

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 10/29 (No education classes today)

9:15 am Pastor Bender and Family Send-Off (Dining Room)

Monday 10/30

Tuesday 10/31

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 11/01

10:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room) - *Taco Bar*

6:30 pm F3 Classes (Various locations-all ages)/Basics Class

Thursday 11/02

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 D.A.R. Chapter Meeting (Dining Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Adult Choir Potluck/Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 11/03

Saturday 11/04 Message- Kingdom Life: Order Out of Chaos

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

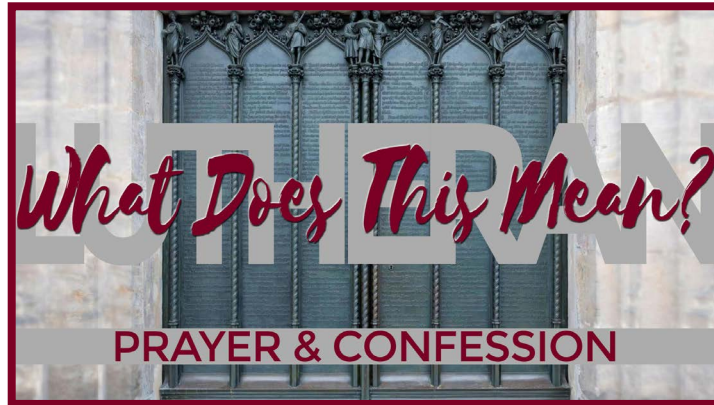
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

Sunday 11/05 Message- Kingdom Life: Order Out of Chaos

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 11:00am)



10:30 AM WORSHIP

OCTOBER 29, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

For the gospel does not expressly demand works of our own by which we become righteous and are saved; indeed it condemns such works. Rather the gospel demands faith in Christ: that He has overcome for us sin, death, and hell, and thus gives us righteousness, life, and salvation not through our works, but through His own works, death, and suffering, in order that we may avail ourselves of His death and victory as though we have done it ourselves.

-Martin Luther

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

We Believe

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is our God

LSB #728 v. 1, 3, 4

(All men of the congregation are invited to join in singing this song on the front steps of the sanctuary with the choir)

Scripture Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 1:8-17

John 20:26-31

I Will Not Be Shaken

October Actual Giving

\$146,110 as of 10/22

October Budgeted Giving

\$159,195 as of 10/22

Yearly Actual Giving Through 10/22/17

\$1,657,238

Under goal

\$164,038

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 10/22/17

\$1,821,276

2017 Annual Budget =

\$2,372,600

We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 786

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 835

...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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Confession of Sins and Absolution

Dear Lord Jesus, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and terrify me. Where shall I go? I will look to you, Lord Jesus, and believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I look to you and find assurance, for you have promised, "He that believes in me shall have everlasting life." My conscience is burdened and my sins make me tremble, but you have said: "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven and I will raise you up on the last day and you shall have eternal life." I cannot do any of this for myself. I come to you for help. Amen.

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

A handout with this week's prayers is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to continue to pray for these concerns.

Offering God Our Gifts *(Children dismissed)*

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.

The Church's One Foundation (Adult Choir)

The Message

"What Does This Mean? - Prayer and Confession"
Pastor Doug Bender

Blessing

Closing Song *In Christ Alone*

What Does This Mean?

MESSAGE NOTES

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

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 16th Anniversary of Charlie and Bev Brown.

Associate Pastor Call

Our Associate Pastor Call Committee continues to work diligently to review candidates for the available position. If you have a recommendation of a candidate, please contact Monica Hawkins (monicajhawkins@yahoo.com) or Darren Reynolds (darrenr@consociate.com) as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued prayers over this process!

Motivated by More CHAIR FITNESS * begins November 1
Do you struggle with balance? Have you noticed some of your daily activities becoming more difficult? Consider joining Melanie Brown of Motivated by More for Chair Fitness on Wednesdays at 9:30am in Room 122 at SPL. This 2-part workout for men and women is focused on functional movement, core strength, flexibility and balance, coupled with a time of devotion, discussion, and prayer. Classes are just \$3 per session – drop-ins welcome!
Additional regular fitness classes offered Tuesday/Thursday mornings at SPL. Learn more at www.motivatedbymore.net.

St. Paul's Early Learning Center Fundraiser * order by November 6
St. Paul's ELC is excited to once again offer selections from Perfect Pastries for their Fall Fundraiser – the popular Pastry Puffins have returned, along with additional items like Butter Hearts, Cookies, and PuffCrust Pizzas. Proceeds will be utilized for new learning toys and materials for the ELC classrooms. Items can be ordered in the ELC Office or Church Office, or from any participating ELC family. Orders will arrive November 21st, just in time for the holiday season. Contact Kim Newingham with any questions 217-424-9183.

ANGEL TREE Requests * due by November 10
The Angel Tree will return to SPL once again this holiday season, beginning November 18 & 19, and we will again bless families in need in our community through New Life Pregnancy Center, Baby Talk, and Northeast Community Fund. We are also blessed to be a blessing to those in our family of faith and our Early Learning Center who may be in need this season – if you are aware of an individual or family in need, please see Sarah Johnson (sarah@spldecatur.org) in the SPL Church Office to complete an Angel Tree submission form. Forms must be returned by November 10th to be included on this year's Angel Tree.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoeboxes * due by November 13
SPL Kids will be packing shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child November 4, 5, & 8 in SPL Kids Time – this month we welcome your donation of shoebox items or monetary gifts (\$9.00 per shoebox) that will help us pack and ship as many as we are able to fill. Return donations to the table in the Fellowship Area or SPL Kids classrooms. You can also pack shoeboxes on your own – please return all marked shoebox gifts (boy/girl/age label) with the requested \$9.00 donation to SPL by November 13th. Contact Andrea Gerhard with questions at 217-423-6955.

Semi-Annual Voters Meeting * November 19, 2pm
All members of SPL are encouraged to attend our Semi-Annual Voters Meeting in the Dining Room. The Pastors and Board of Elders will lead discussion on important congregational updates including NEXT and Phase II progress, Associate Pastor Call Process, and a vote on the Budget for 2018.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP * November 23, 9am

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
7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Classes: Sundays at 9:20am or Wednesdays at 6:30pm during F3.

Women's Ministry

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT * November 14, 6:00pm
"A Mother Remembers" -- SPL Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to be a part of Advent By Candlelight. Visit the table in the Fellowship Area for more event information, or to sign up to help serve (men). Donations to help cover the costs of food are also being accepted.