

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday 4/02** Education Time @ 9:20am

- 12:00 pm Cindy Storey Appreciation Party (Dining Room)
- 12:00 pm Cancer Companions Leaders Mtg (Family Room)
- 6:30 pm Thrive Alive: Bible Study (Pastor Doug's)

**Monday 4/03** LSA Teacher Appreciation Week

- 6:00 pm 20's/30's Small Group (Dining Room)
- 6:00 pm "The Hunt" Easter Event Volunteer Mtg (Room 122)

**Tuesday 4/04** 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

- 9:30 am Spiritual Formation Group (Great Room)
- 6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

**Wednesday 4/05** LSA 2:00pm dismissal

- 6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym)
- 10:30 am Motivated My More Chair Fitness (Room 122)
- 12:15 pm Lenten Worship (Traditional)
- 5:30 pm Lent Dinner: Lasagna (Dining Room)
- 6:30 pm Lent Worship: "Eyewitnesses of the Passion"

**Thursday 4/06** 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)
- 6:30 pm Basics Class (Conference Room)

**Friday 4/07**

**Saturday 4/08** Message: "Mythbusters"

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
- 10:00 am "The Hunt" Easter Family Event (South lawn/Fellowship)
- 4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

**Sunday 4/09** Palm Sunday 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: Movie Night (Pastor Doug's)

March Actual Giving  
\$202,367 as of 3/26

March Budgeted Giving  
\$229,679 as of 3/26

Yearly Actual Giving Through 3/26/17  
\$517,699

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 3/26/17  
\$567,089

2017 Annual Budget =  
\$2,372,600

Under Goal  
\$49,390

### We Worship...

4 week Average Worship Attendance: 813  
Last Week in Worship: 855

...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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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

APRIL 1 & 2, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig



### Thought Before Worship

"The seed of every sin known to man is in my heart."  
— Robert Murray McChesney

### Call to Worship

Brand New Day

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

Grace Like a Wave

Forever Reign

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 14:2-3

### Baptism (Sunday at 10:30am)

### Message

"Mythbusters: Humanity is basically good."

### 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.

### Confession and Absolution

Father I have sinned. I have been sinful from the time my mother conceived me, and have kept on sinning till the present day. Forgive me. 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 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



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## 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)

*Lord Have Mercy*

*At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*

*Nothing*

### 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

*Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)*

## Special Events

### Midweek Lent Worship • March 1-April 5

12:15pm (traditional) and 6:30pm (blended) as we follow the "Eyewitnesses of the Passion." Lenten 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@spldecatur.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

### New Member Basics Class • April 19

If you are considering becoming a member of St. Paul's, a new basics class is beginning on Sundays at 9:15pm in the conference room.

## Children's Ministry

### 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

### 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 • April 2, 6:30pm

Senior High Bible Study at Pastor Doug and Michelle's.

## LSA

### LSA Registration for 2017-18

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

### Teacher Appreciation Week • April 3-7

Contact Sherri Vandermyde at lvandermyde@comcast.net to help!

### Easter Break • April 13-18

## Holy Week

### 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

### Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

In our 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Gwendolen Rose Panganiban. Gwendolen was born September 8, 2016 to parents Ernest and Jennifer Panganiban. Please welcome Gwendolen and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



### MYTH BUSTERS

### MESSAGE NOTES

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

### Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 30th wedding anniversary of Jeff and Sue Entler.