

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

### Sunday 3/15

9:30 am Weekly SHiNe Prayer Time (Welcome Center Area)

6:30pm THRIVE Alive - Bowling @Spare Time Lanes

### Monday 3/16

6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Meeting & Study (Great Room)

### Tuesday 3/17

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*

7:00 pm SPL Foundation (LCR)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

### Wednesday 3/18 *Join us for Midweek Lenten Worship*

12:15 pm **Lenten Worship** (Traditional)

5:30 pm Lenten Dinner: BBQ (Fellowship Area)

6:30 pm **Lenten Worship** (Contemporary)

### Thursday 3/19 *Handbells 5:30pm, Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm*

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*

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

1:00 pm Hinz Group Bible Study (LCR)

6:30 pm Basics 1&2 Class Meeting (LCR)

### Friday 3/20

### Saturday 3/21 *Message: "Respond to: Sexual Identity"*

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

### Sunday 3/22 *Message: "Respond to: Sexual Identity"*

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time

9:30 am Weekly SHiNe Prayer Time (Welcome Center Area)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

12:00 pm Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (Rm 122)

## FMSC DECATUR MOBILEPACK - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who provided support and service for the Feed My Starving Children Decatur MobilePack Event on March 13th & 14th. Because of your generosity and heart for service, lives across the world will be impacted by these 200,000 life saving meals. For students or LSA families, if you need a volunteer form signed, please contact Andrea Gerhard in the church office.

### We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 756  
4 Week Avg. Attendance: 801

...Better Together!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 21st** *Contact Chuck Schuette h.schuette@comcast.net*  
Iron Sharpens Iron Conference - for men (Springfield, IL)

### March 29th

THRIVE Youth "Winter Jam" concert (Peoria, IL)

### March 29th - April 3rd **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday (3/29) worship at 8:00am & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday (4/2) worship at 7:00pm

Good Friday (4/3) worship at 1:00pm & 7:00pm

### April 4th

SPL Family Easter Event & Annual Egg Hunt (10:00am)

**April 4th** *Get your tickets now at [www.decaturocccenter.org](http://www.decaturocccenter.org)*

The Live Forever Tour with Matthew West (7pm @DCC Arena)

### April 5th

Easter Sunday worship at 6:30am, 8:00am & 10:30am

New Member Welcome at 10:30am worship

### April 8th

F3 Spring 2015 Session Begins (Info available later this month)

### April 11th

Mommy & Me: Pray - Play - Connect (9:00-10:30am @SPL)

### April 18th

Annual LSA Dinner Auction (@Mt. Zion Convention Center)



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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM Worship

March 14 & 15, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Doug Bender

### Prayer Before Worship

Gracious God, as we gather in worship today we are mindful of the many pressures and expectations placed upon all of us. We do not measure up to our own goals, much less Your commands. We want to be strong as a church family and as individual families, but sometimes we feel overwhelmed. Help us find new strength in You, in the power of Your Word, and in the presence of Your Spirit. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Call to Worship

*Ain't No Grave*

### Welcome

### Opening Praise

*As For Me*

### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:21-33

*By Our Love*

### Message

"Engage the Culture - Respond to: Redefined Family"

Ephesians 5:21-33



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**Offering**

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.

*Man of Sorrows*

**Confession of Sins**

-Have I forgiven my parents for the deficits in my upbringing?

-Have I made a clear commitment to do everything in my power to preserve an intact, God-established family?

-Do I regularly forgive those in my family who make my life difficult and do they know of my forgiveness?

-Do I lean on Christ to do in me what I know I cannot do without Him?

**Words of Institution (Saturday 6:00pm Only)**

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Saturday 6:00pm Only)**

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the following page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer ministers are available at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

**Communion (Saturday 6:00pm Only)**

*Restore My Soul*

*Nothing*

**Prayers of the Church**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*My Lighthouse*

If you have completed service with your small group, such as the Feed My Starving Children Decatur MobilePack, be sure to place your hand on the Kingdom Tree following worship today.

**MATTHEW WEST CONCERT - SAT. APRIL 4TH @7PM**  
The Live Forever Tour with Matthew West & Special Guest Colton Dixon  
Decatur Civic Center Arena TICKETS at [www.decaturciviccenter.org](http://www.decaturciviccenter.org)  
Helpers also needed for various jobs at this event  
Contact Clay Gerhard for more information at [cgerhard@live.com](mailto:cgerhard@live.com)

**Flowers on the Altar**

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 57 years of marriage for Edwin and Janet Brozio.

**Prayer Ministers Needed**

Volunteers needed for the Prayer Team for the Matthew West Concert on Saturday, April 4th at the Decatur Civic Center Arena. Contact Dan Curry (217-652-8998) or Sue Curry (217-971-8396).

**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.*

**MESSAGE NOTES**

**"RE: Redefined Family"**

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

**Please Help**

On Sunday 2/22 a full length black wool overcoat was taken from the coat racks in the Welcome Center Area. A ring of marked keys was inside of the right pocket. This coat is still missing. Please contact the church office (423-6955) with any information.

**Opportunity for Men - Iron Sharpens Iron**

SPL Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to attend the Iron Sharpens Iron Conference in Springfield on March 21st (a 1-day conference for men age 13 and older). For more information contact Chuck Schuette [h.schuette@comcast.net](mailto:h.schuette@comcast.net)

**CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER**

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**Children's Ministry:** SHiNe with us on Sundays at 9:20am (Saturday 6:15pm) for children's education time. PreK-K meet in 206. 1st-4th Gr. meet in 203 to start. Gr. 5/6 meet in the Choir Room. Parents - Join us for Prayer Time on Sundays @9:30am (come to the armchairs in the Welcome Center Area).

**Easter Event:** SPL Family Easter Event & Annual Egg Hunt, Saturday 4/4 at 10am. Potluck breakfast, devotional, crafts too!

**Youth Ministry:** THRIVE Senior High Youth Sundays at 9:20am (214B). Grade 7/8 meets in Rm 122. ([pastordoug@spldecatur.org](mailto:pastordoug@spldecatur.org))

**THRIVE Alive:** Bowling Event Sunday 3/15 6:30pm - Come to Spare Time Lanes. Shoe rental is free, games only \$3 (plan on 3 games). See you there!

**WINTER JAM with THRIVE 3/29 in Peoria:** Contact Pastor Doug Bender for details and more info ([pastordoug@spldecatur.org](mailto:pastordoug@spldecatur.org)).