THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday 1/15 9:20 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in dining room) 4:00 pm THRIVE Serve: Bags of Hope Packing (Warehouse) Monday 1/16 6:00 pm 20's & 30's Community Group (Dining Room) Tuesday 1/17 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122) 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122) 6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room) Wednesday 1/18 6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym) 5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Baked Ham (Dining Room) 6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages (various locations) Thursday 1/19 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122) 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room) 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122) 6:30 pm Wind Ensemble Rehearsal (Room 122) 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" (Great Room) Friday 1/20 Saturday 1/21 Message: "Remember...Your Baptism" 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 1/22 Message: "Remember...Your Baptism" 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:20 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 12:00 pm Mission Guatemala Meeting (Family Room)



\$120,962 short of our budget goals for 2017

January Budgeted Giving Need \$174,189

We Worship...

4 week Average Worship Attendance: 818 Last Week in Worship: 821

...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?
- Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my 2. 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.) 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.

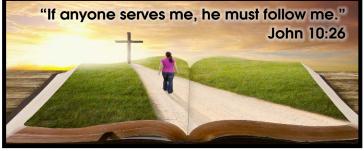
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6:00 pm & 10:30 am Worship JANUARY 14 & 15, 2017 **Pastor Eric Trickey** Pastor Doug Bender Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness."

William Hutchison Murray (mountain climber)

Call to Worship

Giving It All

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Scripture Reading

John 10:25-26

Lord, Help Me Follow

Worship Feature

"Meet the Stewards"

Message

"New Year, New Commitment"

Offerina

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

Christ Jesus...You are the Pearl of Greatest Price. You have moved Heaven and Earth to find us, and You have suffered Hell to save us. In response, we have been thoughtless, unkind, selfish, lazy, and devoted to wrong things and causes. The greatest commitment we have made is to the fulfilment of our own sinful and self-serving desires. Lord break our hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh, forgive our sins once more, that we might be overwhelmed by Your impossible love, and give to You the only reasonable gift in return...every part of us. In Your name and according to Your will, Amen.

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)

O Come to the Altar

Praise Will Be My Song

Prayers of the Church and 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

Please return the commitment cards you received today in your Annual Report on January 28/29 in worship.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the many blessings God has given to St. Paul's.

*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.

MESSAGE NOTES

New Commitment

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

Life Sunday Services • January 21 - 22

Special Events

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

Change for Life • January 21 - March 12

Take a baby bottle and fill it with your extra change to aid the New Life Pregnancy Center ministry here in Decatur. We can make a difference. Last year the Decatur community raised over \$50,000. Bottles will be available at the display in the Fellowship Area on January 21. All bottles (filled or empty) need to be returned to St. Paul's by March 12th.

Worship, Pray, Receive: A Service of Healing • February 17 God is moving powerfully in our midst. We are dedicated to advancing Jesus' ministry of healing through prayer, by praying with anyone in need of healing and by teaching this powerful aspect of Christ's ministry. Join us at 7pm for an evening of worship and prayer in the sanctuary led by Pastor Eric and our praise team ministry. Come and abundantly receive the Father's love for you!

Children's Ministry

SHiNe Children's Education

Saturday, 6:15pm - All ages meet in the Great Room

Sunday, 9:20am - PreK-K Room 206, Gr. 1-4 Room 205, Gr. 5-6 Room 211 Wednesday at 6:30pm: "My Bible ABC's" PreK - 1st Grade Room 206, "Using Your Creativity" 2nd - 4th grade Room 205, 5/6th grade Room 211 **Building Blocks** For Parents/Caretakers and Children (0-3 years) Room 203

SHiNe Father-Daughter Dance • Friday, February 10 Join us at 6:00-7:30pm for the "Sweet Moments" Father-Daughter Dance. Tickets are \$5.00 per family and will be available beginning January 21st in the Fellowship Area. Sign up also to help with set up, clean up, and appetizers. Fathers take the opportunity to speak words of encouragement and life to your daughters. This event is open to all ages.

Youth Ministry

Youth Education

THRIVE Senior High on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

7th/8th Grade Confirmation on Sundays at 9:20am & Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Great Room.

THRIVE Serve · January 15

Bags of Hope packing at the SPL warehouse, 4:00-5:30pm.

THRIVE Worship • January 22

Sr. High youth worship will be in the Great Room, 6:30-8:30pm.

Men's Ministry

Woodcutter's Retreat • February 3-5

Men join together for a weekend of service, bible study, fellowship and food at Camp Cilca. Sign-ups will be available on January 14/15 in the fellowship area.

Raising An MVP • February 11, 8:00am

Join us for coffee, donuts and an inspirational message as we welcome Pastor Tom Zobrist, father of Cubs baseball player Ben Zobrist. All are welcome to attend. Sponsored by the SPL ManUP Men's Ministry.

F3: Family Faith Formation

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.

LSA

Life Transformation

LSA Souperbowl • January 24, 5:30-7:00pm

Help score a touchdown for the Northeast Community Fund! Come sample a variety of soups at the LSA! Drinks and concessions available for purchase. Admission is free. Free will donations or cans of soup accepted to benefit the NECF.

LSA Chicken Dinner • February 17

No need to cook dinner on this Friday night! Dine in or Drive-Thru from 4-7pm at LSA and pick up your dinner which includes 1/2 grilled chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and a roll. Tickets, \$10 each, are available at SPL on Jan. 21/22 & Jan. 28/29. Proceeds benefit the LSA Parent Teacher League.