THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:15 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in Dining Room)

12:00 pm Shine Parent Meeting (Dining Room)

12:00 pm Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting (Family Room)

Monday 3/27

6:00pm Easter Event Work Night (Room 122)

Tuesday 3/28 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Fitness (Room 122)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 3/29

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

10:30 am Mature Motivation Fitness (Room 122)

12:15 pm Lent Worship (Traditional)

5:30 pm Lent Dinner (Dining Room)

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

Thursday 3/30

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)

5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 3/31

Saturday 4/01 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 4/02 Message: "Mythbusters"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Education Time/ Good Friday Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

March Actual Giving \$163,224 as of 3/21 2017 Annual Budget = \$2,372,600

March Budgeted Giving \$172.259 as of 3/21

Yearly Actual Giving Through 3/21/17 \$478,556

Under Goal \$31,114

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 3/21/17 \$509,670

We Worship...

4 week Average Worship Attendance: 813 Last Week in Worship: 811

Avg. Lent Wed. Worship Attendance: 329

...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:

- 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 "ves" 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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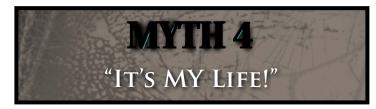


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10:30 AM WORSHIP MARCH 26, 2017 Pastor Eric Trickey Pastor Doug Bender Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

"There is nothing more irreligious than self-absorbed religion." - J.I. Packer

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Jesus Move

What a Beautiful Name

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:15-16

Message

"Mythbusters"

"It's MY Life!"

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.

"There Is Power"

Confession and Absolution

Father I have sinned. I have been so self-absorbed that I have lost touch with what's really important and taken advantage of those you call me to serve. God, I offer myself to You, to build with me and to do with me as You will. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Your



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will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Your power, Your love, and Your way of life. May I do Your will always! In Jesus name, 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

Behold (Then Sings My Soul)

Lord, I Need You

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Prayers of the Church and 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

Not to Us

Flowers on the Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 98th birthday of Rebecca Pickrell, Great Aunt of Becca Massey.	
Myth Busters	MESSAGE NOTES
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Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the sanctuary.	

Midweek Lent Worship • March 1-April 5

Special Events

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.

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@spldecagtur.org

Maundy 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.

Good Friday/Easter Choir

All are invited to join the adult choir as we lead worship on Good Friday at 7:00pm and at the Easter Celebration Worship services at 8:00am and 10:30am. Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:15am (between services) and Thursdays at 6:30pm in the choir room. Questions? Contact Linda Ippel, linda@spldecatur.org

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.

Appreciation Party for Cindy Storey • April 2

We will be gathering after 10:30 worship in the dining room to honor Cindy Storey for the 10 years of work in our nursery as she steps out of this ministry. Well done good and faithful servant!

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 yrs) Room 203

Youth Ministry

LSA

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.

LSA Registration for 2017-18

Register your student now for \$150. Contact the LSA Office, 233-2001.

Easter Break • April 13-18

ELC

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

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 13

Maundy 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