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

#### Sunday 1/01

9:20 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in dining room)

#### Monday 1/02

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

#### Tuesday 1/03

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

6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

#### Wednesday 1/04 Winter F3 Begins!

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

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Sloppy Joes & Hot Dogs (Dining Room)

6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages (various locations)

#### Thursday 1/05 (No choir rehearsal)

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

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

10:00 am ELC Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" (Great Room)

Friday 1/06 Sr. High Youth Winter Retreat - Camp Lutherhaven

Saturday 1/07 Message: "New Year: New Mind"

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

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 1/08 Message: "New Year: New Mind"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (Christian Growth Ctr. Dedication)

11:45 am Christmas Decor Removal (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm ELC Open House

Giving as of 12/28 \$209,546

**December Budgeted Giving Need** \$393.584

Yearly Actual Giving Through December 28th

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through December 31st \$2,360,495

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 1335 (Christmas)

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance:

...Better Together!

\$304,846

needed by

Dec. 31 to

meet our

budget goals.

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:

- Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my 2. sins?
- Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
- 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.\*

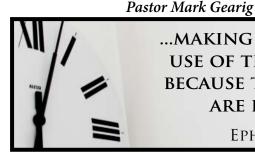
\*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP DECEMBER 31, 2016 & JANUARY 1, 2017 Pastor Eric Trickey Pastor Doug Bender



...MAKING THE BEST USE OF THE TIME, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

EPHESIANS 5:16

#### **Prayer Before Worship**

Lord, teach me to number my days that I may receive a heart of wisdom and use my limited time on this earth according to your will. Amen.

#### Call to Worship

When Hope Came Down

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

Invocation

**Opening Praise** 

Today is the Day

**Scripture Reading** 

Ephesians 5:15-21

My Hope

Message

"New Year, New Time"

#### 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.

Welcome to Our World



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#### **Confession and Absolution**

Lord, I must confess that I have not been a wise manager of the time You have given me. I have wasted more than I would like to admit. All too often I have used my time for my own selfish desires, rather than Your will for my life. Forgive me, Lord and help me to put the "first things" first as I seek to use my time according to Your will and purposes. Amen.

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 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 6:00pm only)

It Is Well

Great Are You 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.

#### **Blessing**

**Closing Song** 

I Have A Hope

# Blessings to you in the New Year!

## **DON'T FORGET: Pick up your 2017 Offering Envelopes**Available by the Welcome Center

MESSAGE NOTES	New Time

Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with

the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the sanctuary.

#### Life Sunday Services • January 21 - 22

During our 3 services (1/21-1/22) we will be celebrating our life in Christ with a special focus on Baptism. If you or a family member have not been baptized we have an opportunity for all during this weekend's worship services. Call Molly in the Church Office by January 16th if you would like to be included. 423-6955

#### Children's Ministry

Worship

SHINE Children's Education • Saturday, 6:15pm • Sunday, 9:20am Saturday Night - All ages meet in the Great Room Sunday Morning - PreK-K Room 206, Gr. 1-4 Room 205, Gr. 5-6 Room 211 Building Blocks For Parents/Caretakers and Children (0-3 years) Room 203

#### Youth Education

Youth Ministry

THRIVE Senior High on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.
7th/8th Grade Confirmation returns Sunday 1/8 at 9:20am in the Great Room

Sr High Winter Retreat • January 6-8, 2017

SPL & St. John's Senior High youth are heading to Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, Indiana (similar to the Springhill retreat). Cost is \$125 for everything. Final payment due January 4th. Space is limited. Contact pastordoug@spldecatur.org

LSA

LSA Christmas Break • Friday, December 23 - Tuesday, January 3

#### F3: Family Faith Formation

Life Transformation

Plenty of training and equipping available to you in our next #90DAYS of Life Transformation at SPL! Join us for F3 classes for all ages on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (dinner at 5:30pm). To register online, visit spldecatur.org.

New Classes: Beginning Wednesday, January 4

- Road to Coronation A Crossways Study of the Passion Story (Led by Chris Schuette)
- The Legacy Journey A Radical View of Biblical Wealth & Generosity (Led by Matt & Kara Nalley)
- Fearless-Imagine Your Life without Fear
  - (Led by Scott & Jayne Powers)
- Let Your Life Speak Listening for the Voice of Vocation (Led by Will Hernan)
- Raising Christ-Centered Children Discipline with love, overcome parenting fears (Led by Joe & Collen Woodington)
- The Daniel Plan Glorifying God in the way we eat, move and think (Led by Melanie Brown)
- Renewing Your Mind God's guidance for managing your mind, emotions and behaviors (Led by Carol Josefson)
- Contemporary Christian Issues & People (Led by Jim Minton)
- Basics 1 & 2 A course for membership at St. Paul's (Led by Pastor Eric)
- Confirmation For 7th & 8th grade youth (Begins January 11th) (Led by Pastor Doug)
- ShiNe Time "My Bible ABC's" PreK 1st Grade (Led by Linda Staff)

  "Using Your Creativity" 2nd 6th grade (Led by Jennifer Power)
- Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" Break free from Sin, find healing
  (Led by Karl Graf) Meets THURSDAYS at 6:30pm (12 week session)

#### Howers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in memory of their parents and daughters Kristin and Carrie, from Roger & Jeri Wenberg

\*The 2017 Flower Chart is now posted in the Fellowship Area. Sign up to purchase an arrangement for our altar on the weekend that you choose.