

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 3/19

9:15 am New Member Brunch (No children's classes today)
 12:00 pm Cancer Companions Leaders (Family Room)
 4:00 pm THRIVE Serve: Bags of Hope Packing (Warehouse)

Monday 3/20

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

Tuesday 3/21 5:45am/9:30am *Motivated by More Fitness* (Room 122)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 3/22

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

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Room 122)

12:15 pm Lent Worship (Traditional)

5:30 pm Lent Dinner: Baked Potato Bar (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Lent Worship: "Eyewitnesses of the Passion"

Thursday 3/23 Handbells: 5:30pm /Adult Choir: 6:30pm

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 Early Communion Class (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Basics Class (Conference Room)

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

Friday 3/24

Saturday 3/25 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 3/26 Message: "Mythbusters"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Education Time/ Good Friday Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

March Actual Giving
\$91,342 as of 3/12

March Budgeted Giving
\$114,840 as of 3/12

Yearly Actual Giving Through 3/12/17
\$406,674

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 3/12/17
\$452,251

2017 Annual Budget =
\$2,372,600

Under Goal
\$45,577

We Worship...

4 week Average Worship Attendance: 801
 Last Week in Worship: 766

...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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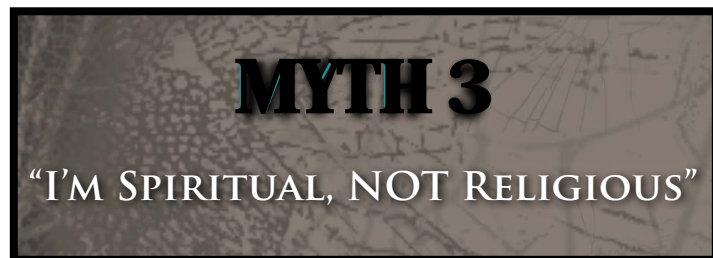
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
 MARCH 18 & 19, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey
 Pastor Doug Bender
 Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair. ~G.K. Chesterton

Call to Worship

Never Gonna Stop Singing

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Build Your Kingdom Here

What a Beautiful Name

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Message

"Myth Busters"
"I'm spiritual, not religious."

Confession and Absolution

Forgive us Lord Jesus for our religious pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for allowing ourselves to be led about by spiritual ideas not from You, and by spiritual forces that tell us what our itching ears want to hear and guide us down paths that lead away from Your presence. Deliver us from spiritual laziness, arrogance and pride, and instill in us the humility and passion required to make our relationship with You our one true religion. In Your beautiful name we pray.



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New Member Welcome (Sunday 10:30 only)

Offering *Resurrecting*
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.

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)

Behold (Then Slings My Soul)

O Praise the Name

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 *Even So Come*

MYTH BUSTERS	MESSAGE NOTES
<i>Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the sanctuary.</i>	

Welcome New Members!
 At the 10:30am worship service, we celebrate as we welcome these new members and their families to our SPL church family: Greg, Stefanie, Connor & Christina Bournias; Storm & Ashley Crouch; Chad, Heather, Mariah & Khloe Hartrich; Jeanie Martin; Drew, Stephanie, Carson, Jackson & Hudson Miller; Barbara Rohman; Donna Sloan & Danielle Tulak; Jeffrey, Jennifer, Benjamin, Noah & Elizabeth Suckow; Debra Williams; Spencer, Suzanne, Lainey, Lily & Lucy Wills. Glory to God!

Flowers on the Altar
 Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 29th wedding anniversary of Kay and David Sleeth.

Special Events

Midweek Lent Worship • March 1-April 5
 12:15pm (traditional) and 6:30pm (blended) as we follow the "Eyewitnesses of the Passion." Lent dinner for our families begins at 5:30pm. Special worship experiences for our children ages Birth-3, Prek-6, 7 and up.

Cancer Companions Training Follow-Up • March 19, 12:00pm
 With Pastor Eric in the Family Room (those who completed the training on 3/11.)

The Hunt • April 8, 10:00am-12:00pm
 Family Easter Event & Annual Egg Hunt! All are welcome to join us at St. Paul's for activity stations, games, music, treats, inflatable fun and the Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 and under. Sign up in the fellowship area. Volunteers and donations needed: Filled Easter Eggs with stickers, small toys, tootsie rolls, starburst, jolly ranchers, no chocolate please. Questions? Contact info@spldecatur.org

Maunder Thursday Seder Meal • April 13, 6:30pm
 Join us as we observe this day with a new Passover experience. We will taste the ritual meal which commemorates the events of the Exodus and remember when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. We will celebrate the First Communion with our 6th graders. RSVP required by April 9th for all. Please specify child/adult, gluten-free and if willing to donate a bottle of red table wine at: spldecatur.org.

Easter Lilies
 Celebrate the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus; place an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. They will be displayed in the sanctuary during Easter services. Place your order in the Fellowship Area today. Cost is \$10 each.

Children's Ministry

SHiNe Children's Ministry Family Meeting • March 26, 12:00-2:00pm
 For parents with children ages 0-12. Childcare and a light lunch provided.

SHiNe Children's Education (*no classes on March 19th during brunch*)
 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 yrs) 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 Serve • March 19
 Bags of Hope packing in the warehouse at 4:00pm

LSA

LSA Registration for 2017-18
 Register your student now for \$150. Contact the LSA Office, 233-2000.

Easter Break • April 13-18

Job Openings

St. Paul's Early Learning Center
 Our school-age classroom is in need of an energetic, patient, positive person who is excited to share the love of Jesus with children. Must meet DCFS requirements for school-age workers and complete a background check. Contact Kim Newingham at 424-9183 or kim@spldecatur.org

Zion Lutheran School, Lincoln, IL
 Part-time Music Teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Responsible for leading Advanced Band, Beginning Band, Classroom Music (PK-4) and Choir.
 Part-time Language Arts Teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Reading, Spelling and English to 5th-8th grade. Contact Pam Fuiten: 217-732-3977

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 13
 Maunday Thursday Passover Seder Meal Tasting/Worship -- 6:30pm

Friday, April 14
 Good Friday Tenebrae Worship -- 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday, April 16th (No Saturday Service)
 Easter Sunrise Worship (Traditional) -- 6:30am
 Easter Breakfast (Dining Room) -- 7:30am to 10:15am
 Easter Celebration Worship (Blended) -- 8:00am & 10:30am