

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

**Sunday 4/3** Message: "Transformed"

9:20 am Education Time

9:20 am Basics 1 & 2 Class (Room 122)

**Monday 4/4**

**Tuesday 4/5**

5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (LCR)

**Wednesday 4/6**

6:30 pm Basics 1 & 2 Class (Conference Room)

**Thursday 4/7** Handbell 5:30pm, Choir Potluck 6:00pm, Winds 6:30pm

5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*

6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)

**Friday 4/8**

6:30 pm SPL Praise Team Workshop

**Saturday 4/9** Message: "Transformed: Spiritual Health"

9:00 am SPL Praise Team Workshop

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Guatemala Team Coffee Fundraiser (Coffee Bar)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

**Sunday 4/10** Message: "Transformed: Spiritual Health"

8:00 am Guatemala Team Coffee Fundraiser (Coffee Bar)

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time / Basics 1 & 2 Class (Room 122)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

6:30 pm THRIVE Community (TRANSFORMED for Youth)

## CELEBRATE NEW MEMBERS

During last Sunday's worship we welcomed the following new members to the SPL family: Doug & Coley Adloff, Darin & Jamie Clubbs, Jonathan Gruel, Hayley Hoffmeyer, Kim Hulva, Moriah Hulva, David Kibler, Allison Nolen, Marian Roberson, Jennifer Rose, Jerry & Julie Stevens, Robert & Sharon Stymets, Christopher & Tosha Wickiser. Blessings to each of these families!

## We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 1425 (Easter)

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 838

...Better Together!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 10th** Weekly Messages begin in Worship

TRANSFORMED Small Groups begin meeting this week

Building Blocks Class: Special Guest Carol Brand (9:20am)

Guatemala Mission Team Coffee Fundraiser (@Coffee Bar)

**April 16th** GET YOUR TICKETS NOW - CALL 217-233-2001

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

Guatemala Mission Team Coffee Fundraiser (@Coffee Bar)

**April 22nd-23rd**

Central Illinois District LWML Convention (Jacksonville, IL)

**April 24th**

8th Grade Confirmation (10:30am Worship @SPL)

Ladies Shower Celebration for Baby Bender (1:00-3:00pm)

**April 26th**

Call Day at Concordia Seminary - St. Louis (7:00pm)

**May 15th**

SPL Semi-Annual Voters Meeting (2:00pm @Great Room)

**June 5th** Save the Date - More information to come

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Wray Offermann (4:00pm)

**June 13th-17th** Watch for more volunteer & registration info to come!

"Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School (VBS) at SPL

**June 23rd** Serving opportunities available: Contact Andrea Gerhard

WBGL Backyard Bounce @St. Paul's Lutheran Church (8a-12p)

## CONNECT WITH US!

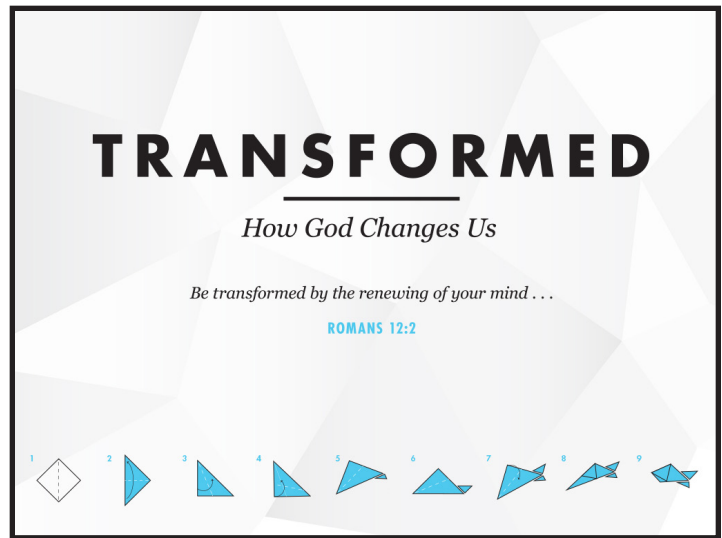
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

APRIL 2 & 3, 2016

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

## Prayer Before Worship

Lord Jesus, we gather today still stunned at Your great Easter victory. You took death out of play so it could not hold sway over us. You opened up life and forgiveness to each of us. You set our feet on the path of life. We gather again to continue our song of praise to You and invite You to take hold of our lives in an ever bigger way. Be strong among Your people here today and transform us into the full life You have for us. Thank You Jesus. Amen.

## Call to Worship

*At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*

## Welcome & Announcements

## Invocation

## Opening Praise

*Open Up the Heavens*

## Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:12-15

*Lord Help Me Follow*

## Message

"TRANSFORMED"

Philippians 3:12-15

## 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.

*Come Alive (Dry Bones)*



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### Confession & Absolution of Sins

Lord, we confess to You that we often do not want to grow or change, even in areas of life that we know are displeasing to You. We are hesitant to set goals for growth because we fear failure. We resist the promptings of Your Holy Spirit and the power of Your Word, because we get comfortable with our sinful ways. Lord remind us that You accept us where we are, but You love us enough not to leave us there. By Your power that is bigger than ourselves, forgive us, free us, refine us, and transform us. We ask in the mighty, death defying name of 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)

*Your Great Name*

*At The Cross (Love Ran Red)*

### 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

*Lay Me Down*

## TRANSFORMED

Be sure to SIGN UP for a TRANSFORMED Small Group  
Groups will begin meeting the week of April 10th  
*Visit our Small Group Sign Ups Display Board today!*

Did you preorder and pay for a  
TRANSFORMED All-In-One Workbook?

*If so, you can pick yours up today by visiting our  
TRANSFORMED booth by the Connection Center.*

**THANK YOU to all who served with us Holy Week & Easter!!**  
*Bread Makers & Bakers, Meal Donations, Meal Serving, Ushers,  
Greeters, Hosts, Parking Attendants, Worship helpers, Musicians,  
Tech Help, Bulletin helpers, and so much more!*

### ANNUAL LSA DINNER AUCTION

The Annual LSA Dinner Auction is Saturday, April 16th at 5:00pm (Mt. Zion Convention Center). Silent and Live Auction items available. Dinner catered by the Beach House. Tickets are \$50.00 each - Get yours now at the LSA Office (233-2001)

### Interested in Membership at St. Paul's?

The next session of Basics 1 & 2 begins this week!  
Sundays from 9:20-10:20am - led by Pastor Wray (Rm. 122)  
Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm - led by Pastor Eric (Conf. Rm.)  
*Childcare Available - Contact the Church Office at 217-423-6955*

### Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior.

### 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

### "TRANSFORMED"

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

### TRANSFORMED ATTENTION HOSTS

Are you registered with us as a Small Group HOST? If so, now is the time to pick up your Host Materials (Teaching DVD). Please visit our table at the Connection Center to pick up materials and check in with us. (Groups begin meeting April 10th)

### BOARD OF ELDERS NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee for the 2016-2017 term of service for the SPL Board of Elders has formed. Led by Tom Klebe, the committee includes Ed Moss, Jim Buske, Keith Storck, and John Stock. They are currently accepting Elder nominations for two Elder-At-Large positions and Chair-Elect. Please contact Tom at TOM\_KLEBE\_895@comcast.net or 217-864-2596 or submit nominations to one of the committee members 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. 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 - NOW DUE.

**THRIVE Community:** Sr. High - Join Pastor Doug for TRANSFORMED on Sundays at 6:30pm starting Sunday, April 10th!