

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 5/24

Monday 5/25 Memorial Day - Church Office & ELC Closed

Tuesday 5/26

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

7:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (LCR)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

Wednesday 5/27

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Great Room)

6:30 pm Financial Peace University (Room 214 thru 5/27)

6:30 pm Basics 1&2 (LCR)

Thursday 5/28

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)

Friday 5/29

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday 5/30 Message: "Extreme Home Makeover: Finances Edition"

2:00 pm Searl-McCoy Wedding (Sanctuary)

4:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:15 pm SHiNe Praise Team Rehearsal (Great Room)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 5/31 Message: "Extreme Home Makeover: Finances Edition"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time (Children, Youth, Adults)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

2:00 pm SPL Voters Meeting (Great Room)

6:30 pm THRIVE Youth Worship (@SPL Sanctuary)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Lutheran School Association

The LSA is accepting applications and resumes for the following teaching positions for 2015-16: Kindergarten, High School Math. Please contact LSA if you are interested in one of these positions or to recommend a candidate (233-2001).

Community Mission Follow Up - LOVE PACKAGES

Thank you SPL for your many contributions of Bibles and Christian materials this spring. On May 11th, nearly 1,000 pounds of materials were delivered by one of our small groups (including members Jerry Lillpop, Norm Stivers, & Mike Smith) to Love Packages (Butler, IL). These will serve a country in need.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 767

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 829

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 31st - Take Note

Donuts & Doug Youth Ed. Time Returns (9:20am @Room 122)

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.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/SHiNeSPLDecatur>

"Everest" Vacation Bible School 2015 (@SPL)

CONNECT WITH US!

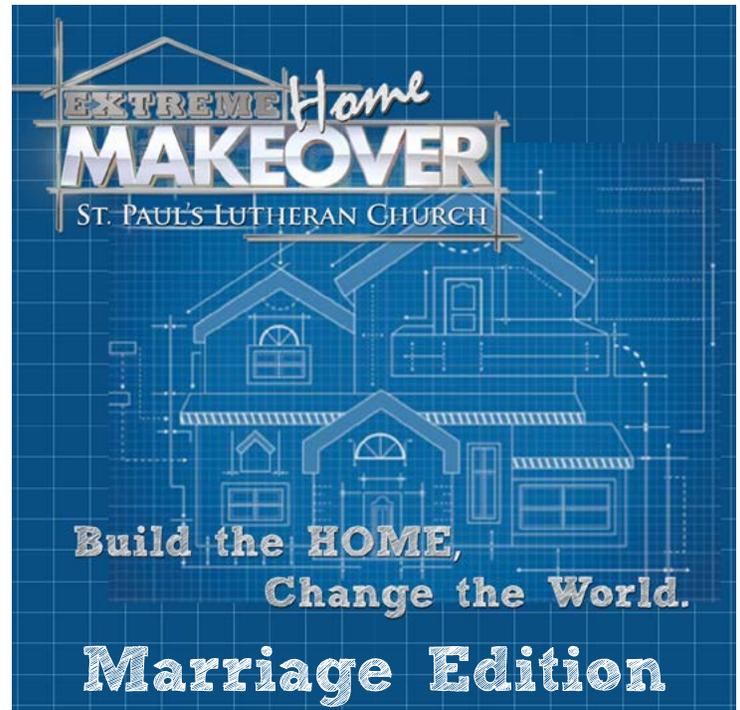
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Follow us on Twitter at [@SPLDecatur](https://twitter.com/SPLDecatur)

View our Live Stream at stpaulsdecat.org/sermon.net

Watch for our new SPL Church App Coming Soon!



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

MAY 23 & 24, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Doug Bender

Prayer Before Worship

Gracious Father, we gather to thank and honor You today for a million ways You care for us. Even in our most difficult moments we know You are with us and for us. Receive our expressions of joy and adoration. Especially guide our relationships and our marriages as we establish them upon Your love. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Breathe On Us

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Open Up the Heavens

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:1-9

By Our Love

Message

"Extreme Home Makeover: Marriage Edition"

1 Peter 3:1-9

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.

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Confession of Sins

Lord, how often we struggle with relationships even when we have made lifelong commitments. Our sin infects us with innate selfishness. We become impatient when our needs go unmet. We close our hearts to each other and even to You, Lord. Break through our pride. Forgive us and wash us of our sin because of Jesus who came to save us from our sins. In His name. Amen.

Words of Institution

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Holy Spirit

Speak To Me

He Knows My 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

Hear Our Praises

Have you visited spldecalur.org lately?

Follow our newest bloggers - Click the "News" tab and "Blog" to find the latest entries by Jarvis Howe, M.A. (Mondays), Jennifer Power (Wednesdays), Pastor Doug Bender (Fridays), special NEXT updates, and guest blog entries.

SATURDAY SHiNe TIME - Parent Note

Following Opening Praise on Saturdays, children are released from worship for SHiNe Time. To help us ensure the safety of children in our church, please have your child meet SHiNe leaders at the Kingdom Tree (Fellowship Area) at the time they are released for SHiNe Time, where the group will meet to walk upstairs to the Great Room. *If a child does not depart with the large group, he or she will need to be escorted to SHiNe Time by an adult.* Unaccompanied children will be returned to worship. Parents/Guardians should come to the Great Room to pick up their children following the conclusion of Saturday evening worship. Thank you for your help and cooperation - we simply want to ensure the safety of our children and keep SPL a secure place for our families.

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.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the blessings of 35 years of marriage and the gift of four children, Katie, Daniel, Benjamin and Nicholas, from Scott and Dena Bruce. The Bruces also give thanks for their faith, family, and friends.

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: Marriage Edition"

It's time to do a little relationship "homework" - take a moment to complete this activity:

1. Share with one another: These are three things I like about you today...
2. Be open with one another: These are three things I need more of from you...
3. Connect with one another: These are three things I'd like to do along with you...

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

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SPL Men's Ministry is supporting a Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 6 (7:00am-11:00am) to benefit the 2015 Guatemala Mission Team. Pancakes, sausage, coffee & juice will be served. Tickets are now available for purchase from members of the team at their table in the Fellowship Area. Buy yours today!



VBS 2015 "Everest" - June 15-19

Tell Your Friends - Register now for VBS 2015!

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHiNeSPLDecatur>
Sign up today to help us to better prepare for VBS!

Help Support "EVEREST" VBS 2015!

- Food donations needed: Visit the tree at the Everest table
- Have extra camping gear? We'd like to borrow it for VBS decor.
- Volunteer for VBS: Crew Leaders, Snack Team, Registration, etc.
- VBS Invite Cards: Take an invite home for a family in your area!

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@spldecalur.org for info.

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

THRIVE Praise: Youth Worship Sunday, May 31st 6:30pm at SPL. Contact Pastor Doug for info (pastordoug@spldecalur.org).