

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/23

9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)

Monday 7/24

Tuesday 7/25

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

Wednesday 7/26

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Defining The Relationship Class (Family Room)

Thursday 7/27

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

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

9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study

6:30 pm Freed to Live Class (Family Room)

Friday 7/28

Saturday 7/29 Message: Are We There Yet?

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 - 6:30pm)

Sunday 7/30 Message: Are We There Yet?

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)

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

11:45 am SPL Praise Team Decatur Celebration Rehearsal



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

JULY 22 & 23, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig

"Woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!" Ecclesiastes 4:10



July Actual Giving

\$109,999 as of 7/17

2017 Annual Budget =

\$2,372,600

July Budgeted Giving

\$114,283 as of 7/17

Yearly Actual Giving Through 7/17/17

\$1,157,709

Under Goal

\$92,495

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 7/17/17

\$1,250,204

We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 736

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 701

...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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Thought Before Worship

Christian brotherhood is not an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. --Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Parents please remember to check in your child before worship at the SPL Kids check-in table in the fellowship center.

Call to Worship

Unstoppable God

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Glorious Day

What A Beautiful Name

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Gracious Heavenly Father, in your great love you have joined me together with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as part of your family so that I would not have to journey alone through this life. Yet Lord, I must confess, that all too often I have despised and neglected this blessed reality. Instead of giving thanks for them, I have complained and griped about them. I have harbored hurts and been content with division and disconnection, instead of seeking forgiveness and reconciliation. Selfishly, I have sought my own good instead of the good of others. Forgive me, loving Father, for Jesus sake. Change my vision



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so that I may see my fellow brothers and sisters as you do- beloved and redeemed- and rejoice in this gracious blessing. In the redeeming name of Jesus, amen.

Special Events

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

By Our Love

Resurrecting

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 More Than You'll Ever Know

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.)

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

The Message

"Road Trip: Travel Companions"

Blessing

Closing Song

All the People Said Amen

Travel Companions

MESSAGE NOTES

Keys to journeying together

- 1. Connect with
2. Seek
3. with one another in and
4. Act for the good of
5. Invest in all levels of

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

DECATUR CELEBRATION 2017 August 4 - 6

Join St. Paul's Lutheran Church (along with fellow sponsors WBGL, Investment Planners, Inc. and St. Mary's Hospital) at the Decatur Celebration Christian Stage! Great family-friendly experience, including Carson Singers and our own SPL Praise Team on Friday 8/4, Stars Go Dim on Saturday 8/5, and Seventh Time Down on Sunday 8/6. We'll also be operating the SPL Family Oasis providing some helping hands to families aiming to have an enjoyable DC experience through a diaper changing station, nursing mothers station, seating and shade throughout the weekend. Be sure to get your Country Financial "Band Together" Wristbands now for just \$5.00, available at several Decatur Locations.

CHRISTIAN STAGE & SPL FAMILY OASIS at Decatur Celebration - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Serve with Team SPL at the Decatur Celebration! Senior High Youth and Adult Volunteers are needed to assist with operations at the Christian Stage, SPL Info Tent and SPL Family Oasis throughout the weekend. Contact Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955 or andrea@spldecatur.org if you can help (by July 10).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE July 31

Here at St. Paul's in Room 122 from 11am-4pm. Sign up on the kiosk in the fellowship area.

"WELCOME HOME" CHURCH PICNIC August 20

Save the Date! 12:00-2:00pm. All are welcome!

Feed My Starving Children MOBILEPACK September 8, 9

Volunteer registration open early August. A special offering will be taking place at participating churches on August 5th and 6th and fundraising coin boxes can be returned at this time as well. Form a fundraising team or donate now at give.fmssc.org/DecaturCommunity

FALL FESTIVAL 500 October 28

At St. Paul's, Saturday, beginning at 4pm. We celebrate the 500th year of the reformation with children's inflatables and carnival games, a German dinner, German Polka Band - "Die Musikmeisters", and a showing of the film "Luther" in our Sanctuary. You don't want to miss our pastors in their Lederhosen!

Children's Ministry

Children's Education Time SPL KIDS

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)

Youth Ministry

YOUTH EDUCATION

Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

FUN IN THE SON July 26, 6:30pm

Bo and Laurie Brown's home for a pool party! Bring a towel and a friend!

LSA

2017-2018 Registration August 2, 3

Wednesday 8am-1pm and 4pm-7pm, Thursday 8am-2pm. Bring or complete there this day: checkbook (no cash payments accepted), completed ACH form (direct bank payments for tuition), free/reduced lunch form, consent form, medical forms (physical, dental or vision exam forms can be turned in this day.)

LSA Parent Meetings August 12, 13

August 12th- following 6pm worship, August 13- following 10:30am worship. All parents of registered LSA students from St. Paul's are required to attend one of these meetings. More info to come in the mail.

LSA Fall Semester Begins August 15

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jim and Marilyn Corley.