

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/3

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Time

Monday 7/4 Church Office & ELC Closed

Tuesday 7/5

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)

9:30 am Physical Health: Morning Walk/Workout (Outside)

Wednesday 7/6 *THRIVE Fun in the Sun 6:30pm @Pastor Doug's*

6:00 pm Relational Health: Love Dare (Room 122)

6:30 pm Spiritual Health: Purpose Driven Life (Conf. Room)

6:30 pm Vocational Health: Let Your Life Speak (S. Great Rm)

7:00 pm Emotional Health: Emotional First Aid (N. Great Rm)

Thursday 7/7

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)

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

6:30 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 group meeting (Great Room)

Friday 7/8

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery (Room 122)

Saturday 7/9 Message: "Holy Spirit: Our Comforter"

7:00 am Men's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)

2:00 pm Jarrett-Washington Wedding

5:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 7/10 Message: "Holy Spirit: Our Comforter"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time / Basics 1 & 2

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Time

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

2:00 pm Ordination & Installation Mark Gearig

3:00 pm Gearig Welcome Reception (Fellowship Area)

SPONSOR A PARTICIPANT FOR NYG

We have 34 youth and 8 chaperones from St. Paul's (and 14 more people from St. John's - total 56) preparing to travel to the NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in New Orleans (July 16-20)!

We still need some help in covering the costs of this trip and invite you to partner with us in SPONSORING one of the PARTICIPANTS at different levels (\$100, \$200, \$350). As a part of your Sponsorship, you'll be partnered with a participant and have the opportunity to build relationship, pray for participant, will receive a postcard & gift from participant, and receive a National Youth Gathering DVD. SPONSORSHIP FORMS and information are available in the Fellowship Area - return to the Church Office.

Last Week in Worship: 930

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 812

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10th

Ordination & Installation - Associate Pastor Mark Gearig @2pm

Welcome Reception to follow - Now seeking Gift Card donations

July 12th

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

July 16th-20th

National Youth Gathering 2016 (New Orleans)

July 23rd-30th & July 30th - August 6th

SPL Guatemala Mission Team Travel (Group 1 & 2)

August 5th-7th *SERVE WITH US: Contact Andrea at 423-6955*

Decatur Celebration Christian Stage - Downtown Decatur

September 17 & 18 *SAVE THE DATE - Make memories!*

Dads, Grandpas & Kids Campout (@Camp CILCA)

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Visit our updated website at spldecat.org

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecat

Follow us on Twitter at @SPLDecatur

View our Live Stream at stpaulsdecat.org.sermon.net

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
JULY 2 & 3, 2016

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Wray Offermann



For we do not have a **HIGH PRIEST** who is unable to **SYMPATHIZE** with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Prayer Before Worship

Behold me, my beloved Jesus, weighed down under the burden of my trials and suffering. I cast myself at Your Feet, that You may renew my strength and courage, while I rest here in Your presence. Permit me to lay down my cross as I trust in You, for only Your Infinite goodness can sustain me; only Your Love can help me bear my cross; and only Your powerful hand can lighten its weight. Amen.

Call to Worship

I'm Going Free (Jailbreak)

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Mourning Into Dancing

Scripture Reading

Psalm 30:4-5

No Longer Slaves

Message

"From Mourning to Dancing: Acknowledging the Struggle"
Where is God in our suffering?

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.

Eye of the Storm



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Confession and Absolution

From Job 42:1-6

“I’m convinced: You can do anything and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your plans. You asked, ‘Who is this muddying the water, ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?’ I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me, made small talk about wonders way over my head. You told me, ‘Listen, and let me do the talking. Let me ask the questions. You give the answers.’ I admit I once lived by rumors of you; now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears!

I’m sorry—forgive me. I’ll never do that again, I promise! I’ll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor.”

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.

Communion (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

It Is Well

Do You Know

Prayers of the Church

A handout with this week’s prayer concerns is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to continue to pray for these concerns.

The Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

My Lighthouse

Celebrating the Fourth of July - Independence Day

Pray for our country, our families & leaders

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.*

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

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 36th anniversary on July 3rd of Doug and Connie Cole.

WELCOME THE GEARIG FAMILY

Help us welcome the Gearig Family to St. Paul’s & the Decatur community! We are now collecting GIFT CARDS for Target, Walmart, furniture & home improvement stores, grocery, gas, local restaurants, family fun activities, etc. (Use SCRIP) Please bring any gift cards to the Church Office by July 6th. Cash donations also accepted. The Gearig Ordination/Installation is July 10th at 2:00pm and the Welcome Reception will follow the service. *Mark & Jennifer have 2 boys, Ezra (2) & Noah (2 mo).*

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is now accepting applications from qualified individuals for the Church Secretary/Office Manager position (full time, M-F 8am-5pm). This is the position currently held by Mickey Johnson, who plans to retire this year. Contact Ruthie Baum for an application (423-6955) or visit our website (spldecatour.org/category/latest-news) for the full position listing and description. Applications due to the church office by 7/15.

 **HELPING HANDS** 

At St. Paul’s, we encourage families to worship together. If you should need some additional help with your little ones during worship, we want to remind you that we have resources available to you. We encourage you to use the rocking chairs at the back of the sanctuary or our Fellowship Area (where you can also hear what is happening in service through speakers), or we invite you to utilize our staffed Nursery (age 6 weeks-3 years). There are also Kids Kits at the entrance of the sanctuary for kids to use during worship. If you need assistance, please let us know.

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). **All grades (7-12) are welcome on Sundays.**

THRIVE Summer: SPL Youth *Fun in the Sun* Summer Wednesdays at 6:30pm. NEXT: July 6th at Pastor Doug’s Home (3151 St. Andrews Ct.) - Contact Pastor Doug if you would be willing to host a week (pastordoug@spldecatour.org).