

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 5/21 Education Time --Be the Message Adult Groups

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

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

Monday 5/22

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

Tuesday 5/23 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

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

5:30 pm Friends in Faith Salad Supper (Dining Room)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 5/24

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

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)

4:30 pm VBS Prep (Great Room)

6:30 pm Spring Basics Class (Conference Room)

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

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

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

9:00 am VBS Prep (Great Room)

1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Conference Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Friday 5/26

Saturday 5/27 Message: Activating Your Mission

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference 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 - 6:30pm)

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

Sunday 5/28 Message: Activating Your Mission

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time (Adult and Children)

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

May Actual Giving

\$81,828 as of 5/15

May Budgeted Giving

\$98,517 as of 5/15

Yearly Actual Giving Through 5/15/17

\$824,141

Under Goal

\$36,006

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 5/15/17

\$860,147

2017 Annual Budget =
\$2,372,600

We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 833
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 879

...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

DEVELOP YOUR CHARACTER

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

MAY 20 & 21, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

"The messages we communicate by our lifestyles are the most powerful messages we send. People are watching and listening. Not to the messages we wish we could give, but to the ones we can't help but give—what we show them by the way we conduct our everyday lives."

— Kerry Shook, Be the Message

Parents please remember to check in your child before worship at the "Kids' Church" table in the fellowship center for SPL Kid's Time

Call to Worship

Made New

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

The Lion and the Lamb

Hungry

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:3-10

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Holy God and Father, my character is supposed to reflect Your heart. My actions are meant to reflect Your will. But I confess to You- I've given up on pursuing this kind of life. I've traded down from Your righteous ways. I've given up humility for pride. I've stopped admitting my brokenness and instead chose guardedness. I'm not selflessly serving others, the way Your Son did for me. Forgive me, God. Take my sin away so I can hear You whisper to me once again. 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)

Come As You Are

Everyone Needs a Little

Graduate Recognition (Sunday 10:30 Only)

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.

Offering God Our Gifts

Thy Will

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

"Developing Your Character"

Blessing

Closing Song

The Lion and the Lamb

Be the Message

MESSAGE NOTES

Developing Your Character-- Matthew 5:3-10

Character to Be the Message Comes Through:

1. _____

- Lifts _____

2. _____

- Reveals _____

3. _____

- Umbrella of _____

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of our many blessings.

Be the Message

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 Tolly, Darren Reynolds

Friends in Faith Spring Salad Supper • May 23, 5:30 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 12-16, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

VBS Prep

If you would like to help us prepare for VBS crafts, decor and other fun items, join us for our prep times! Wednesdays 4:30-7:30pm and Thursdays 9-12pm.

VBS Volunteer Training

For Junior Volunteers, High School Volunteers and Adult Volunteers--in the Great Room on June 4th, 12-1pm/ June 7th, 12-1pm/ or June 7th, 5:30-6:30pm

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

We are currently receiving applications for a Nursery Coordinator and 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 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 • Sunday, 6:30pm