

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 4/23 Confirmation at 10:30am worship

9:20 am Education Time

Monday 4/24

Tuesday 4/25 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

9:30 am Spiritual Formation Group (Great Room)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 4/26

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

8:30 am VBS Director Team Meeting (Great Room)

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Spring Basics Class (Conference Room)

Thursday 4/27 Church Staff Retreat

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class

6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)

9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise Class

4:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Family Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 4/28 Church Staff Retreat

Saturday 4/29 Message: Be the Message / ACTION FAIR

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (Children's Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 4/30 Message: Be the Message / ACTION FAIR

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time (Adult & Children) - Be the Message

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (Children's Time-11:00am)

12:00 pm Be the Message Large Group @SPL (Minton)

April Actual Giving

\$158,703 as of 4/19

April Budgeted Giving

\$116,725 as of 4/19

Yearly Actual Giving Through 4/19/17

\$678,897

2017 Annual Budget =

\$2,372,600

Under Goal

\$4,917

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 4/19/17

\$683,814

We Worship...

Maundy Thursday Seder: 430

Good Friday Attendance: 659

Easter Sunday Attendance: 1420

...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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10:30 AM WORSHIP

APRIL 23, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig



Thoughts Before Worship

"You see, the Scriptures are brimming with challenges to each of us to arrange our lives so that we can have the highest possible influence on those around us. It's our responsibility to put those challenges into action; it's His to produce results by drawing people to Himself."

--*Becoming a Contagious Christian*

Call to Worship

From the Day

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Praise and Procession

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Invocation

I Will Not Be Shaken

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:16-17

The Message

"HERE I STAND"

Pastor Doug Bender

Confession and Absolution of Sins

Great Father of heaven and earth, You have told us that everyone who acknowledges Jesus before others will be acknowledged by Jesus before Your throne. But whoever denies Jesus before others will also be denied by Jesus before Your throne. Father, there are times when I've had so much fear for that day of judgment. I confess that I haven't told many about Your love. I haven't been a great witness for You — not in my thoughts, not by my words, and not through my actions. I'm not worthy to be called Your follower. Have mercy on me, O God! Help me grow in my weakness, and let Your strength be made sufficient for me once again. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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Offering God Our Gifts

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.

This I Believe

Vows of Confirmation (Confirmands Stand)**Words of Institution (All Stand)****Rite of Confirmation and Family Communion**

Confirmands and their families will be welcomed forward one at a time. All others may be seated during this time.

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.

Congregational Communion

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

What A Beautiful Name

Man of Sorrows

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**

We Will Remember

SPL Elder Nominations

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Elders, under the leadership of Malcolm Head, is currently accepting nominations for candidates for the Board of Elders for 2017-18. Please submit names of members who you feel would serve well in this role to Malcolm at malcolm.head@lgseeds.com (or to committee members David Horn, Tom Klebe, Jonathan Offermann, or Jeff Entler) by April 21st for consideration. (Final list of candidates will be presented in early May, prior to the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting on May 21st.)

Installation Service at St. John's Lutheran Church • April 23

All are invited to attend as Pastor Adam Ray is installed as the Senior Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Decatur, IL this Sunday at 3:00pm. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Red Cross Blood Drive • May 2, SPL-12:30-5:30pm, LSA-12:00-4:00pm**Women's Fellowship Luncheon** • May 13, 11:00am

Women and girls ages 3+ are invited to "Walking with Grace," a luncheon with a baked potato bar. Bring a salad to share. Guest speaker: Cherylene Brennecke. Childcare available for small children. To attend please pick up a free ticket at the Women's Ministry table in the Fellowship Area.

SPL Semi-Annual Voter's Meeting • May 21, 2:00pm**Friends in Faith Spring Salad Supper** • May 23

At St. Paul's. Guest Speaker: Claudia Quigg. Contact Carol Stafford: 429-1025

Children's Ministry

Children's Education Time

Saturday, 6:15pm - All ages meet in the Great Room
Sunday, 9:20am - PreK-K Room 206, Gr. 1-4 Room 214, Gr. 5-6 Room 211
Building Blocks for Parents/Caretakers and Children (0-3 yrs) Room 203

Save the Date: "Maker Fun Factory" VBS • June 12-19**Coming Soon! Robot Building Competition**

Get ready for this year's VBS by building a robot! Robots will be due on or before May 30th. They will be made at home, should be a family project, can be made out of any material (there are lots of ideas online), and can be any size. There will be age categories (based on the age of the oldest child who helped build the robot), and we will announce the winners the first day of VBS. More info soon! Contact jennifer@spldecatur.org with any questions.

Youth Ministry

Youth Education

THRIVE Senior High on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.
7th/8th Grade on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

LSA

LSA Registration for 2017-18

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

Positions Available

- Varsity Boys Basketball coach. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact LSA Athletic Director, Kurt Younghouse. He can be reached at 217-233-2001 or kyounghouse@lsadecatur.net.
- Music Education Teacher for the middle and high school music.
- Early Primary Teacher. The candidate for music must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Music Education. The teacher candidate must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Please contact the school office at 217-233-2001 for additional information or to apply.

ELC

Position Available

The Early Learning Center is seeking a part-time janitor to work 5:30pm-8:30pm Monday thru Friday. Contact kim@spldecatur.org if interested or call 424-9183.

ELC Preschool Graduation • May 11, 6:30pm**ELC Scholastic Book Fair** • May 9-14

Directories are here! If you had your photo taken in the fall, please pick up your complimentary copy at the Welcome Center.

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

Be the Message**Sign Up for a Group!**

We are calling you into our next church-wide experience which begins next weekend, April 29-30 in worship and continues in all of the small and large groups. Now is the time to sign up for a small group (meeting in homes) or one of the large groups which will meet here at SPL! Everyone will receive training as we prepare to take our faith beyond words to a LIFE of ACTION! We will mobilize as God's people to not only understand how to tell the story of Christ in our own lives, but connect and build relationships with others as we take action in our community. **SIGN UP TODAY** at the Connection Center in the Fellowship Area.

Be the Message Action Fair**April 29 & 30**

Following all services next weekend, get connected in serving in a ministry at SPL and learn more about our service projects. Contact Pastor Mark with questions (pastormark@spldecatur.org).

Family & Faith Celebration - Confirmation

In worship today, we celebrate the Confirmation of the following 8th grade youth with their families: Jameson Allen, Joshua Allen, Jack Applebee, Michael Applebee, Trevor Aubert, Alexa Dillow, Zachary Frazier, Anakin Hickman, Heather Hughes, Samantha Kelm, Lucas Lovekamp, Dakota Miloser, Abigail Mize, Jordan Mize, Alyssa Montes, Abigail Moss, Zoey Murphy, Leah Pierantoni, Ryan Pierce, Jonathan Sack, Jordan Sautélet, Christian Stoner, and Morgan Wayne.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of His many blessings from our 2017 Confirmands.