

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

### Sunday 12/31

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

### Monday 1/01 ELC and SPL Closed

### Tuesday 1/02

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

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

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Cancer Companions Meeting (Family Room)

### Wednesday 1/03 LSA School resumes

9:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room) - *Soup/Grilled Cheese Sandwiches*

6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages

### Thursday 1/04

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)

5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday 1/05

### Saturday 1/06 Message - "Going Back to Go Forward"

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

4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

### Sunday 1/07 Message - "Going Back to Go Forward"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

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

11:45 am Remove Christmas Decor (Sanctuary)

### December Actual Giving

\$ 193,053 as of 12/25

### December Budgeted Giving

\$242,077 as of 12/25

### Yearly Actual Giving Through 12/25/17

\$2,063,023

### Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 12/25/17

\$2,299,981

2017 Annual Budget =

\$2,372,600

### We Worship...

Christmas Eve Worship Attendance: 1183

Christmsa Day Worship Attendance: 160

...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  
DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig

KNOW YOURSELF  
THAT YOU MAY KNOW GOD

### Thought Before Worship

Grant, Lord, that I may know myself that I may know Thee.  
- Augustine

### Call to Worship

*Receive Our King*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

### Confession and Absolution

Loving Heavenly Father, You have fearfully and wonderfully made me. And yet, Lord, I must confess that I spend much of my time trying to live as the person others want me to be rather than who You have made me to be. I have sought to find my value and worth in what I do and how others perceive me rather than in who You declare me to be – Your child. Forgive me, Lord, for my failure to live authentically as the person You have created me to be. Open my eyes and help me to live as who I truly am in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### 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.



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Communion Songs (Saturday only)

Come As You Are

What A Beautiful Name

Prayers of the Church & 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

“Noel”

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

1 Corinthians 12:14-20

Message

“Know Yourself That You May Know God”

Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song

Rejoice

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality--MESSAGE NOTES

Handwriting lines for message notes

Top 10 Symptoms of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality

- 1. Using God to run from God
2. Ignoring the emotions of anger, sadness, and fear
3. Dying to the wrong things
4. Denying the past’s impact on the present
5. Dividing our lives into “secular” and “sacred” compartments.
6. Doing for God instead of being with God
7. Spiritualizing away conflict
8. Covering over brokenness, weakness, and failure
9. Living without limits
10. Judging other people’s spiritual journey.

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

Serving Opportunity • Sanctuary Servants

We are looking for individual ministry volunteers, or a couple of small groups, to help us make sure pews are filled weekly with member cards, guest cards, pew offering envelopes and pens. If interested in serving, please contact Lisa in the Church office, 423-6955.

F3: Family-Faith-Formation • Begins January 3

Renovate your life and improve your health! Join us for the Winter Session of F3 – a variety of classes are available for all ages. Visit the table in the Fellowship Area or go online to SPLDECATUR.ORG to register today!

SPIRITUAL | PHYSICAL | MENTAL | EMOTIONAL | RELATIONAL | FINANCIAL | VOCATIONAL

- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality - Led by Bob Waters
Legacy Journey- Led by Matt and Kara Nalley
Wellness Revelation - Led by Melanie Brown
Loving Our Kids On Purpose - Led by Kurt and Jessica Young-house
Bible Study: Ephesians - Led by Pastor Mark Gearig
Basics 1 & 2 (Church Membership) - Led by Pastor Eric Trickey
Youth Confirmation (7th/8th), Thrive (Gr 9-12), and classes for children.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Following Christmas, we’ll enter in to the series “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality” in worship. You can dig deeper into what we are learning by also attending the study sessions available in Pastor’s Class on Sundays at 9:20am (beginning December 31st) or on Wednesdays during F3 (beginning January 3rd). If you’d like to use this study in your Small Group, please contact the Church Office at 217-423-6955 and we will connect you with the teaching DVD and study materials.

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)

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH

Gr. 7 – 12: Currently meet Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122
THRIVE Senior High resumes Wednesday 1/3 at 6:30pm
Confirmation (Gr. 7 & 8) Classes resume on Sunday 1/7 and Wednesday 1/10

Thank you from the Early Learning Center

With the help of St. Paul’s and the ELC families, the ELC was able to put \$549.36 worth of books in the classrooms from the Scholastic Book Fair. The Pastry Puffins fundraiser raised \$2,087 for new classroom materials which the children have already started to enjoy! Thank you for supporting our Early Learning Center!

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of our daughters, Kristen and Karie, by Roger and Jeri Wenberg. Flowers in front of the pulpit are placed to the glory of God in thanksgiving for 95 years of life celebrated by Lois Horn on December 30th by her children (John; Linda and her husband, James; David; and Donald) and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

2018 Flower Chart

If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a weekend of services, the sign-up chart is now available for 2018 on the kiosk in the fellowship center. Place in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or just to bless the St. Paul’s congregation in worship. For questions, call Heidi - 423-6955.