

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 1/22 National Sanctity of Life Day

9:20 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in dining room)
 12:00 pm Mission Guatemala Meeting (Family Room)
 6:30 pm THRIVE Worship (Great Room)

Monday 1/23

Tuesday 1/24

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 1/25

6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym)
 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
 5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Dinner Casseroles (Dining Room)
 6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir (Sanctuary)
 6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages (various locations)

Thursday 1/26

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)
 1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Family Room)
 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" (Great Room)

Friday 1/27

Saturday 1/28 Message: "Remember...The Promise"

7:00 am SPL Man UP! Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
 4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 1/29 Message: "Remember...The Promise"

8:00 am Traditional Worship
 9:20 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 6:30 pm THRIVE Community Bible Study (Bender's house)

January Actual Giving as of 1/15
\$86,217

**\$87,972 short of
 our budget goals
 for 2017**

January Budgeted Giving Need
\$174,189

We Worship...

4 week Average Worship Attendance: 793
 Last Week in Worship: 722

...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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REMEMBER

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
 JANUARY 21 & 22, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender
Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

"We see what a great and excellent thing Baptism is, which snatches us from the jaws of the devil and makes God our own, overcomes and takes away sin and daily strengthens the new man. It always remains until we pass from this present misery to eternal glory" -Large Catechism

Call to Worship

The River

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

For All You've Done

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-39

Lord, I Need You

Baptism

Message

"Remember...Your Baptism"

Offering

Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)

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

Pastor: Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further honored that life when you sent Your Son to live among us. We, your children, long to have abundant life in You.

People: We confess that we have not used the opportunities you have given us to witness, in word and deed, to the sacredness of life.

Pastor: We have stood silent and inactive toward sin and Satan.

People: We have stood angry and accusing toward You and each other.

All: Forgive us for not speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Help us defend those who can not defend themselves. Help us love and support those facing difficult life choices. Help us love, forgive and bring the healing of the Gospel to those who have made wrong choices. In the precious healing name of Jesus, 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 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

Come As You Are

Praise Will Be My Song

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

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

Grace Like A Wave

Please return the commitment cards you received in your Annual Report next week, January 28/29, in worship.

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Clara Elizabeth Douglass, born November 11, 2017 to parents Lindsay and Christopher Douglass.

Please welcome Clara and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Drayvin William Petitt, born November 20, 2016 to parents Chrissy and Harry Petitt. Please welcome Drayvin and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



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.

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

Special Events

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. Bottles are available at the display in the Fellowship Area. All bottles (filled or empty) need to be returned to St. Paul's by March 12th.

Red Cross Blood Drive • February 6. 12:30pm-5:30pm

Help save a life by donating blood. Room 122, St. Paul's Lutheran Church. To schedule an appointment, contact Teena Lichtenberger at 217-520-1050.

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 are available 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 Worship • January 22

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

THRIVE Community • January 29, 6:30pm

Sr. High youth Bible study @ Pastor Doug & Michelle's home.

Winter Jam Concert • February 12

Christian Music's largest annual tour in Peoria! We are going to be a part of Jam Nation and receive early admission, premium seating and more! Cost will be \$20. More info soon!

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 are available 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.

Life Transformation

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

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.

LSA Dinner Auction • March 18