

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

### Sunday 7/26

9:20 am NEW MEMBER WELCOME BRUNCH (Great Room)

### Monday 7/27

### Tuesday 7/28

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

11:00 am **Red Cross Blood Drive** (Fellowship Area)

5:30 pm Women's Ministry Team Meeting (Fellowship Area)

### Wednesday 7/29

6:30 pm THRIVE Fun in the Sun Event (Bo/Laurie Brown Home)

### Thursday 7/30

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

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

### Friday 7/31

**Saturday 8/1 Message:** "GO: Missionary Journeys - Barnabas"

9:00 am Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (Room 122)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm SHiNe Praise Team Rehearsal (Great Room)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (*SHiNe Time - Room 122*)

7:15 pm **LSA Parent Meeting** (Great Room)

**Sunday 8/2 Message:** "GO: Missionary Journeys - Barnabas"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time (Missionary Andrew Schlund - Great Rm)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

12:00 pm **LSA Parent Meeting** (Great Room)



### Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)

Upcoming Training Session - **August 29, 2015 @LSA**

To Register: [www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Decatur.8.29.2015.pdf](http://www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Decatur.8.29.2015.pdf)

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - THIS TUESDAY!

LSA is sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, July 28th** (Fellowship Area @St. Paul's) from **11:00am-4:00pm**. Contact Baylee Phillips (791-7013 or [bfphillips@richland.edu](mailto:bfphillips@richland.edu)).

### We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 772

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 734

**...Better Together!**

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

**August 1st** Missionary Andrew Schlund & Family - *this weekend!*

Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (Room 122 @9:00am)

LSA Parent Meeting (7:15pm @Great Room)

**August 2nd** Missionary Andrew Schlund & Family - *this weekend!*

Pastor's Class: Missionary Andrew Schlund (9:20am @Great Rm)

LSA Parent Meeting (12:00pm @Great Room)

**August 6th-8th** Contact Pastor Doug ([pastordoug@spldecatur.org](mailto:pastordoug@spldecatur.org))

**"Follow the Leader" Local Youth Service Event** (Decatur Area)

**August 7th-9th** Cont. Andrea Gerhard ([andrea@spldecatur.org](mailto:andrea@spldecatur.org))

Decatur Celebration Christian Stage (Moriah Peters & Unspoken)

**August 17th** Registration August 6, 7, 10 - Call 233-2001 for info

First Day of School - Lutheran School Association

**August 23rd** Begin A "Season of Change" with Us!

Welcome Back Church Picnic & Family Fun Fest (12pm @SPL)

### August 29th

LCMS-LERT Lutheran Emergency Response Training (@LSA)

**September 9th** Registration available mid-August

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Fall Session Begins (6:30pm)

**September 12th** Tickets available August 1st @SPL

SAVE THE DATE: Beth Moore LPL Simulcast Event (@SPL)

**October 17th** Tickets available online now - Buy early & save!

Couples SAVE THE DATE: "I Still Do" Family Life Event (@SPL)

### CONNECT WITH US!

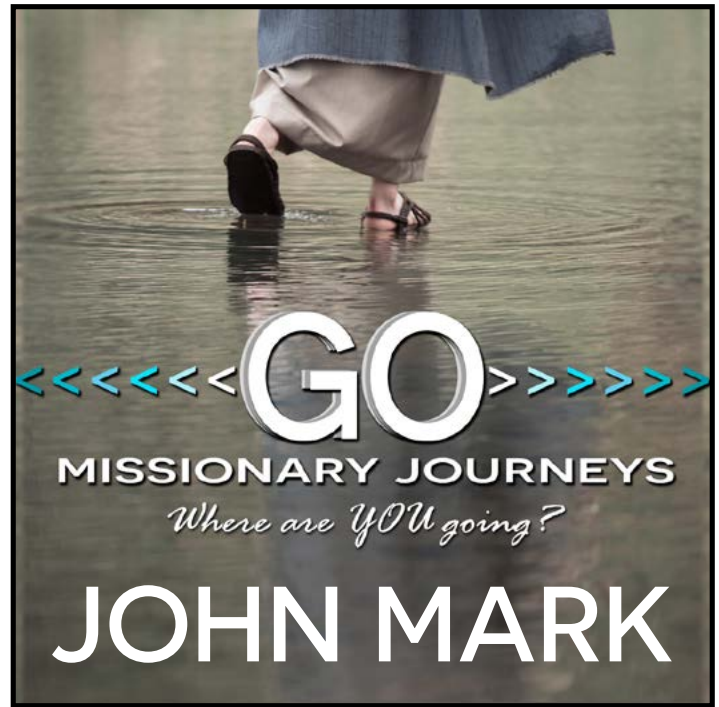
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Watch for our new SPL Church App Coming Soon!



