

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

**Sunday 4/09** Education Time @ 9:20am

9:15 am Adult Choir Good Friday Rehearsal (Choir Room)

6:30 pm THRIVE Community: Movie Night (Pastor Doug's)

**Monday 4/10**

**Tuesday 4/11 5:45am/9:30am** Motivated by More Exercise

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

9:30 am Spiritual Formation Group (Great Room)

6:20 pm Cancer Companions Training (Family Room)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

**Wednesday 4/12**

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

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Good Friday Musicians Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Thursday 4/13** LSA Easter Break Begins

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 **Maundy Thursday Seder Worship** (Dining Room)

**Friday 4/14** Church Office Open/ELC Closed

1:00 pm **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

7:00 pm **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

**Saturday 4/15** No Worship today

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

10:00 am Easter Musicians Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Sunday 4/16** Easter Sunday

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Traditional Worship

7:30 am Easter Breakfast (Until 10:15am-Dining Room/Room 122)

8:00 am Easter Celebration Worship

10:30 am Easter Celebration Worship

April Actual Giving

\$42,776 as of 4/2

April Budgeted Giving

\$38,908 as of 4/2

Yearly Actual Giving Through 4/2/17

\$562,969

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 4/2/17

\$605,997

2017 Annual Budget =

\$2,372,600

Under Goal

\$43,028

### We Worship...

Midweek Lent Worship Average Attendance: 310

4 week Average Worship Attendance: 822

Last Week in Worship: 857

...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.

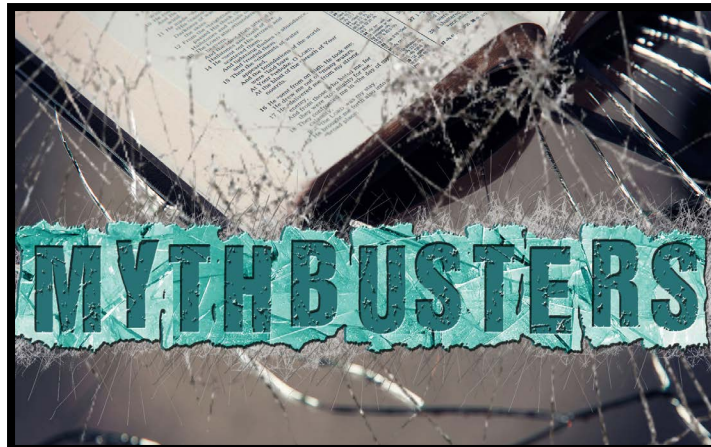
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

APRIL 8 & 9, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig

## MYTH 6

"THE MESSIAH MYTH"

### Thought Before Worship

"In the beginning God created man in His own image, and we have returned the favor." -Voltaire

(Children can receive a palm branch as they enter worship this Palm Sunday weekend.)

### Call to Worship

Jesus

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

### Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-44

### Children's Message

### Message

"Mythbusters: The Messiah Myth"

### Confession and Absolution

(Job's reply to God at the end of his suffering)

"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."



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**Offering** *Glorious Day*  
 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**

**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**  
*O Come to the Altar  
 Jesus Messiah  
 Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

**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** *Go to Dark Gethsemane  
 LSB #436 v 1, 2*

**Stripping of the Altar (10:30 am only)**  
*As Jesus' life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.  
 After the stripping of the altar has been completed, all may leave the church silently. Our Holy Week devotion continues Maundy Thursday with our Seder Worship at 6:30pm.*

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

**Flowers on the Altar**  
 Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 67 years of marriage for Bob and Nancy Rauschek and the 30 years of marriage for Randy and Jean Kircher. We give thanks to God for his many blessings!

Special Events

- Maundy Thursday Seder Meal** • April 13  
 Join us as we observe this day with a new Passover experience at 6:30pm. 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: spldecat.org.
- Good Friday Worship** • April 14, 1:00pm & 7:00pm  
 Explore "The Seven Harsh Realities" of Jesus' suffering and death and come to the Lord's Table during our Tenebrae Services. Includes meditations by all three pastors. String Quartet and Adult Choir lead the music at 7:00pm.
- 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.
- Cancer Companions Training** • April 11  
 Webinar and continued training with Karen Tripp on Tuesday in the Family Room. Join us at 6:20pm, Webinar at 6:30-7:30pm. We will discuss plans, meeting times and the process of starting the support group. Questions? Call Monica Bessinger, 217-246-9930.
- New Member Basics Class** • April 19  
 If you are considering becoming a member of SPL, a new Basics class is beginning on Wednesday's at 6:30pm. Call Lisa at 423-6955.

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

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.
- Thrive Community** • April 9, 6:30pm  
 Senior High Movie Night at Pastor Doug and Michelle's.
- 8th Grade Confirmation** • April 23, 10:30am

LSA

**LSA Registration for 2017-18**  
 Register your student now for \$150. Contact the LSA Office, 233-2001.

**Easter Break** • April 13-18  
**Positions Available**  
 Lutheran School Association is seeking a music education candidate to fill the middle and high school music position as well as an early primary teacher candidate. Candidate for music must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Music Education. 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@spldecat.org if interested or call 424-9183.

**SPL Directories are here! If you had your photo taken,  
 please pick up your complimentary copy at the  
 Connection Center in the Fellowship Area.**

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