

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/11 Join us for *The Morning Blend* at 10:15am!

Food Collection Weekend for Decatur Kids BAGS OF HOPE

9:20 am Art of Marriage & Basics Classes Begin

Monday 9/12

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

Tuesday 9/13

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

Wednesday 9/14

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Pizza (Fellowship Area)

6:30 pm F3 Classes Begin (@SPL - varied class locations)

Thursday 9/15 Handbells 5:30pm / Praise Team & Winds 6:30pm

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

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

6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 (KYLO begins 9/15 - Great Room)

Friday 9/16

Saturday 9/17 Message: "Fill the Ditch" / D-G-K Campout

7:00 am SPL Man UP! Men's Ministry (Conference Room)

5:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 9/18 Message: "Fill the Ditch" / D-G-K Campout

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Adult, Youth, Children - Education Classes

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Area

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

4:00 pm THRIVE Serve - Bags of Hope (@SPL)

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 (starts 9/11)
- Confirmation (Gr. 7/8) will meet in Room 122 (starts 9/11)

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 spldecat.org.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 715
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 800

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Dads, Grandpas & Kids Campout (@Camp CILCA)

September 20th Sign-up available in the Fellowship Area

Women's Fall Fellowship Event (6:00pm @Nelson Home)

September 23rd & 24th Sign Up to Volunteer to Pack TODAY!

Feed My Starving Children Decatur MobilePack Event @SPL

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

September 24th & 25th

Flu Shot Clinic @SPL (5:15-6pm 9/24, 9:30-10:15am 9/25)

September 30th - October 22nd Register online at spldecat.org

Church Directory Photography @SPL

October 28th Fall Mission Fest & Night of Praise and Worship

CONNECT WITH US!

Visit our Website & View our Blog 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

Subscribe to our SPL E-Updates at <http://eepurl.com/bu3tql>

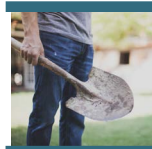


6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2016

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig

Pastor Doug Bender



"This is what the LORD says:
Make this valley FULL of DITCHES."

2 KINGS 3:15B

Thoughts Before Worship

Martin Luther

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the World.

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Immortal Invisible

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Lord Help Me Follow

Message

"Grace Flipping Houses Into Homes: Bring Me A Harpist"
2 Kings 3:10-11, 14-20 (NIV 84)

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.

Mighty Fortress



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Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, we have failed to worship You in spirit and in truth. The truth is, we have worshiped our own desires and the things of this world. Our hands have been slow to do Your work, and quick to build houses and circumstances of our own design. Forgive us for these and every other sin we have committed against You. Tear down the walls we have constructed. Rebuild us in Your image from within, and build a Heavenly home, according to Your blueprint, all around us. 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

Healing Is In Your Hands

Nothing Is Holding Me Back

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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.

Benediction

Closing Song

God of This City

DECATUR KIDS BAGS OF HOPE Special Collection - September 10 & 11

Food item donations - Helping us serve 90 kids this year!

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 15th wedding anniversary of Terry and Cindy Howe.

MESSAGE NOTES

Bring Me A Harpist

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

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.*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL FELLOWSHIP

SPL Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to the annual Fall Fellowship event on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00pm (Nelson Home). Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Sign-up today - directions and information available in the Fellowship Area.

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**. DON'T MISS OUT on making these memories. Sign up online at spldeatur.org or contact Clay Gerhard at cgerhard@live.com.

FMSC DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK

VOLUNTEER at our FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack Event hosted by SPL on **September 23 & 24!** There are FIVE sessions available: Friday 3:30-5:30pm & 6:00-8:00pm (Child-care), Saturday 9:00-11:00am, 11:30am-1:30pm (Childcare), and 2:00-4:00pm (setup & cleanup sessions also available). Go online to www.fundraising.fmssc.org/DecaturCommunity and click "Volunteer to Pack" to register today (or contact Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955). You can also still donate to the event via this site (MobilePack number 1609-029AU).

Able to SERVE as a greeter, parking attendant, at registration or help in other ways at this event? Need Childcare? Sign up at our table in the Fellowship Area TODAY!!

OUR NEXT #90DAYS BEGINS - FALL 2016

Plenty of training and equipping available to you in our next #90DAYS at SPL! Join us on Sunday mornings (9/11) at 9:20am or for F3 Wednesdays (beginning 9/14) at 6:30pm (dinner at 5:30pm). Visit our table in the Fellowship Area to register or (online at spldeatur.org) - childcare sign up also available.

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 Room 205. GET CREATIVE: Join us for F3 Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting 9/14!

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).**

THRIVE Youth: SPL Senior High Youth are invited to THRIVE Alive on Sunday, September 11th 6:30pm (Reynolds Home 1100 Meadow Ct.). Contact Pastor Doug for more info (pastordoug@spldeatur.org). Join us for F3 Wednesdays beginning 9/14!