

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 10/08

- 9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)
- 9:15 am Sunday Basics Class (Conference Room)

Monday 10/09 *Columbus Day-LSA no school*

Tuesday 10/10

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 10:30 am "Armor of God" Women's Study (Family Room)
- 6:00 pm "Armor of God" Women's Study (Dining Room)

Wednesday 10/11

- 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)
- 5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room) - *Soups/Hot Dogs*
- 6:30 pm F3 Classes (Various locations-all ages)
- 6:30 pm Basics Class (Room 203)

Thursday 10/12 *LSA Picture Day*

- 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 (Family Room)
- 4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Sm. Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 10/13 *LSA-Grandparents Day (Elementary) Noon dismissal*

Saturday 10/14 *Message- What Does This Mean: The Creed*

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
- 4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

Sunday 10/15 *Message- What Does This Mean: The Creed*

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 11:00am)

CARDS FOR KIDS · Collecting thru October 8

Organized locally to benefit kids impacted by Hurricane Harvey, \$20 gift cards (Walmart, Target, iTunes, Barnes & Noble) are now being collected at SPL and LSA. These cards will be routed to kids by LINC Houston to help them replace special items lost as a result of the devastation. More information is available at the Coffee Bar or by contacting Thalassa Trickey at thaleylula@gmail.com

We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 857
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 734

...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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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
OCTOBER 7 & 8, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig

I WILL NOT
NEGLECT
your WORD

Thought Before Worship

Today we begin to look at the 500 years of blessings God brought to us through the Lutheran Reformation as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Luther's work. Under the banner of "What Does This Mean?" we especially want to appreciate again a clear commitment to the authority of God's Word in our lives. May God's Spirit help us to cherish God's truth and stir in us a hunger to know it better.

Plan to attend SPL Kids: Worship? Parents, be sure to check in your child at the SPL Kids Table before worship begins. (3yrs-4th grade).

Call to Worship

Glimpse (Into Eternity)

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Open Up the Heavens

Lord, Help me Follow

Confession of Sins and Absolution

O Gracious Father, so often we do not rejoice in following your commands because we think we know better how to manage our lives. We mistakenly believe Your Word limits our freedoms and robs us of personal joy. We don't believe Your ways are always best and right and we want to do life our way. Lord, how many messes we have made and how much heartache and ruination we have brought about. We are sorry. Forgive us for Jesus' sake and help us declare again, "We will not neglect Your Word." Amen.

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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 Songs

Speak to Me

Come As You Are

Ancient Words

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 requests.

Offering God Our Gifts

Word of God Speak

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:9-16

The Message

"What Does This Mean? - The Word and God's Commands"
Pastor Wray Offermann

Blessing

Closing Song

I'm Not Ashamed

What Does This Mean?

MESSAGE NOTES

Horizontal lines for message notes.

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

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE • October 24

If you have experienced loss and would like to honor your loved one, join us at the Service of Remembrance on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00pm. Preservice music begins at 6:30pm. A refreshment reception follows the service in the Fellowship Area.

FALL FESTIVAL 500 • October 28

Celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation at St. Paul's! Children's carnival games and inflatables begin at 4pm, German dinner (full hot meal with dessert-see menu in the fellowship area), polka band "Die Musikmeisters" and concessions (hot dogs/Bavarian pretzels/Fitz's root beer) 4:30pm-6:30pm, and at 7pm join us in the sanctuary for the 2017 movie "The Case for Christ" (rated PG). Tickets for the German dinner (Adult plate-\$10/Child plate-\$5) are on sale now in the fellowship area or online at spldeatur.org --All other events are free.

St. John's Chicken and Noodle Dinner • October 22, 11am - 1pm
\$8.50 adults & \$3.50 children. Menu: Chicken and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Drink & Dessert. Advance Tickets available at St. John's Lutheran Church office, 2727 N. Union Blvd. Tickets also sold at the door.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes • due by November 13
During the month of October, SPL Kids will be collecting supplies to be used for the packing of OCC Shoeboxes (packing Nov. 4/5/8). The SPL Kids Offering for the month of October will be put toward the cost of shipping each box (\$7.00/shoebx). Donations can be brought to the church office or SPL Kids classrooms. More details at SPLDECATUR.ORG.

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)- Led by Pastor Doug Bender

Youth Ministry Info Meeting • October 15

YOU. God is calling YOU, to use the gifts He has given YOU and invest in the next generation, our YOUTH. Within this family of faith, YOU have so much to share and it's time to pass it on... from YOU to them. Come, gather with our pastors and other leaders and find out about all the ways YOU can be serving and what exciting developments are ahead for our YOUTH ministry at SPL. Contact the Church Office with any questions at 217-423-6955.

7th/8th Grade Confirmation

Classes: Sundays at 9:20am or Wednesdays at 6:30pm during F3.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Bible Study • Begins October 10

"The Armor of God," Tuesdays 10:30am or 6:00pm starting 10/10). Call 423-6955 or visit spldeatur.org to sign up.

Advent by Candlelight Table Hosts • By October 9th

Are you interested in being a table host for this women's ministry program? Sign up by Oct. 9th. Call the church office at 423-6955 or go online to spldeatur.org

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 24th Wedding Anniversary of Ron and Sarah Johnson.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, thoughts and kindness during the loss of our mother -- The family of Pat Ryan