THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
Sunday 2/26 9:20 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in dining room) 6:30 pm THRIVE Alive: Bowling (Spare Time Lanes)			
Monday 2/27 Tuesday 2/28			
5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122) 8:00 am St. Paul's Foundation Meeting (Conference Room) 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122) 5:30 pm Kindergarten Round-Up (LSA) 6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room) Wednesday 3/01 Ash Wednesday, LSA 2pm dismissal			
6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym) 10:30 am Motivated by More Chair Fitness (Room 122) 12:15 pm Lenten Worship (Traditional)			
5:30 pm Lent Dinner: Chicken and Noodles (Dining Room) 6:30 pm Lent Worship: <i>"Eyewitnesses of the Passion"</i> <b>Thursday 3/02</b> <i>Handbells:</i> 5:30pm /Adult Choir: 6:30pm			
<ul><li>5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)</li><li>6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)</li><li>9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)</li></ul>			
6:30 pm Basics Class (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" (Great Room) Friday 3/04			
Saturday 3/05 Message: "Mythbusters" 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room) 4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm) Sunday 3/06 Message: "Mythbusters" 8:00 am Traditional Worship			
9:20 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 6:30 pm THRIVE Community: Care packages (Dining Room)			
February Actual Giving as of 2/19			
\$2,372,600 \$115,852 February Budgeted Giving as of 2/19			
\$122,417 Yearly Actual Giving Through 2/19/17 Under Goal			
\$273,607 \$22,999 Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 2/19/17 \$296,606			
Ne Worship			
4 week Average Worship Attendance: 798 Last Week in Worship: 765 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:			
<ol> <li>Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?</li> <li>Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?</li> <li>Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and</li> </ol>			
<ul><li>with the bread and wine? (<i>They are not merely symbolically present.</i>)</li><li>4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?</li><li>If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join</li></ul>			
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 FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2017 **Pastor Eric Trickey Pastor Doug Bender** Pastor Mark Gearig

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and HOLD FAST TO HIS WIFE. and the two shall become one flesh. Matthew 19:5

# **Thought Before Worship**

Weddings remind us that our lives have meaning and that love is the strongest bond, the happiest joy, and the loveliest healing we can ever experience. -Daphne Rose Kingma

Wedding Prelude	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty		
Welcome & Announcements			
Invocation			
Opening Praise		In Christ Alone	

#### **Scripture Reading** Genesis 2:21-25

# 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.

White Flag

# Wedding Message

"Love Cleaves"

# **Confession and Absolution**

Hosea 4:1-3

We have been unfaithful to you dearest Jesus. We have chased after selfish and sinful desires and traded our Glory for disgraceful things and behaviors. We are guilty as charged and admit that our hearts have grown cold toward



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You, the Lover of our souls. Remove our sin from us, O Savior, that we may present ourselves to you dressed in holiness. Rescue us, O Glorious Bridegroom, sweep us off our feet and take us away with you once again. Remember Your vows to make us Yours, even as we remember ours to You.

# **Exchange of Vows**

### **Exchange of Rings**

Holy (Wedding Day)

# 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

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How Beautiful

### Even So Come

### 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

# Presentation of Christ and His Bride

### Recessional

Love Cleaves	MESSAGE NOTES
Community Life Discussion Que the weekly Prayer Concerns a	stions are available along with t the back of the sanctuary.

# Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Nancy Irene Johnson by Pam and Jerry Johnson.

# Midweek Lent Worship • March 1-April 5

Special Events

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 1. We will gather at 12:15pm (traditional) and 6:30pm (blended) as we follow the "Eyewitnesses of the Passion." Together we will receive the imposition of Ashes and share in the Lord's Supper. Lent dinner for our families begins at 5:30pm. This week will be chicken and noodles provided by our Early Learning Center Ministry Team. Special worship experiences for our children ages Birth-3, Prek-6, 7and up.

#### SPL Volunteer Luncheon • March 5, 12:30pm

Reminder for those who have registered to join us: We want to honor all of our wonderful SPL Volunteers in all ministries! We are having a luncheon in your honor on Sunday, March 5th at 12:30pm in the Dining Room.

### Cancer Companions--Training Session • March 11

Support group partners' training will be Saturday from 9:00am-4:30pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Springfield. If interested, register by March 3rd. Visit spldecatur.org for more information and to sign-up.

**Change for Life** • January 21 - March 12 Bottles are available at the display in the Fellowship Area. All bottles need to be returned to St. Paul's by March 12th

#### SPL Mission:Guatemala

Deadline to join our mission team is March 1. We invite you to dig in and play a vital part in our SPL Mission: Guatemala for 2017. Each donation of \$7 provides one "Building Block" for the two homes we will build. We need 700 blocks to build a house. Let's get building! Visit our table in the fellowship area to join in.

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

### 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 Alive • February 26

Sr. High youth bowling at Spare Time Lanes, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$3 per game.

THRIVE Community · March 5

Care packages for college students. Meet in the dining room, 6:30pm-8:00pm

# Men's Ministry

### Iron Sharpens Iron March 18

Men's conference held in Springfield on Saturday, March 18th from 8:30am--5:00pm Register now in the Fellowship Area (Half price to the first 50 men to sign up.

LSA

### LSA Registration for 2017-18 Open Now

Register your student now for just \$50 in the month of February. Fee increases by \$50 each month. Contact the LSA Office, 233-2000.

# Kindergarten Round-Up • February 28

Do you know a child who is eligible to begin Kindergarten next year? Contact Susan Keane at skeane@lsadecatur.net for a tour and to be added to the mailing list for the new interactive Kindergarten Round-Up from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

High School Concert • March 9, 7pm

# LSA Dinner Auction • March 18

"Night at the Museum" Live and Silent Auction, Dinner and Entertainment! Tickets on sale now at the LSA office for \$50 per person. Doors open at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm, Mt. Zion Convention Center. Call 233-2001.

Easter Break · April 13-18