

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

**Sunday 5/07** Education Time --Be the Message Adult Groups

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

**Monday 5/08**

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

**Tuesday 5/09 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise**

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

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

6:20 pm Cancer Companions Training

**Wednesday 5/10**

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

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Spring Basics Class (Conference Room)

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

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

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

1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Conference Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

6:30 pm ELC Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)

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

**Friday 5/12**

**Saturday 5/13** Message: *Discovering Your Purpose*

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 5/14** Message: *Discovering Your Purpose*

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

April Actual Giving

\$218,719 as of 4/30

April Budgeted Giving

\$194,541 as of 4/30

Yearly Actual Giving Through 4/30/17

\$738,913

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 4/30/17

\$761,630

2017 Annual Budget =

\$2,372,600

Under Goal

\$22,717

### We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 854

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 726

...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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## FIND YOUR VOICE

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

MAY 6 & 7, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig



### Thought Before Worship

"Ultimately a life message shouts more clearly and loudly than a brand message. Your image may communicate an outward brand, but your life shouts the real inner message."  
-Kerry Shook from "Be the Message"

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

You Make Me Brave

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

Open Up the Heavens

All I Am

### Scripture Reading

1 John 4:16-17

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

God and Father, You've given me a voice to honor and glorify You. At times, I've used my voice to bless You and to bless others. But with that same voice, I've also cursed You and cursed others - people who have been made in Your very likeness. I've lost my voice by chasing after wickedness. I've walked away from the audience and the stage that You set up specifically for me because I was too angry, or prideful, or self-absorbed to see it. Father, this is not the way it should be. My sin is to blame. I am to blame. Have mercy on me, Father, a sinner.



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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)**

*Holy Spirit*

*Nothing Is Holding Me Back*

**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**

*Who Will Rise Up*

*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**

*"Find Your Voice"*

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*Glory to God Forever*

**BE THE MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

**1. Before I \_\_\_\_\_ I must**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Move into \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. Speak and Act in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. Call on Christ \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Jesus in Every Book" from "Be the Message" pg 37*

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*Sign up in the Fellowship Area to serve in our Decatur Community during our Be the Message Action Week, May 30-June 3.*

*Flowers on the Altar*

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Dylan's 18th birthday and Demi's 12th birthday by the Harjung Family. We are thankful for our many blessings!

**Special Events**

**Cancer Companions Training** • May 9

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.

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon** • May 13, 11:00 am

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. Nursery available. 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, 2:00 pm

**Friends in Faith Spring Salad Supper** • May 23, 6:00 pm  
At St. Paul's. 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 [spldeatur.churchcenteronline.com/registrations](http://spldeatur.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@spldeatur.org](mailto:jennifer@spldeatur.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 [spldeatur.org](http://spldeatur.org) and also in the Church Office – please return all materials by May 15th. Contact Jennifer Power at 217-423-6955 or [jennifer@spldeatur.org](mailto:jennifer@spldeatur.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**

**Music Concerts and Art Fairs**

K-4th - 3pm, May 7 • High School - 7pm, May 11 • 5th-8th - 7pm, May 14

**LSA 8th Grade Graduation** • May 18, 7:00 pm

**LSA High School Graduation** • May 19, 7:00 pm

**LSA Registration for 2017-18**

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

**ELC**

**ELC Preschool Graduation** • May 11, 6:30 pm

**ELC Scholastic Book Fair** • May 9-14, ELC Lobby

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:00am-12:00pm, 3:00-5:30pm

Thursday 5/11 7:00-8:00pm, Saturday 5/13 6:45-7:30pm,

Sunday 5/14 9:00am-12:15pm