

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/20

9:20 pm Education Time - *Get Connected with Edu. Opportunities!*

5:00 pm **THRIVE Alive: Hunger Games Event** (@SPL)

Monday 9/21

11:30 am Annual LSA Golf Outing (@Country Club of Decatur)

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

Tuesday 9/22

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

8:30 am LWML Fall Rally "Go Ye" (@Concordia Lutheran)

6:00 pm Women's Fall Fellowship Event (@Garner Park)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday 9/23

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

5:30 pm Fall F3 Dinner: Sloppy Joes (Fellowship Area)

6:30 pm Fall F3 Classes (Varied classrooms @SPL)

Thursday 9/24 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir & Winds 6:30pm

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

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

Friday 9/25

12:30 pm Camp CILCA Golf Outing (@The Rail - Springfield)

Saturday 9/26 Message: "Room for Doubt"

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

Sunday 9/27 Message: "Room for Doubt"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time - *Get Connected with Edu. Opportunities!*

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

6:30 pm THRIVE Praise - Youth Worship (Great Room)

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Ushers are needed for worship Sat. 6:00pm and Sun. 8:00am services - learn more and sign up today at the Welcome Center.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 868

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 853

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 29th "Be A Voice"

New Life Pregnancy Center Banquet for Life (6:00pm @DCCH)

October 4th With Mark Mittelberg & Dr. Richard Knopp

Room for Doubt Community Q&A Event (6:00pm @KFAC)

THRIVE Community - Youth Group Mtg. & Study (6:30pm)

October 9th

Homecoming at LSA (Homecoming Assembly 2:00pm @LSA)

WSOY Community Food Drive (6am-6pm @Kroger Rt. 36E)

October 10th & 11th

Flu Shot Clinic (5:30pm on 10/10, 9:15am on 10/11 @SPL)

October 16th

4th Annual Chili-Soup Supper (4:00-7:00pm @ Mt. Calvary)

October 17th *Tickets available spldeatur.org - Buy early & save!*

For Couples: **Family Life "I Still Do" Simulcast Event** (@SPL)

October 27th *For anyone who has lost a loved one - all welcome!*

Service of Remembrance (7:00pm @SPL)

October 30th

SHiNe Children's Ministry Fall Mission Fest (@SPL)

November 7th

Taste of LSA (5:00-8:00pm @LSA Gymnasium)

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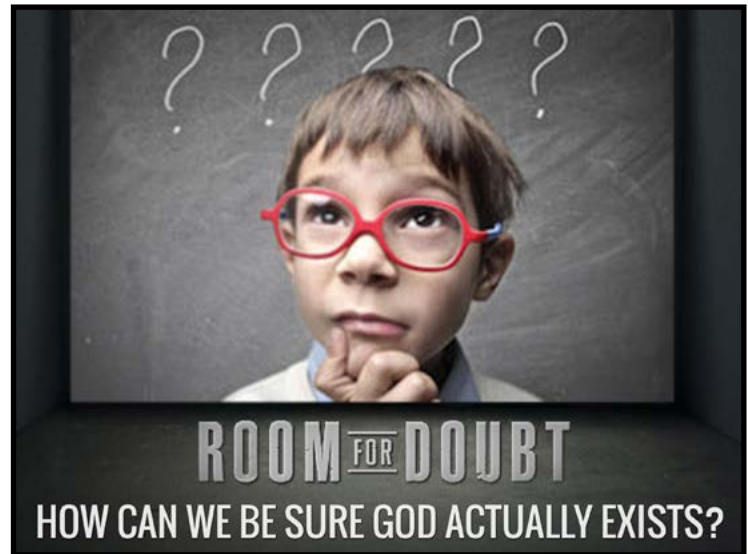
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2015

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Wray Offermann



Prayer Before Worship

Maker of heaven and earth, we enter this place to seek answers and to seek the truth. The thoughts and views of mankind are many, and not all point to Your divine being and goodness. We humbly ask that You would help guide us in the ways of Your truth. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to trust and believe - that we would leave this place more confident in who You are and what You have done. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Worship

How Majestic

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Scripture Reading

Glory to God Forever

Baptism (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

Message

"Room for Doubt: How Can We Be Sure God Actually Exists"

John 9:18-34



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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.

The Greatness of Our God

Confession of Sins

Dear Father, once again we bring You our doubts. We struggle to know that You are always there for us. Many times we act like You are not, and we do what is right in our own eyes. Because of our sin, we try to dismiss You away so that we don't have to be held accountable to You. But You are there. You see the hearts of all people, and You know my struggles. So forgive me, Father. Take away my guilt, and make me free to live for You once again. In Jesus' name, 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)

Revelation Song

Living in the Wonder

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

We Will Remember

Get Connected at SPL TODAY!

F3 Fall Session 2015 Classes

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm (Dinner at 5:30pm)
Classes for all ages, individuals, couples, and families!

Women's Fall Fellowship Event - September 22nd

Visit the Coffee Bar to learn more & sign up

Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect - September 26th

For Moms and Little Ones - Join us in Room 122 at 9:00am

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 6:00pm worship, we celebrate the baptism of Corbyn Lee McCoy. Corbyn was born August 27, 2015 to parents Jason and Bobbi Jo (Searl) McCoy. Please welcome Corbyn and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of 55 years of marriage for Larry & Shirley Taylor on Sept. 21st.

Flowers at the Pulpit are to the glory of God and in memory of Carol Pritts' birthday from her 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.*

MESSAGE NOTES

"RFD: How Can We Be Sure?"

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

Women's Fall Fellowship Event 2015

Ladies - please join us for the annual Fall Fellowship Event, hosted by Valerie Garner at Garner Park (South Shores) on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00pm. (Please bring a side dish.)

Family Life "I STILL DO" Simulcast Event

Husbands and wives - do you feel like you're on the right track in your marriage or are you in a place of challenge? No matter what your experience, investing in your marriage is important. Join us on **Saturday, October 17th** (8:00am-4:00pm) for the "I Still Do" Simulcast Event (with speakers Alex Kendrick, Crawford & Karen Lorrits, Dennis & Barbara Rainey, and more). Tickets include lunch, simulcast, and materials (and giveaways in store). Visit spldecat.org to connect with the online ticket link and purchase yours today! Visit our table in the Fellowship Area TODAY to **ENTER to WIN a pair of tickets** for this event. Drawing 9/21.

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. F3 classes meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (Room 122).

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@spldecat.org for info.

Youth Ministry: THRIVE Senior High Youth Sundays at 9:20am (214B) (pastordoug@spldecat.org). **Confirmation classes** meet Sun. 9:20am (Rm 122) & Wed. 6:30pm (Great Rm).

THRIVE Praise: Join us on Sunday, September 27th at 6:30pm in the Great Room - bring a friend!