

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

### Sunday 8/27

9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)

### Monday 8/28

### Tuesday 8/29

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

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

6:30 pm Cancer Companions Community Mtg (Family Room)

### Wednesday 8/30

10:30 am Mature Motivation-Chair Fitness (Room 122)

### Thursday 8/31

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)

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

### Friday 9/01

### Saturday 9/02 Message: Do It For Him

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 9/03 Message: Do It For Him

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)

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

### August Actual Giving

\$115,783 as of 8/20

### August Budgeted Giving

\$135,142 as of 8/20

### Yearly Actual Giving Through 8/20/17

\$1,336,231

### Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 7/31/17

\$1,461,535

2017 Annual Budget =

\$2,372,600

Under goal

\$125,304

### "TELL ME MORE" - Beginning September 10th

What happens after I die? Why do people do bad things? Why are Christians hypocrites? How do I respond to a broken relationship? Maybe some of these are questions you have wondered about and never had anyone answer for you. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for these topics with an invitation card and a yard sign.

**Come and find answers to your questions.**

### We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 784

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 861

**...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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Visit our website at [spldecatour.org](http://spldecatour.org)

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

AUGUST 26 & 27, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig



### Thought Before Worship

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. -Proverbs 28:13

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

### Call to Worship

*Spirit of the Living God*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Open Up the Heavens*

*No Longer Slaves*

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

Gracious Heavenly Father, you are the great repairer, always seeking to mend and restore what is broken. As your children, you call us to do the same. But Lord, I must confess that many times I have sought my own self-preservation rather than restoration. Instead of admitting my own wrongdoing, I have made excuses and blamed others. I have desired to escape the consequences of my actions more than heal the hurt they've caused. Forgive me, Lord, for my selfishness. Fill me with genuine sorrow that I may seek reconciliation with others through true confession and restoration. In Jesus name, Amen.



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## 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

*It Is Well*

*Build My Life*

*Do You Know*

### First Bibles Presentation

### 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.

### Children dismissed for SPL Kids' Time

See information on next page for ages and locations of classes. Children must be signed in to attend.

### Offering God Our Gifts

*Cry Out to Jesus*

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.

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:23-24

### The Message

"Maintain Repair"  
Pastor Mark Gearig

### Blessing

### Closing Song

*Your Love Awakens Me*

## HOME MAINTENANCE

## MESSAGE NOTES

"Maintain Repair"

Starts with choosing to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

### The 7 A's of making an effective apology

- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Avoid \_\_\_\_\_
- Admit \_\_\_\_\_
- Acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_
- Accept \_\_\_\_\_
- Alter \_\_\_\_\_
- Ask \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Special Events

### Feed My Starving Children MOBILEPACK • September 8, 9

Thank you for your continued support of the FMSC Decatur Community Mobile-Pack! We're halfway to the goal of \$60K – would your business or organization be interested in being a sponsor, along with SPL & TBC? Contact Andrea Gerhard at [andrea@spldecatur.org](mailto:andrea@spldecatur.org) to learn more and get involved. You can check in on our current progress and also register to volunteer for the MobilePack by visiting <http://give.fmssc.org/DecaturCommunity>. Pack with us – search Team SPL under groups and join one of our teams!

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL FELLOWSHIP • September 12

SPL Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to the annual Fall Fellowship event on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00pm at the Fairview Park Pavilion #3. Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Sign-up now in the Fellowship Area. Connect at [facebook.com/groups/SPLWomen](https://facebook.com/groups/SPLWomen)

### New Life Pregnancy Center Banquet for Life • September 26

"Laugh for Life", featuring Mike Williams, Pro-Life Comedian, will be at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel. Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm. Complimentary tickets are required (18 and older), contact 872-5556 by September 12.

### CANCER COMPANIONS @SPL

Beginning earlier this year, a group of lay leaders have been in training at SPL, learning to minister and provide support to those struggling with cancer in our community. Led by Monica Bessinger and Gary Trickey, this team is preparing to begin support group meetings in the month of September (9/19 at 6:30pm). This team of Cancer Companions would like to personally invite individuals to attend – who do you know that is battling cancer right now? Please complete the contact card insert in your bulletin and return it at Offering time or to the Church Office, and let us know who you think could benefit from a Cancer Companion.

## Children's Ministry

### SPL KIDS

**Worship: Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning** (During Message Time):

Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), 3 years-K (Rm 206), 1st-4th grade (Great Rm) 5th-6th Junior Leaders will leave with children (must have attended training)

**Sunday Education** (9:20am): PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 213), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks for Parents/Caretakers & Children 0-3yrs (Room 203)  
**F3** (Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm): 6 weeks-3yrs (Nursery), 3 yrs-K (Room 206); Bible App for Kids: Bible Adventure, 1st-4th grade (Room 213); Life With God, 5th-6th Grade (Room 211); Life with God

## Youth Ministry

### SPL YOUTH

THRIVE: Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

F3: Wednesday at 6:30pm (Grades 9-12)

### 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

Kickoff: Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm in the Great Room.

Classes: Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:20am or Wednesday Sept. 13 at 6:30pm

## Adult Education

### F3: Family-Faith-Formation

Fall Session 2017 begins Wednesday, September 13, 6:30pm

Register now at [spldecatur.org/Family-Faith-Formation](http://spldecatur.org/Family-Faith-Formation)

### Membership @ SPL: Basics 1 & 2 Classes Begin

Sunday, September 10th at 9:20am in the conference room.

Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm in the conference room.

### After School Tutors Needed for "Decatur Kids Soar Academy"

Want to make a positive impact on the children of our community?

Starting in October, we will have an after-school tutoring program at

French Academy. Join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday,

September 5 at 5:30 pm in the dining room to find out how you can be

a part of this ministry. If you are interested, but cannot attend, contact

Libby Mize at [lnmize@hotmail.com](mailto:lnmize@hotmail.com).

### Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration

of the 55th wedding anniversary of Lynette and Dennis

Messamore. Flowers at the Pulpit are placed in celebration of the

60th wedding anniversary of Dan and Betty Fisher.