

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

### Sunday 3/29

- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal: Palm Sun., Good Friday (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Weekly SHiNe Prayer Time (Welcome Center Area)
- 3:00 pm THRIVE: Depart SPL for Winter Jam (Peoria, IL)

### Monday 3/30

- 6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Meeting & Study

### Tuesday 3/31

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

### Wednesday 4/1

- 6:30 pm Basics 1&2 Class Meeting (LCR)
- 6:30 pm Choir, Strings, Players - Good Friday Rehearsal

### Thursday 4/2 MAUNDY THURSDAY - Handbells 5:45pm

- 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)
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship "You Had to Be There"

### Friday 4/3 GOOD FRIDAY - Early Learning Center Closed

- 1:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship "A Walk Through the Shadows"

### Saturday 4/4 NO SATURDAY WORSHIP

- 10:00 am SPL Family Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt
- 12:00 pm Adult Choir Easter Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 pm Praise Team Easter Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Matthew West Concert (Decatur Civic Center Arena)

### Sunday 4/5 EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship "First Light"
- 7:30 am Easter Breakfast (Great Rm & 122, served til 10:15am)
- 8:00 am Easter Worship "A Matter of Death & Life"
- 10:30 am Easter Worship "A Matter of Death & Life"
- 10:30 am New Member Welcome (during worship)

### We Worship...

Last Week in Worship:	934
4 Week Avg. Attendance:	827

...Better Together!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2nd & 3rd

- Maundy Thursday (4/2) worship at 7:00pm
- Good Friday (4/3) worship at 1:00pm & 7:00pm

### April 4th

- SPL Family Easter Celebration & Annual Egg Hunt (10:00am)
- April 4th Get your tickets at [www.decaturoviccenter.org](http://www.decaturoviccenter.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
- Easter Breakfast 7:30am-10:15am (Great Room & Room 122)

### April 6th

- SPL Church Offices Closed

### April 8th

- F3 Spring 2015 Session - Classes Begin 6:30pm (Register Now)

### April 11th

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

### April 12th

- NEXT Family Day of Prayer

### April 18th

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

### April 19th

- NEXT Prayer Walk (12:00pm @SPL)

### April 21st

- NEXT Advance Commitments Dinner (Fellowship Area)

### April 26th

- Family & Faith Celebration: Confirmation (at 10:30am Worship)

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM Worship

March 28 & 29, 2015

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Wray Offermann

### Prayer Before Worship

Dear Father, Your Word and gift of forgiveness engages us here again, as we gather to praise You and call upon Your name. We look to Your Son, Jesus Christ, as He engaged this world on our behalf so that He might win for us life eternal. Give to us, by Your Holy Spirit, the boldness and power to receive this Word of truth so that we will be strengthened to return to our lives and cultures and engage this world with the scandal of the cross and the beauty of God's grace that would flow from it. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

### Call to Worship

*Sing to the King*

### Welcome

### Opening Praise

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

### Scripture Reading

John 12:12-19

### Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Only)

### Message

"Engage the Culture - Respond to: Jesus and Culture"  
1 Peter 2:23-25



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BUILD THE HOME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

**Confession of Sins**

God and Father, You have created this world and all that is in it. Though sin and the devil have twisted Your creation, it still belongs to You. I confess that I am not as engaged in Your creation as I should be. Instead of taking a stand for Your Gospel truth I have quietly remained neutral. Neither for You nor against You. Do not reject me for this. In view of my sin, remember Your Son who engaged this world with His cross and won for me forgiveness, that I might live again. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Lord I Need You*

**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.

*Hosanna*

**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)**

*Jesus Messiah*

*Cornerstone*

**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**

*All the People Said Amen*

**Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism**

At 10:30am Sunday worship, we celebrate the baptism of Coulter Emerson Wyss. Coulter was born February 5, 2014 to parents John and Erin (Stoll) Wyss. Please welcome Coulter and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



**Holy Week 2015**

You don't want to miss being part of the complete Easter experience here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church! Join us for Holy Week:

- Maundy Thursday: Worship at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 2nd
- Good Friday: Worship at 1:00pm or 7:00pm on Friday, April 3rd
- SPL Family Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt: Begins 10:00am on Saturday, April 4th (See Children's Ministry Corner for details)
- The Live Forever Tour with Matthew West & guest Colton Dixon: Concert at 7:00pm, Decatur Civic Center Arena
- Easter Sunday: "First Light" Sunrise Worship at 6:30am on 4/5
- Easter Sunday: "A Matter of Death & Life" Worship April 5th at 8:00 & 10:30am (New Member Welcome at 10:30am worship)
- Easter Breakfast: Served 7:30-10:15am, Great Room & Rm. 122

**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: Jesus and Culture"**

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*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 and thanksgiving for His many blessings upon this church.

**Easter Flowers**

- Visit the Flower Board in the Fellowship Area to place your order for Easter Flowers for 2015! This year we have quantities of lilies, tulips, hyacinth, and daffodils for \$6.00/pot, and an additional limited quantity of larger mixed bulb pots for \$8.00 each.

*We will continue to collect items for the LOVE PACKAGES ministry through Easter. The bin is located at the Connection Center.*

**CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER**

Follow @SHiNeSPL  
**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. Continental breakfast, crafts, children's message (11am) followed by the annual Egg Hunt (11:15am)! Breakfast donations needed - If you can help, contact Jennifer Power at 423-6955 or jennifer@spldecatur.org.

**Youth Ministry:** THRIVE Senior High Youth and Grade 7/8 Sundays at 9:20am (214B) (pastordoug@spldecatur.org).

**THRIVE EVENT:** WINTER JAM (Peoria, IL) - leave SPL 3:00pm Sun. 3/29 Contact Pastor Doug Bender for details and more info