

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/25 Join us for *The Morning Blend* at 10:15am!

9:20 am Art of Marriage (Room 105) / Education Classes

6:30 pm THRIVE Praise - Youth Worship

Monday 9/26

Tuesday 9/27

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

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

6:30 pm New Life Pregnancy Banquet (Mt. Zion Conf Center)

Wednesday 9/28

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Fried Chicken/Corn (Fellowship Area)

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

Thursday 9/29 Handbells 5:30pm / Praise Team & Choir 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 (Great Room)

Friday 9/30

2:00 pm Photo Directory appointments begin (Fellowship area)

Saturday 10/01 Message: "Is There Truth?"

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

5:15 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:15 pm Flu Shot Clinic

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

Sunday 10/02 Message: "Is There Truth?"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Mickey Johnson Reception (Fellowship Area)

Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

12:30 pm Sr High Paintball Event (leaves from St. John's)

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION TIME 9:20AM

Engage in digging new pathways to learning and life transformation on Sunday mornings at SPL! Connect through adult education options like Pastor's Class (Great Room), Art of Marriage (Room 105), Basics class (Conference Rm) and more. #90Days

CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE

As she retires, it's time to honor Mickey Johnson for the dedication, love, and leadership she has given to SPL for so many years. We invite you to be a part of a reception in her honor at 9:20am on Sunday, October 2nd at SPL. Questions? Please contact Molly Schroat in the church office at 217-423-6955.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 947

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 831

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30th - October 22nd Register online at spldecatour.org
Church Directory Photography @SPL DON'T MISS OUT!

October 8th

SPL Man UP! Men's Ministry Kickoff Event (12:00pm @SPL)

October 28th

SHiNe Fall Mission Fest (5:30pm) with a Night of Praise and Worship (7:30pm)

November 1st Service of Remembrance (7:00pm @SPL)

November 15th Advent by Candlelight

November 24th Thanksgiving Day Worship (9:00am)

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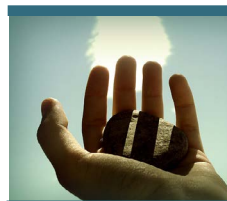
Subscribe to our SPL E-Updates at <http://leepurl.com/bu3tql>

Church Office Hours 8:00am-5:00pm (M-F)



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, 2016

Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender
Pastor Mark Gearig



"Then Samuel took a **STONE**
and set it up...
He named it **EBENEZER**, saying,
"Thus far the **LORD** has helped us."
1 Samuel 7:12

Thought Before Worship

Our greatest glory is not in never failing,
but in rising up every time we fail.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Call to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-29

Good Good Father

Message

"Grace Flipping Houses Into Homes:
Here I Raise My Ebenezer"
1 Samuel 7:12

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.



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Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus we are afraid. Afraid of breaking through the surface of our lives and digging out all that lies beneath. We are afraid that no one would understand, and that no one can help. Forgive us for our fear, and fill us with supernatural courage as we start digging ditches. Fill us with trust, knowing that You understand everything about us and love us anyway. Fill us with faith, believing that You can make a way when there is no way. We surrender our fear, our sin and our lives to You Jesus. There is no place we would rather be. 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 to pray with you at the front and back of the sanctuary at this time.

Communion

Come As You Are

It is Well

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

I Will Follow

MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO GET YOUR OWN SHOVEL?

#DigIn and pick up yours today!

Available at the back of the sanctuary

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God in celebration of the 53th Anniversary on September 28th of Tom and Jerrie Branson.

Flowers at the pulpit are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Pritts' birthday from Dave Pritts.

Flowers at the baptismal font are to the glory of God and in memory of our fathers, Ralph Burton Johnson and Bobby J. Gillum from Jerry & Pam Johnson.

MAN UP! MEN'S MINISTRY AT SPL

We invite all men to gather at SPL on Saturday, October 8th at 12:00pm as we kick off our new Man UP! Men's Ministry! Enjoy food (pulled pork) and fellowship (bags & washers) and learn more about what is ahead. Please bring a chair. Sign up today!

FMSC DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped us pack 250,000 meals this weekend at our Mobilepack Event!

#DIGIN FOR THESE NEXT #90DAYS

Plenty of training and equipping available to you in our next #90DAYS at SPL! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:20am or for F3 Wednesdays (through 11/16) at 6:30pm (dinner at 5:30pm). It's not too late to #DigIn and get in the game. Learn more online at spldecat.org/family-faith-formation. Childcare also available.

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.

MESSAGE NOTES

Here I Raise My Ebenezer

DON'T MISS OUT - SMILING FACES WANTED

We want to include every family in our "family album" and invite you to participate in our directory photography 9/30-10/22 at SPL. You'll receive a free 8x10 print just for participating. Be sure to come see us at our table in the Fellowship Area and SIGN-UP TODAY! You can also reserve your spot online at spldecat.org.

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 thru 11/16!

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) on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

THRIVE Youth: Sr. High Paintball in Springfield-- October 2nd, meet at St. John's @12:30pm, return to Decatur @ 6:30pm. Contact Pastor Doug for more info (pastordoug@spldecat.org). Join us for F3 Wednesdays through November 16th!