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

JULY 25 & 26, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Doug Bender

### Prayer Before Worship

Lord, stir in us a deep desire to keep going for You. Even when life is hard and the pressures mount, remind us that You are mightily at work. Give us confidence and joy as we worship You today, knowing that Your love never fails. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Call to Worship

*King of Heaven*

### Welcome

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*I'm Not Ashamed*

### Scripture Reading

Mark 16:14-18

*Glory to God Forever*

### Message

"GO: Missionary Journeys - John Mark"

Acts 12:24-25 & 15:36-40, 2 Timothy 4:9-11

### 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.

*Fearless*



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## Welcoming of New Members (10:30am Worship Only)

### Confession of Sins

Lord, so often when we meet rejection or frustration we react in anger and give up. We nurse our wounds and blame those we deem responsible. We often fail to recognize that You do some of Your best work in difficult situations. Forgive us for not trusting You in the hard places, for not seeking the life lessons You may be teaching us, and for hardening our hearts and closing our spirits. We ask in the name of Jesus who endured the cross for us. 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

*Unbroken Praise*

*Lord I Need You*

*Break Through*

### 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*

**New Member Welcome Brunch**  
*Sunday, July 26th from 9:20-10:15am*  
*Great Room - 2nd Floor*

**Red Cross Blood Drive - This Tuesday at SPL**  
*See the back of your worship guide for more information.*

**SPL YOUTH - Don't forget to register by July 27th**  
**"Follow the Leader" Youth Servant Event**

*Contact Pastor Doug for more information*  
*pastordoug@spldecatur.org or 217-423-6955*

## Welcome New Members!

At the Sunday 10:30am worship service, the following individuals and families will commit to membership at SPL: Ruthie Baum, Susan Dunham, Tim Greve, Kim & Richard Howe, Jarvis Howe, Erin & Raymond Knoll, Anastasia Lingle, Pam & Sam Morrow, and Katie Wilson. Congratulations and welcome to the SPL family!

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 5th wedding anniversary of Mike and Linda Hooge.

Flowers at the Pulpit are to the glory of God and in celebration of 48 years of marriage on July 21st, in thanksgiving for the many blessings received, from Jim and Marilyn Corley.

## 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 "GO: Missionary Journeys - Mark"

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

## Safety Spotlight: Please Take Note

To ensure easy First Responder access to our building, in the case of an emergency, we ask that our members and guests please refrain from parking vehicles in the Circle Drive (located by the South/ELC Entrance). This is intended to be a pick-up/drop-off area only. Thank you!



## PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE - SPL

Part Time Maintenance/Janitorial Position. Hours are 5:30am-9:30am (M-F), and special event coverage when needed. To apply, contact Ruthie Baum (423-6955 or ruthie@spldecatur.org). Application Deadline: **July 31st**. Apply today!

## 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.  
**SATURDAY NIGHT SHiNE Time will be in Rm 122 on 7/25 & 8/1.**

**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 for info.

**Youth Ministry:** THRIVE Senior High Youth and Grade 7/8 Sundays at 9:20am (214B) (pastordoug@spldecatur.org). **Donuts & Doug** meets on **Sundays** (9:20am) in **Room 122** for the summer. **Current study with Paul Butler & Pastor Doug in session.**

**FUN in the SON:** For Youth, Wednesdays 6:30pm, location varies. Contact Pastor Doug for info (pastordoug@spldecatur.org) & check the **SPL Youth** Facebook group for weekly details.

**FOLLOW THE LEADER** - Youth Service Event (August 6-8) \$50.00/each. **Register by July 27th** - return forms to church office