THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Sundav 1/24 9:20 am Education Time 6:30 pm THRIVE Youth Worship (Sanctuary) Monday 1/25 Celebrate Lutheran Schools Week! Tuesday 1/26 5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) All Welcome! 6:00 pm Kindergarten Orientation/Registration (@LSA Theatre) 6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room) Wednesdav 1/27 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room) 5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Chicken & Noodles (Fellowship Area) 6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm F3 Classes Meet (Varied Locations) Thursday 1/28 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir 6:30pm 5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) All Welcome! 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room) 1:00 pm Hinz Group Bible Study (Conference Room) Fridav 1/29 6:00 pm FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT (Great Room) Saturday 1/30 Message: Simple Changes - Declutter 10:00 am National Youth Gathering Participant Mtg. (Great Rm) 4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm) Sunday 1/31 Message: Simple Changes - Declutter 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:20 am Education Time (Confirmation classes meet) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

2:00 pm LSA Enrollment Parent Meeting (@LSA Theatre)

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session 2016 Join us on Wednesdays (thru 2/3) - Dinner 5:30pm / Classes 6:30pm

LSA ENROLLMENT MEETINGS

For the 2016-2017 academic year, LSA is conducting enrollment information meetings for current and prospective LSA families on January 31st (2:00pm), February 1st (6:00pm), February 2nd (6:00pm), and February 6th (9:00am). All meetings are held in the LSA Theater. Kindergarten Orientation is its own meeting on January 26th at 6:00pm. Call 233-2001 for more information.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 836 4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 867 ...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7th Fundraiser February 7th-21st @SPL

Guatemala Mission Team Bergner Community Days Booklets February 10th

Ash Wednesday (Worship at 12:15 & 6:30pm)

Midweek Lenten Worship Begins (through March 16th) February 11th

Basics class moves to meeting on Thursdays (6:30-8:30pm)

February 12th Sign Up TODAY in the Fellowship Area "Take the Lead" SHiNe Father-Daughter Dance (6:00pm @SPL)

February 12th Tickets available in the Fellowship Area!

LSA PTL Chicken Dinner (4:00-7:00pm @LSA)

February 14th

THRIVE Community Group Meeting (6:30pm @Bender Home) February 26th-28th

SPL Men's Ministry Woodcutter's Retreat (@Camp CILCA) **March 27th** *Return "Change For Life" Baby Bottles in March* Easter Sunday & New Member Welcome

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP JANUARY 23 & 24, 2016 Pastor Eric Trickey Pastor Wray Offermann Pastor Doug Bender



One person pretends to be rich, yet has NOTHING; another pretends to be poor, yet has great WEALTH. PROVERBS 13:7

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, In Your love for us, You have blessed us enormously. We are grateful for all that You give to us – our lives, our loved ones, our freedom, our faith. In short, all that we are and all that we have. Prompt us to lovingly and enthusiastically share the blessings You have given us. With grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

From the Day

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Scripture Reading

All I Am

Message

"Simple Changes: Treasure vs. Money" Matthew 6:19-27



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Offering

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.

Giving It All To You

Confession and Absolution

Holy One, We long to be faithful stewards of Your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve Your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love, and when our eyes are blinded by selfishness. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. 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 located at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

Communion

Holy Spirit

Offering

Lord I Need You

Prayers of the Church

A handout with this week's prayer concerns is available at the Usher's Booth for those who would like to continue to pray about these concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

We Praise You O God LSB #785 v. 1-3

After your prayerful consideration, please bring your completed "Light the Way" Commitment Cards along with you to worship next weekend (Or you may return them to the Church Office)

Intercessory Prayer Group Forming

Is a time of prayer a regular part of your day? Do you feel compassion and concern for others experiencing life's struggles? Would you like to be part of a Prayer Team that lifts others' concerns to the Lord? Join our Intercessory Prayer Group beginning this month. Contact Carole Keirl for more info 423-2475.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Sandra Light and Jonathan Price.

Flowers at the Pulpit are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 41st wedding anniversary of Harry and Janice Cook.

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 "Simple Changes: Treasure vs. Money"

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

SUPPORT COMMUNITY

We are creating a supportive community of people committed to finding God's solutions to life's hurts, habits, and hangups. Interested? Come to Pastor Eric's house (1625 W. Main St.) on Sunday, January 24th at 6:00pm to connect and learn more.

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT w/Pastor Doug & Jarvis Howe

Join us on <u>Friday, January 29th from 6:00-8:00pm</u> in the Great Room for Family Trivia Night! Teams/Tables of 6 - \$10.00 per person. Ages 14 & up recommended. Concessions available. Win prizes throughout & GRAND PRIZE for winning team! Proceeds to Nat'l Youth Gathering & Tzedakah Christian Health Ctr.

"Take the Lead" SHiNe Father-Daughter Dance

Friday, February 12th 6:00-8:00pm @SPL - Sign Up Today!

CHILDREN& 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. **Join us for F3 Wednesdays through February 3, 2016**!

<u>BUILDING BLOCKS</u>: Class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies to 3 year olds on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211.

Youth Ministry: THRIVE Senior High Youth Sundays at 9:20am (Rm 214) (pastordoug@spldecatur.org). Confirmation- Classes meet Sunday & Wednesday through January.

THRIVE Praise: Youth Worship @SPL Sunday 1/24 at 6:30pm