THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sundav 9/13

9:20 pm Education Time - Get Connected with Edu. Opportunities! 6:30 pm THRIVE Community (@Pastor Doug's House) Mondav 9/14 6:30 pm Kubow Shepherd Group Meeting (Fellowship Area)

Tuesday 9/15

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) All Welcome! 7:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room) Wednesday 9/16 5:30 pm Fall F3 Dinner: Fried Chicken (Fellowship Area) 6:30 pm Fall F3 Classes (Varied classrooms @SPL) Thursday 9/17 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm 5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) All Welcome! 6:30 am (Barr) Men's Bible Study (Conference Room) 12:00 pm LSA PTL Papa Murphy's Fundraiser (on Mound Rd) 1:00 pm Hinz Group Meeting and Study (Conference Room) Friday 9/18 Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout (Early Bird Arrival) Saturday 9/19 Message: "Room for Doubt" 12:00 pm Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout (Camp CILCA) 4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30 pm SHiNe Praise Team Rehearsal (Great Room) 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship Sunday 9/20 Message: "Room for Doubt" 8:00 am Traditional Worship

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5:00 pm THRIVE Alive: Hunger Games Event (@SPL)

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 spldecatur.org

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 783 4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 800

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH September 19th

CICIM 7th Annual Golf Scramble (1:00pm @Moweagua G.C.) September 19th-20th Sign-up today in the Fellowship Area! Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout @Camp CILCA (Optional 9/18) September 20th Sign up today in the Fellowship Area THRIVE Alive Event - Hunger Games: Break the System (@SPL)

September 21st

Annual LSA Golf Outing (11:30am @Country Club of Decatur) September 22nd

LWML Fall Rally "GO Ye (Means Me)" (8:30am @Concordia) Women's Fall Fellowship Event (6:00pm @Garner Park) September 25th

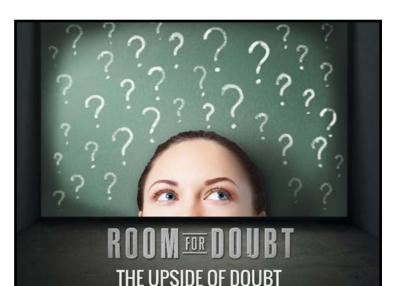
Camp CILCA Golf Outing (12:30pm @The Rail, Springfield) **October 9th**

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 spldecatur.org - Buy early & save! For Couples: Family Life "I Still Do" Event (@SPL)



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6:00 pm & 10:30 am Worship SEPTEMBER 12 & 13. 2015

Pastor Doug Bender Pastor Wray Offermann

Room For Doubt

An honest relationship means we need to tell the truth about how we feel.

Doubt isn't unforgiveable.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord of all heaven and earth, I am blessed to know You and belong to You because of Your great love for me. You are full of all power, might, and glory. Though my weak and feeble mind and eyes cannot always see You clearly and understand Your ways, I know that You are good and You are there. Fill my life up, once again, with the precious gift of Your Word and Your Son, Jesus. And may I never take that for granted. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Worship

Greater

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Today is the Day

Break Through

Message

"Room for Doubt: The Upside of Doubt" John 20:24-29



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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.

We Believe

Confession of Sins

Almighty God and Father, there are many doubts that cloud my mind. I struggle to see life the way You see it, because of the brokenness of this world and the sin and brokenness in my heart. I lift up to You my doubts and struggles. (Pause for reflection.) Father, I know You hear me, and that You know these fears. Help me to wrestle with You, and not against You. For Jesus' sake have mercy. Let me know You are here, and that You care. 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. <u>Prayer Ministers</u> are available at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

Communion

Holy Spirit

Here I Am to Worship

Break Through

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

Get Connected at SPL TODAY!

F3 Fall Session 2015 Classes

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm (Dinner at 5:30pm) Classes for all ages, individuals, couples, and families!

Consider engaging with us in Room for Doubt discussion during our Wednesday night group study led by Mike Atwood.

Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout 2015 - September 19th-20th Stop by our display in the Fellowship Area to learn more & sign up

Women's Fall Fellowship Event - September 22nd Visit the table in the Fellowship Area to learn more & sign up

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 54th wedding anniversary of Danny and Carolyn Reynolds.

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

"RFD: The Upside of Doubt"

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

DADS-GRANDPAS-KIDS CAMPOUT 2015

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). Families from other congregations also welcome - invite a friend and their family too. Visit the table in the Fellowship Area to sign-up & learn more today!

Women's Fall Fellowship Event 2015

Ladies - please join us for the annual Fall Fellowship Event, hosted by Valerie Garner at Garner Park (South Shores) on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00pm. (Please bring a side dish.) Visit our table in the Fellowship Area to learn more and to sign up today!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Ushers are needed for worship Sat. 6:00pm and Sun. 8:00am services - learn more and sign up today at the Welcome Center.

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 meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (Room 122).

<u>BUILDING BLOCKS</u>: 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 Sundays at 9:20am (214B) (pastordoug@spldecatur.org). <u>Confirmation classes</u> meet Sun. 9:20am (Rm 122) & Wed. 6:30pm (Great Rm).

THRIVE Alive: "Hunger Games: Break the System" is scheduled for Sunday 9/20 from 5:00-8:00pm at SPL - more information and sign-up available in the Fellowship Area.