

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 5/14 Education Time --Be the Message Adult Groups

12:00 pm Be the Message Group (Jim Minton - Dining Room)

Monday 5/15

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

Tuesday 5/16 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

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

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 5/17

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

10:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)

6:30 pm Spring Basics Class (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Be the Message Group (Bob Watters - Dining Room)

Thursday 5/18 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

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

4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Sm. Conference Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Be the Message Group (T. Lichtenberger-Dining Room)

7:00 pm 8th Grade Commencement (LSA)

Friday 5/19 LSA noon dismissal-closing chapel 11:00 am

7:00 pm High School Graduation (LSA)

Saturday 5/20 Message: Developing Your Character

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

11:00 am Women's Fellowship Luncheon (Dining Room)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm Be the Message Group (Gearig/Power - Dining Room)

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

7:30 pm Be the Message Group (Gene Mueller - Dining Room)

Sunday 5/21 Message: Developing Your Character

2:00 pm SPL Semi-Annual Voter's Meeting (Dining Room)

May Actual Giving
\$45,037 as of 5/07

May Budgeted Giving
\$49,259 as of 5/07

Yearly Actual Giving Through 5/07/17
\$787,350

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 5/07/17
\$810,889

2017 Annual Budget =
\$2,372,600

Under Goal
\$23,539

We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 831
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 765

...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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Be the Message

DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

MAY 13 & 14, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

Our task as image-bearing, God-loving, Christ-shaped, Spirit-filled Christians following Christ and shaping our world, is to announce redemption to the world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to the world that has discovered its brokenness, to proclaim love and trust to the world that knows only exploitation, fear, and suspicion. -N.T. Wright

Parents please remember to check in your child before worship at the "Kids' Church" table in the fellowship center if your child will be going to the Children's Message Time.

Call to Worship

Good to Be Alive

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Breathe On Us

Great Are You Lord

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-10

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Loving Creator, craftsman of my body and soul, you have fashioned and formed me for your will and purposes. Yet, Lord, in my pride and arrogance I have rebelled against you. Thinking I know better, I have sought my own desires and resisted your loving formation. I have become marred and mangled by my sin, and have failed to bear witness to you with my life as you have created and called me to

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do. Do not cast me away as un-moldable clay! Forgive me. Remake me. I give myself to you. Form me and use me as you will, my maker and redeemer. Amen.

Be the Message

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

Healing Is In Your Hands

By Your Love

Speak O Lord

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 needs.

Offering God Our Gifts

The Potter's Hand

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.

Children dismissed for SPL Kids' Time.

(See information on next page for ages and locations of classes.

Children must be signed in to attend.)

The Message

"Discovering Your Purpose"

Blessing

Closing Song

My Lighthouse

Be the Message

MESSAGE NOTES

Discovering Your Purpose

Recognize _____.

Realize our _____.

1. To have a _____

with our _____.

2. To _____ as

_____.

Embrace our _____.

Rest in His ability _____.

_____.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God in gratitude for all of the faithful mothers in this congregation and in memory of Judie Schmitz by Heidi and David Sack.

SPL Action Week • May 30-June 3

Sign up in the fellowship area today! Contact pastormark@spldecat.org

Neighborhood Clean Up • 8-10 people needed

1. Volunteers will work to direct traffic, unload, and assist with drop off of materials in dumpsters at the large item disposal event for members of the neighborhood surrounding French Academy. Friday, June 2, 1-4pm

2. Teams of volunteers will work to provide exterior clean-up and yardwork throughout the neighborhood surrounding French Academy.

Saturday, June 3, 8:30-11:30am, 11am-1:30pm, 1:30-4pm.

Exterior House Repair • any number of volunteers

3. Groups will work to make exterior repairs and improvements to several houses in the Decatur community throughout the week of May 30-June 3.

Northeast Community Fund • 7 people needed each time

4. Groups will work to clean and restock the food pantry.

Tuesday, May 30, 9:30-12pm, 12-2pm | Wednesday, May 31, 8:30-11am

Thursday, June 1, 9:30-12pm, 12-2pm | Friday, June 2, 9:30-12pm, 12-2pm

Special Events

SPL Semi-Annual Voter's Meeting • May 21, 2:00 pm

Elder Nominees: Adam Mize, Jeff Hawkins, Dale Tolle

Friends in Faith Spring Salad Supper • May 23, 6:00 pm

At St. Paul's. Sign up in the fellowship area. Guest Speaker: Claudia Quigg.

Contact Carol Stafford: 429-1025

Rummage Sale • June 2-3

This sale, being held at the LSA, will benefit the SPL Children's Ministry. Donation drop off dates at LSA are Tuesday, May 30th, 4-7pm, Wednesday, May 31, 8am-12pm & 4-7pm, Thursday, June 1st, 12-4pm. Questions or to volunteer, contact Ashley Offermann. 412-5382, J_Offermann@hotmail.com

Children's Ministry

Children's Education Time

Saturday Evening (During Message Time) – Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), PreK-K (Room 206), 1st-6th grade (Great Room)

Sunday Morning at 9:20am – PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 214), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks for Parents/Caretakers & Children 0-3yrs (Room 203)

Sunday Morning (During 10:30am Message Time) – Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), PreK-6 years (Room 206)

"Maker Fun Factory" VBS • June 12-19, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Register now at spldecat.org/churchcenteronline.com/registrations

Robot Building Competition • Due by May 30

Gear up for VBS 2017 by building a robot! 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 are age categories (based on the age of the oldest child who helped build the robot). We will announce the winners the first day of VBS. Visit the VBS table in the Fellowship Area for more information or contact jennifer@spldecat.org with questions.

Positions Available – SPL Nursery Team • Apply by May 15th

Do you have a passion for caring for children and families? We are currently receiving applications for a Nursery Coordinator and also for paid Nursery Staff positions. These are part time positions (Coordinator 10-15 hrs/wk., Staff 2-5 hrs/wk). Applicants for the Coordinator position must be at least 21 years or older, while applicants for the paid staff positions must be 16 or older. Further details along with Position Descriptions and application forms are available at spldecat.org and also in the Church Office – please return all materials by May 15th. Contact Jennifer Power at 217-423-6955 or jennifer@spldecat.org with any questions.

Youth Ministry

Youth Education

Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

Be the Message - Youth Community Group • Sundays, 6:30pm

Meets at the Bender Home every Sunday night, 4/30-5/28.

LSA

LSA Graduations • 8th grade - May 18 • High School - May 19