

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 1/10

9:20 am Education Time
12:00 pm SPL Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (Great Room)
6:30 pm THRIVE Alive: Movie Night (3151 St. Andrews Ct.)

Monday 1/11

Tuesday 1/12

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 1/13

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Homemade Soups (Fellowship Area)
6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm F3 Classes Meet (Varied Locations)

Thursday 1/14 *Handbells 5:30pm, Choir Rehearsals Resume*

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)
5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting (Conference Room)
6:00 pm Choir Potluck (Fellowship Area) & Rehearsal

Friday 1/15

Saturday 1/16 *Message: Simple Changes*

9:00 am Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (Room 122)
4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 1/17 *Message: Simple Changes*

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:20 am Education Time (Confirmation classes meet)
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

THANK YOU from our Early Learning Center!

Barb Ninnemann would like to thank you for all of your support during the recent ELC Scholastic Book Fair. The fair was a great success and the proceeds supplied each classroom with approximately \$500 worth of books! Additionally, we are looking for a volunteer to be the new Chairperson for the Book Fair. Contact the ELC at 424-9183 if you are interested in serving.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship (One Service): 954
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 889

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 24th

THRIVE Praise Youth Worship (6:30pm @SPLSanctuary)

January 26th *Call LSA for more information at 233-2001*

LSA Kindergarten Orientation for 2016-17 (6:00pm @LSA)

January 29th *Sponsored by THRIVE and Counseling & Family Min.*

TRIVIA NIGHT (6:00-8:00pm @SPL Great Room)

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 *Save the Date!*

SHiNe Father-Daughter Dance (6:00-8:00pm @SPL)

February 12th *Tickets available at LSA 233-2001*

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

February 26th-28th

SPL Men's Ministry Woodcutter's Retreat (@Camp CILCA)

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
JANUARY 9 & 10, 2016

*Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender
Pastor Wray Offermann*



Hatred STIRS up conflict,
but LOVE

covers over
ALL wrongs.

PROVERBS 10:12

Prayer Before Worship

O God, I fear the fear that gets rooted in my life. I am anxious about the anxiety that infects me. I am worried about the worry. Give me deliverance; help me to complete freedom from any cramping inhibition. Amen.

Call to Worship

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Stir In Me

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:16-21

Lead Me To The Rock

Message

"Simple Changes: Fear & Love"
1 John 4:16-21

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.

You Make Me Brave



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Confession and Absolution

Heavenly Father, You have fashioned us for confidence and trust, not for worry and anxiety. Forgive us for choosing to wallow in worry and allowing our hearts to be troubled. You have fashioned us for perfect love and not for fear. We confess that we have chosen fear and the rotten fruits of anger and resentment that it produces. Forgive us for these and all our other sins, and teach us to walk in Your perfect love, afraid of nothing. 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. Prayer Ministers are available at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

Communion

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Do You Know

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

My Lighthouse

Join us for F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session

Weekly on Wednesdays through February 3rd
Dinner at 5:30pm - Classes at 6:30pm

Dinner this week: **Homemade Soups & Hot Dogs**

Including sides, dessert, and drink

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.

SEEKING HELP? FIND IT HERE.

This time of year can be challenging, with the stress of the holiday season, family issues, or perhaps dealing with loss. If you are seeking help in these areas, contact Jarvis Howe, Director of Counseling & Family Ministry at SPL. He offers Christ-centered counseling services for individuals, couples, families, and children. Call 217-423-6955 for an appointment (ask for Jarvis).

Flowers on the Altar for 2016

Interested in providing flowers for the altar? Sign up on the 2016 Flower Chart available across from the Welcome Center.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in memory of Lauren McNamera on her 25th birthday (January 10th) from her loving family.

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: Fear & Love"

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

Special Thanks

Heidi Sack, Director of Worship and Music, along with all of the staff and pastors of SPL would like to thank all of our wonderful musicians, decorators, and tech staff that gave their time and talents to help make our Christmas and Installation worship so wonderful this year. God be praised for such faithful servants!



F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session 2016

Be Changed...Be Well this Winter at SPL!

Please join us on Wednesdays (through February 3rd)
Dinner served 5:30pm / Classes meet at 6:30pm

A variety of classes available such as Art of Marriage, Faith & Fitness, Joining Jesus On His Mission, A Man & His Fatherhood, and more!

View all courses online at spldecat.org

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

BUILDING BLOCKS: 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@spldecat.org). **Confirmation-** Classes meet Sunday & Wednesday through January.

THRIVE Alive: Movie Night at Pastor Doug's 1/10 at 6:30pm!