

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

### Sunday 5/17 ELC Scholastic Book Fair - Final Day

9:00 am ELC Scholastic Book Fair (ELC Lobby til 12:00pm)  
6:30 pm THRIVE Alive Ultimate Frisbee (@SPL South Lawn)

### Monday 5/18

11:00 am Hilgendorf Funeral (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Meeting & Study

### Tuesday 5/19

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*  
6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

### Wednesday 5/20

5:30 pm "Everest" VBS Craft Prep Party (Great Room)  
6:30 pm Financial Peace University (Sanctuary thru 5/27)  
6:30 pm Basics 1&2 (LCR)

### Thursday 5/21

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*  
6:30 am (Barr) Men's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)  
9:30 am "Covenant" Women's Bible Study (Great Room)  
1:00 pm Hinz Group Bible Study (LCR)  
7:00 pm LSA 8th Grade Commencement (@LSA)

### Friday 5/22 Last Day of School - LSA

7:00 pm LSA High School Graduation (@LSA)

### Saturday 5/23 Message: "Extreme Home Makeover: Marriage Edition"

9:00 am Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (Room 122)  
4:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

### Sunday 5/24 Message: "Extreme Home Makeover: Marriage Edition"

8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:20 am Education Time (Children, Youth, Adults)  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

## NEXT: Information About Giving

Giving toward your commitment to NEXT can begin now at any time. If you currently have a packet of offering envelopes, you may use the "building fund" envelope for your contribution for the remainder of 2015 (the 2016 packets will have 2 envelopes per month). If you need additional envelopes in the meantime, you may use the white envelopes with the NEXT option indicated on them, located in the pews or at the Connection Center.

## We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 838  
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 878

...Better Together!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### May 31st

SPL May Voters Meeting (2:00pm @SPL Great Room)  
Donuts & Doug Youth Ed. Time Returns (9:20am @Room 122)  
THRIVE Praise Youth Worship (6:30pm @Location TBA)

### June 6th

Community Pancake Breakfast (7:00-11:00am @SPL)  
2015 Project Purple Run (9:00am @St. John's)

### June 7th

SPL Graduate Recognition (@10:30am Worship Service)  
SPL Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (12:00pm @SPL)  
THRIVE Community Group Meeting (6:30pm @Pastor Doug's)

### June 11th

ELC Family Fun Night - with Mr. Steve (Starts 6:00pm @SPL)  
Popcorn & Carnival Games at 6pm, Mr. Steve 6:00pm-7:15pm

### June 15th-19th Pre-Register or volunteer for VBS Today!

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHiNeSPLDecatur>  
"Everest" Vacation Bible School 2015 (@SPL)

## CONNECT WITH US!

Visit our updated website at [spldecat.org](http://spldecat.org)

Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour)

Follow us on Twitter at @SPLDecatur

View our Live Stream at [stpaulsdecatour.sermon.net](http://stpaulsdecatour.sermon.net)

Watch for our new SPL Church App Coming Soon!



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
MAY 16 & 17, 2015

Pastor Doug Bender  
Pastor Wray Offermann

## Prayer Before Worship

Dear Father, as we enter into Your house of worship, we come seeking your presence and gifts of forgiveness. We know that You are seeking us relentlessly. Enable us to do away with our distractions. Help us to unclutter all that does not honor You, and restore to us again the joy of Your salvation found only in the arms of Christ. We will fill Your house with praise. Fill our hearts with peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Call to Worship

Words  
(Sunday 10:30am Worship)

## Welcome

## Opening Praise

*Soul on Fire*

## Scripture Reading

Proverbs 10:17-21

*Forever Reign*

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

## Children's Message

## Message

"Extreme Home Makeover: Communication Edition"  
John 6:41-52



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## Offering God Our Gifts

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. You may also return the NEXT Commitment Card in the Offering basket.

*Words*  
(Saturday 6:00pm Only)

*There Is No One Like Jesus*  
(SPL Children's Choir - Sunday 10:30am Only)

## Confession of Sins

Heavenly Father, we confess that in our sinful nature we no longer communicate as You would have us. We have turned away from Your commands, and we have turned away from loving one another. In our sin we have sent mixed messages to You and the world. We claim to follow Your Son, yet fall so short of His glory. You, O God, have our full attention. Show mercy. Be gracious. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

## 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)

*Wonderful God*  
*Your Great Name*

## 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

*I'm Not Ashamed*

## Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 10:30am Sunday worship, we celebrate the baptism of Ethan William Hernan. Ethan was born March 16, 2015 to parents William and Alicia (Allen) Hernan. Please welcome Ethan and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



## SPL FOUNDATION "PLANTING FOR ETERNITY"

Thank you for your support! A total of \$6,647.00 was collected last weekend through this special door offering and will be matched dollar for dollar by the SPL Foundation for the 2015 SPL Guatemala Mission Team!

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Glenn Henrichsmeyer from his loving family.

## 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.

## TAKE HOME CHALLENGE "EHM: Communication Edition"

As you come together for quality time spent as a family or with others you care about, take a moment to complete this activity:

1. Ask one another: What is the hardest thing you're facing?
2. Declare to each other: *You are forgiven, you are claimed, you are loved eternally by God.*
3. Share an encouraging word with each family member or person you care about.

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

## SPL VOTERS MEETING - MAY 31st

All SPL voters should attend the semi-annual Voters Meeting on Sunday 5/31 at 2:00pm in the Great Room. Childcare is available. Agenda items include: ministry updates, memorial endowment, Board of Elders election for 2015-2016, call process, NEXT, etc.

## COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SPL Men's Ministry is supporting a Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday 6/6 (7am-11am) to benefit the 2015 Guatemala Mission Team. Tickets now available in the Fellowship Area.



## VBS 2015 "Everest" - June 15-19

Tell Your Friends - Register now for VBS 2015!

<https://www.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/SHiNeSPLDecatur>

## 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.

**BUILDING BLOCKS:** Class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies to 3 year olds on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211. Contact Jennifer Power at 423-6955 or [jennifer@spldecatur.org](mailto:jennifer@spldecatur.org) for info.

**Youth Ministry:** THRIVE Senior High Youth and Grade 7/8 Sundays at 9:20am (214B) ([pastordoug@spldecatur.org](mailto:pastordoug@spldecatur.org)). Donuts & Doug returns on Sunday 5/31 (9:20am) in Room 122!!

**THRIVE Alive:** Ultimate Frisbee face off with St. John's! Sunday 5/17 from 3:00-5:00pm (@SPL South Lawn).

**THRIVE Praise:** Youth Worship Sunday 5/31 6:30pm. Location TBA. Contact Pastor Doug for info ([pastordoug@spldecatur.org](mailto:pastordoug@spldecatur.org)).