

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 8/28 Join us for *The Morning Blend* at 10:15am!

Monday 8/29

8:30 am Preschool Classes Begin (St. Paul's Early Learning Ctr.)

Tuesday 8/30

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

Wednesday 8/31

Thursday 9/1 Handbell Choir (Setup & Rehearsal 5:30pm Sanctuary)

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 9/2

Saturday 9/3 Message: "Good Job?"

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

5:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 9/4 Message: "Good Job?"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am New Member Welcome Brunch

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (New Member Welcome)

6:30 pm THRIVE Community (Meets @Bender Home)

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION TIME 9:20AM

- Pastor's Class continues to meet in the Great Room (2nd floor)
- Sunday Basics 1 & 2 meets in the Conference Rm.
- WSCL Community Group has moved to Room 213/214.
- God's Word for Today has moved to Room 113.
- SHiNe Armor Up (Grade 5/6) has moved to Room 205.
- SHiNe Time (PreK-K) meets in Room 206.
- SHiNe Time (Gr. 1-4) meets in Room 203/204
- THRIVE Senior High meets in Room 214B.
- Art of Marriage will meet in Room 105 (starting 9/11)
- Confirmation (Gr. 7/8) will meet in Room 122 (starting 9/11)

St. Paul's Early Learning Center

NOW HIRING - Join our team! Our ELC is looking for a PT Bus Driver. Teaching Positions are also available. Click on the "News" tab at spldecat.org to find details for our current postings or call Kim at 217-424-9183 to apply today!

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 854

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 759

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10th & 11th Info at facebook.com/decaturbagssofhope

Food Collection Weekend for Decatur Kids BAGS OF HOPE

Art of Marriage & Basics Classes Begin (September 11th)

September 12th Call LSA at 233-2001 for more information

LSA Annual Golf Outing (12:30pm - Country Club of Decatur)

September 14th Registration available spldecat.org - Sept. Events

Fall F3 Classes begin (Classes at 6:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm)

September 17th & 18th Register online at spldecat.org

Dads, Grandpas & Kids Campout (@Camp CILCA)

September 20th Watch for sign-up and details coming soon!

Women's Fall Fellowship Event (6:00pm @Garner Park)

September 23rd & 24th Volunteer Registration NOW OPEN!

Feed My Starving Children Decatur MobilePack Event @SPL

Visit <http://www.fundraising.fmsc.org/DecaturCommunity>

September 30th - October 22nd Family & friends can participate!

Church Directory Photography @SPL

Register now during weekend worship - online at spldecat.org

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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
AUGUST 27 & 28, 2016

Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender
Pastor Mark Gearig

"But by the GRACE of GOD I am what I am,
and His GRACE toward me

WAS NOT in vain."
1 CORINTHIANS 15:10



Thoughts Before Worship

David Livingstone

"If a commission by an earthly king is considered a honor,
how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered
a sacrifice?"

Call to Worship

Same Power

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

We Could Change the World

Worship Feature

NEXT: For His Glory

Message

"Biblical Transformation: Paul"

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 Member or Guest worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

Still Believe



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Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, most of the barriers to our missionary work have been self-constructed. We have built walls of sin, selfishness, laziness and greed between us and the people You have called us to love. We have allowed our lack of preparation and learning to keep us from speaking Your words of hope and healing. Forgive us Jesus, for these and all other sins that burden our lives. Soften our hearts, unstick our feet, and open our lips, that we might carry Your Good News to those who are near and those who are far away. In Your precious name we pray. 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

O Come to the Altar

To the Ends of the Earth

Your Great Name

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

Closing Song

Lay Me Down

New Member Welcome - Sunday, September 4th

*Food Donations needed for New Member Brunch
Contact the Church Office if you can donate at 423-6955*

GET READY FOR THE NEXT #90DAYS!

*New Classes Begin September 11th & 14th
F3 Registration available now at SPLDECATUR.ORG*

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 19th wedding anniversary of Jeff and Mona Hawkins.

BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY ALBUM

We invite every family to be a part of our "family album" and participate in our directory photography 9/30-10/22 at SPL. You'll receive a free 8x10 print just for participating. Sign-up available this weekend in our Fellowship Area or online at spldeatur.org.

POSITION AVAILABLE: BUSINESS MANAGER

SPL is now hiring for the position of Business Manager. This is a full time position. Relevant duties include accounts payable, accounts receivable, financial matters and reporting, office management, facilities management, and additional responsibilities as directed by the Senior Pastor and/or Board of Elders. Visit the NEWS tab at spldeatur.org for a full listing. Submit applications by August 31st. We desire for the candidate to start in early September to allow for a time of training with Ruthie Baum. Contact the church office with questions at 217-423-6955.

DADS-GRANDPAS-KIDS CAMPOUT 2016

We invite Dads & Grandpas to bring their youngsters to Camp CILCA for our annual Campout this year on September 17 & 18. A great opportunity to make memories and build the home as men bond with their children and with other dads and grandpas. Outdoor activities, food, and fellowship. Contact Clay Gerhard with questions at cgerhard@live.com. Sign up today!

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

Biblical Transformation: Paul

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

FMSC DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK

THANK YOU so much for your support of our FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack Event! Last weekend our congregation brought together \$4,759.58 through our special door offering, with another \$258.44 just from the children who participated (and additional donations online). You can still donate (Mobile-Pack number 1609-029AU) and VOLUNTEER to PACK online at www.fundraising.fmssc.org/DecaturCommunity. Volunteer Registration is now open and fills quickly. T-Shirt opportunities coming soon. Questions? Contact Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955.

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. **CHANGE:** Gr. 5/6 meet in Room 205.

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). **Confirmation (7/8) begins in September (11 & 14).** Confirmation Gathering on Wednesday 9/7 6:30-7:30pm.

THRIVE Youth: SPL Senior High Youth are welcome back to THRIVE Community on Sunday, September 4th 6:30-8:30pm. Contact Pastor Doug for more info (pastordoug@spldeatur.org).