

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 3/20 *Deadline for TRANSFORMED Book Pre-Order*

- 9:20 am Education Time (Good Friday Choir Rehearsal)
- 9:30 am SPL Special Voters Meeting (Great Room)
- 10:30 am THRIVE Praise - Depart for Winter Jam (Peoria)
- 12:00 pm SPL Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (Great Room)

Monday 3/21

Tuesday 3/22

- 5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
- 6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

Wednesday 3/23

- 11:00 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Good Friday Rehearsal - All Musicians (Sanctuary)

Thursday 3/24 *Handbells 6:00pm*

- 5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday 3/25 *Early Learning Center Closed Today*

- 1:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service
- 5:30 pm Good Friday Rehearsal (SPL & Rehoboth Choirs)
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday 3/26 *No Saturday Worship - Go See "RISEN" movie*

- 10:00 am Easter Sunday Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am SPL Praise Team Easter Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday 3/27 *Message: Play the Part*

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship Service
- 7:30 am Easter Breakfast Begins (til 10:15am-Rm 122/Gr Rm)
- 8:00 am Easter Worship (Traditional)
- 10:30 am Easter Worship (Contemporary) & New Member Welcome

BREAD BAKING HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of fun, kind helpers to bake unleavened bread for Maundy Thursday with Sara Trickey: Dough Making Wed. 3/23 @4pm, Baking Thurs. 3/24 @9am. Contact Andrea (423-6955).

Items Needed for Easter Breakfast

Donations of pastries, fruit, and juice are needed for Easter Breakfast (being served on 3/27)

If you can donate, contact the Church Office at 217-423-6955

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24th

Maundy Thursday Worship (7:00pm @SPL)

March 25th *Featuring Rehoboth Christian School & SPL Choirs 7pm*

Good Friday Tenebrae Service (1:00pm & 7:00pm @SPL)

March 26th ****NO SATURDAY WORSHIP****

Easter Sunday Music Rehearsals (Choir 10am, Praise Team 11am)

March 27th

Easter Sunday Worship (6:30, 8:00, 10:30am @SPL)

New Member Welcome at 10:30am Worship

Easter Breakfast (Serving begins at 7:30am)

March 30th *Contact Mary Peck if interested at 217-428-4228*

Hands Only Compression CPR Instruction (6:30pm @Great Rm)

March 31st *LWML Mite Boxes due back to Church Office*

ELC Preschool Open House (6:00-7:00pm @SPL ELC)

April 2nd & 3rd *Host a small group during this series - sign up now!*

"TRANSFORMED" - Church-wide series begins in worship

April 10th

TRANSFORMED Small Groups begin meeting this week

April 16th *Get your tickets today - call 217-233-2001*

Annual LSA Dinner Auction (5pm @Mt. Zion Convention Center)

April 22nd-23rd

Central Illinois District LWML Convention (Jacksonville, IL)

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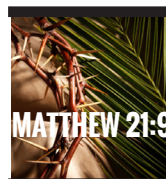


6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
MARCH 19 & 20, 2016

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender



And the crowds that went before him
and that followed him were shouting,
"HOSANNA to the Son of David!
BLESSED is he who comes
in the name of the LORD!"

Prayer Before Worship

Gracious Father, we gather here in worship to be reassured of Your love for us, but also challenged to have a greater impact in this world for You. Make our time together a high point of our week and enable us to draw closer to You and to one another in this family of faith. Make us aware of subtle deceptions that can invade our souls, and call us to a deeper walk with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Lord I Need You
(SPL Praise Band & Wind Ensemble)

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Hosanna! Hosanna!
(SPL Children's Choir - Sunday 10:30am Only)

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Sing to the King

Children's Message (Sunday 10:30am Only)

Message

"The Enemy Doesn't Change: Play the Part"
Matthew 21:1-11



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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.

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, how easily we weaken in our resolve to be fully committed to You. In our desire to be loved and respected, we accept little indiscretions, small compromises of Your truth, and a gradual weakening of our resolve to love and serve You with all of our hearts. We have allowed what was once unthinkable to become commonplace. Forgive us for the times we have wanted the approval of others more than Yours, and for when we have allowed friendship with the world to erode our devotion to You. We need Your grace and mercy again. Cover us with the banner of Your love. In Your name, Savior Jesus. Amen.

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)

Jesus Messiah

Man of Sorrows

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

Victory Chant

SPL Special Voters Meeting This Weekend

Sunday, March 20th at 9:30am in the Great Room

In consideration of a recommendation for a call

Associate Pastor Outreach & Mission

Invite Others to Experience Holy Week & Easter at SPL

Personal Easter Invite Cards & Easter Story Booklets

Available for you at the back of the Sanctuary

Take and Share!

Share Our Worship Times with Your Friends on Facebook

Just visit our page [facebook.com/stpaulsdecatur](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatur)

and share our post on your page!

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is now accepting applications from qualified individuals for the Pastoral Administrative Assistant position (full time, M-F 8am-5pm). Contact Jan Allen for an application (423-6955). Please return by April 1, 2016.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary on March 19th of Bob and Karen Buechsenschuetz.

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

"EDC: Play the Part"

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

TRANSFORMED: Final Call for Hosts & Books

Seven week series coming to SPL beginning April 2&3. We are looking for a few more people to **HOST** a small group. PreOrder your All-In-One Workbook for \$15.00 and get one free (for your spouse, family member, friend, or neighbor) **BY TODAY**. Visit our table at the Connection Center in the Fellowship Area today!

HELPERS & HOSTS FOR EASTER

We have several volunteer needs during Holy Week & Easter: Breakfast helpers, parking attendants, hosts/greeters, and people to host Rehoboth Choir students (on 3/25) Visit spldecatur.org/category/volunteer-opportunities and *Latest News* for details or contact the church office at 217-423-6955 to respond.

Special Thanks to Our St. Paul's Pastors & Family

- Special thanks to everyone from Vicki & Kenny Baker and Family for the prayers, visits, hugs and more for their son, Sean Lipka during his recent open heart surgery. Prayers appreciated.

-Special thanks to everyone from Lorraine Barr for all of the prayer, care and encouragement during her recent surgery.

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. Gr. 5/6 meet in the Choir Room.

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). **All grades (7-12) are welcome in 214 on Sundays.** Confirmation Materials are now due.

THRIVE Praise: Trip to Winter Jam in Peoria on Sunday 3/20 - leave SPL at 10:30am. Ticket is \$10, will return around 11:30pm.