

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday 1/31

9:20 am Education Time  
2:00 pm LSA Enrollment Parent Meeting (@LSA Theatre)

### Monday 2/1

6:00 pm LSA Enrollment Parent Meeting (@LSA Theatre)

### Tuesday 2/2

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*  
6:00 pm LSA Enrollment Parent Meeting (@LSA Theatre)  
6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

### Wednesday 2/3

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Pizza (Fellowship Area)  
6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm F3 Classes Meet (Varied Locations)

### Thursday 2/4 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir & Winds 6:30pm

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*  
6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)

### Friday 2/5

#### Saturday 2/6 Message: Relationship Changers

9:00 am LSA Enrollment Parent Meeting (@LSA Theatre)  
4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

#### Sunday 2/7 Message: Relationship Changers

8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:20 am Education Time  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

## Special Thank You

From Jan Allen - A heartfelt thank you to my St. Paul's family for all of your prayers, cards, encouraging words and delicious meals during my recent surgery. We are so blessed!

## LSA ENROLLMENT MEETINGS - This Week

Reminder for current and prospective LSA families: Enrollment Meetings 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. Call 233-2001 for more information.

## We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 852  
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 864

...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, Dinner 5:30pm)  
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

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

### February 14th

THRIVE Community Group Meeting (6:30pm @Bender Home)

### February 23rd

Red Cross Blood Drive (12:30-5:30pm @SPL)

### February 26th-28th Sign up also available online at [spldecatour.org](http://spldecatour.org)

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

### March 27th Return "Change For Life" Baby Bottles in March

Easter Sunday & New Member Welcome

## CONNECT WITH US!



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Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour)

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
JANUARY 30 & 31, 2016

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Wray Offermann



I said,  
"I will CONFESS my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you FORGAVE the iniquity of my sin.  
PSALM 32:5

## Prayer Before Worship

Loving Father, I find myself again in Your holy house. It is good, Lord, to be here! You alone have everlasting words of life and I cannot be filled up anywhere else. There is much that I bring to You as I prepare my heart to worship. Many fears, resentments, and issues that have become a tangled web within my heart. I turn to You now, O Lord. Fill me up once again with Your love and truth and give me the gratitude to express it with my praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Call to Worship

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## Welcome & Announcements

## Light the Way

At this time, please pass your "Light the Way" 2016 Commitment Cards toward the center aisle. Cards will be collected from the rear of the sanctuary toward the front, then brought forth to the altar. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your commitment for this year!

## Greeting & Invocation

## Opening Praise

All Because of Jesus

## Scripture Reading

Psalms 32:1-5

Forever Reign



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BUILD THE HOME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

## Message

“Simple Changes: Declutter”  
1 Peter 2:1-3

## Confession and Absolution

God and Father, You desire us to be holy, as You are holy. You command us to rid ourselves of everything that does not honor and glorify You. We earnestly desire to be made whole again by Your love, but confess that we often lack the drive and zeal to turn back to You. Your power and promises are beyond our understanding, yet so often we trade them for what we know so well - a cluttered, empty life, filled with sin and regret. We ask You, Lord, to kill the sin that is within us. We are ready to suffer, if that is what it takes to be set free. We trust that the life You promise is greater than anything we can give to ourselves. God help us. God help us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## 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.

*Ain't No Grave*

## 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)

*Prayers of the People*

*Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)*

*Nothing*

## Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

## Blessing

## Closing Song

*I'm Not Ashamed*

*You are welcome to take one of the NIV Bibles located on the tables at the back of the sanctuary on your way out of worship.*

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Brown on his birthday, January 29th, by his 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: Declutter”

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

## 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.

## “Take the Lead” SHiNe Father-Daughter Dance

Join us on Friday, February 12th from 6:00-8:00pm for the garden tea themed “Take the Lead” Father-Daughter Dance. For all ages. Please sign up in the Fellowship Area if interested in attending (appetizer donations also needed).

## Woodcutter's Retreat at Camp CILCA 2016

All Men Welcome - Friday 2/26 - Sunday 2/28 - 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!**

**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@spldecatur.org). **Confirmation-** Classes meet Sunday & Wednesday - final meetings this week.

**THRIVE Community:** Youth group study on 2/14 at 6:30pm