Confession of Sins

Dear Father, we know we are Your beloved because of what Jesus has done for us. We gather here to live in this truth. Yet how many times have I strayed from this foundation? I make my own creed, my own rules, and stand on my own opinion. I choose to sin, and what's worse, I choose to justify it. Forgive me Father. Break me so that I can be built back up on the only thing that really matters - Your Son, Jesus. In His name 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.

Happy Day

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)

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Man of Sorrows

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

More Than Conquerors

LSA Teacher Installation Service

Hosted by SPL - Sunday, August 30th at 2:00pm

Refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Area

Get Connected at SPL TODAY!

Sign up for F3 Fall Session 2015 Classes

Visit our table in the Fellowship Area

Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout 2015

Stop by our display in the Fellowship Area to learn more

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST EVENT @SPL

DON'T MISS THIS!! 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). Get your TICKETS now for \$35.00/ea. Additional helpers needed - please visit the table to learn more and sign up to serve.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of eighteen years of marriage for Scott and Jayne Powers.

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

"Preparing for Change: Forever"

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

F3: FAMILY-FAITH-FORMATION FALL 2015

Get connected at SPL through weekly F3 classes, Wednesdays at 6:30pm beginning September 9th (thru 11/18). Offerings for all ages, including SHiNe Children's Time (for PreK-4th, Gr. 5-6), Confirmation (Gr. 7-8), "They're Christian?" (Gr. 9-12), Basics 1 & 2, Financial Peace University, Room for Doubt (Group Study), Love & Respect (for couples), and A Woman's Heart. Sign-up & find more info in the Fellowship Area today!

Get Connected...Opportunities for Men at SPL

-**33 The Series: A Man and His Marriage** meets Sunday @9:20am in the Church Office (Rm. 103). Led by Josh Hammer & John Maas.

-**DADS-GRANDPAS-KIDS CAMPOUT:** A great opportunity to make memories with your kids and grandkids! Join us at Camp CILCA on September 19th-20th (with optional September 18th stay). Visit the table in the Fellowship Area to sign-up & learn more today!

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. F3 classes will begin on Wednesday 9/9 at 6:30pm (Room 122).

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). [Confirmation classes](#) resume on September 6th (Room 122) & 9th (Great Rm).

F3 Wednesdays: Classes begin September 9th at 6:30pm. Confirmation for Gr. 7-8 with Pastor Doug (Great Room) and "They're Christian??" led by Jim Minton for Gr. 9-12 (Room 214).