

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

### Sunday 11/06

9:20 am Education Time - *Get Connected with Edu. Opportunities!*

6:30 pm THRIVE Community group mtg (@Pastor Doug's)

### Monday 11/07

6:00 pm 20's & 30's Small Group (Room 122)

### Tuesday 11/08

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

6:00 pm Fueled By His Grace Zumba Fitness (Room 122)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

### Wednesday 11/09

6:00 am Men's Basketball (@LSA Gym)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Homemade Soups (Fellowship Area)

10:30 am Ministry to Mature Bible Study (Conference Room)

6:00 pm Children's Choir (Sanctuary)

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

**Thursday 11/10** Handbells @5:30/ Adult Choir @6:30

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

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

1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Oxford 2.0-"Keep Your Love On" (Great Room)

**Friday 11/11** Veteran's Day Assembly (2pm @LSA Gym)

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Saturday 11/12** Message: "The Influence Battle"

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

2:00 pm Roady/Yuenger Wedding (Sanctuary)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

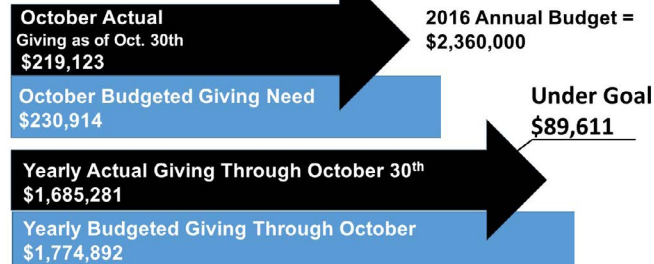
**Sunday 11/13** Message: "The Influence Battle"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

12:00 pm Mission Guatemala Info Meeting (Great Room)



### We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 791  
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 742

...Better Together!

### 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.

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2016

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig



### Prayer Before Worship

Gracious God and Father: I love You, the strength of my soul. You are my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. You are worthy of every song of praise because You have saved me from my enemies- sin, death, and its destruction. When I'm hurting, I call to You. You have always heard my cry and I know Your love is unfailing. Thank You, Father, for Your kindness and protection. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Call to Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Sing to the King*

### Scripture Reading

*Whom Shall I Fear*

### Message

"The Awareness Battle"

### 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.

*Lion and the Lamb*



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**Confession and Absolution**

Father, I come before You to confess. There is an evil force working inside of me. Sometimes I don't even understand it- what I know I should do, I fail to do. The very things I hate, I end up doing. I blame so many things when my life is in turmoil. I struggle to face the sin that's destroying me, and the sin that stands between me and Your sons and daughters. The enemy, Satan, has found a way inside. I'm powerless. Who will rescue me from this certain death?

**Words of Institution (Saturday only)**

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Saturday only)**

*If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the back 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 (Saturday only)**

*I Am Not Alone*

*No Longer Slaves*

**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**

*Victory Chant*

*Flowers on the Altar*

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 89th birthday of Norma Powers from her loving son, Scott Powers.

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

**MESSAGE NOTES**

The Awareness Battle

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**November Voters Meeting** • Sunday, November 20

All SPL members (18 & Up) are encouraged to attend the November Voters Meeting at 2:00pm in the Great Room (childcare available). Agenda includes 2016 Budget, congregation updates, Phase II updates, and other items.

**SPL Angel Tree**

Submit Angel Tree requests now thru November 14th. Forms are available in the Church Office. Questions? Call Molly Schroat at 423-6955.

**Early Learning Center Move**

To prepare for the big move we need many hands to help us clean the ELC on Saturday, November 19th from 9am-3pm. We also need your help on the big moving day, Friday, November 25th starting at 8:00am.

**Deck the Halls** • Sunday, November 27

If you love all things Christmas, please help us transform our church for the holidays. If you are interested in helping, join us after 10:30 worship to set up our 14' Christmas trees, lighting and wreaths. Lunch will be provided.

**Holiday Worship Times**

Thanksgiving, November 24th – 9:00am  
 Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th – 6:00pm & 8:00pm  
 Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th – 10:00am

Women's Ministry

**Advent by Candlelight** • As You Have Said

Tuesday, November 15th, 6:00pm @SPL. Sign-Up available for appetizers as well as men to serve. Monetary donations for food are also being accepted. Bring along a birthday gift for Jesus to support New Life Pregnancy Center. Lists of needed items are available at our table.

Men's Ministry

**Men's Basketball**

Are you looking to continue to transform your #PhysicalHealth? Join Shaun Schlosser for the men's basketball group on Wednesday mornings at 6:00am in the LSA Gym. For more info, contact Shaun at 217-412-5688 or shaunschlosser@aol.com.

Missions

**Operation Christmas Child**

Return your filled shoeboxes by November 13th and include \$7 for shipping. A display is in the Welcome Center and boxes are available now.

**SPL Mission Guatemala** • Sunday, November 13

Informational meeting about travel in 2017 at 12:00pm upstairs in the Great Rm.

Children's Ministry

**SHiNe Children's Education** • Saturday, 6:15pm • Sunday, 9:20am

PreK-K meet in Room 206. 1st-4th Grades meet in Room 203. 5/6 Grades meet in Room 205.

**Get Creative** • Join us for F3 Wednesdays at 6:30pm thru Nov.16th!

**Building Blocks**

Class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies to 3 year olds on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211.

Youth Ministry

**Youth Education**

THRIVE Senior High Youth Sundays at 9:20am (Room 214)  
 Confirmation (7th/8th) on Sunday (Room 122) and Wednesday (Great Rm)

**THRIVE Community** • This Sunday, 6:30pm • Pastor Doug's home

**THRIVE Alive** • Sunday, November 13

Pastor Doug and Michelle's (3151 St. Andrews Ct). 6:30-8:30pm. Come with your trivia knowledge ready to play a classic game show, complete with pizza, drinks, and prizes! If you grew up in a contentious family, this game might be for you...

\*Lifetouch Photos – If you did not place a lifetouch order, please pick up your free 8 x 10 photo at the welcome center. All others will be delivered to homes.