

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/27

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

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

Monday 9/28 Support the LSA Food Drive this week!

Tuesday 9/29

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

6:00 pm NLPC "Be A Voice" Banquet (@Decatur Conf. Ctr)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday 9/30

5:30 pm Fall F3 Dinner: Pulled Pork (Fellowship Area)

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

Thursday 10/1 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir 6:30pm

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

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

1:00 pm Hinz Group Meeting & Study (Conference Room)

6:00 pm Choir Potluck (Fellowship Area - Tile)

Friday 10/2

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday 10/3 Message: "Room for Doubt"

2:00 pm Wilcott-Allen Wedding (Sanctuary)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 10/4 Message: "Room for Doubt"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

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

6:30 pm THRIVE Community - Group Study (@Pastor Doug's)

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: 818

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 831

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 1:50pm @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 14th

Flu Shot Clinic (11:00am-1:00pm @SPL)

October 16th

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

October 17th Tickets available spldecatour.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 - Reception follows)

October 30th

SHiNe Children's Ministry Fall Mission Fest (6:00pm @SPL)

November 7th

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

November 17th SAVE THE DATE - Tickets available in mid-October

Advent by Candlelight - Sponsored by Women's Ministry (@SPL)

CONNECT WITH US!

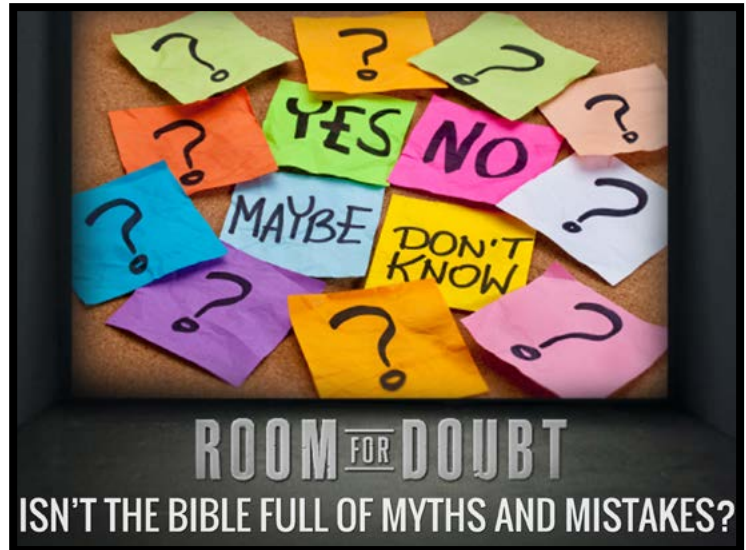
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ROOM FOR DOUBT
ISN'T THE BIBLE FULL OF MYTHS AND MISTAKES?

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann
Pastor Doug Bender

Room For Doubt

The Bible is filled with verifiable facts you can examine, trust, and stake your life upon.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, as we gather in worship today, hear the cries of our hearts. Help us uncover our doubts and fears, and bring us to the light of Your Truth. Bless and guide our worship that we would be strengthened and You would be glorified. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

There Is Power

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Joyful (The One Who Saves)

Family and Faith Celebration - 1st Bibles

Kindergarten and Third Grade Children

Children's Message

Children's Choir (Sunday 10:30am Worship Only)

Clap Your Hands

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Message

"Room for Doubt: Isn't the Bible Full of Myths and Mistakes?"

2 Peter 1: 16-21



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BUILD THE HOME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

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.

Word Is Alive

Confession of Sins

Lord, the promises of Your Word are so precious, yet sometimes we question if they are trustworthy. Will my sins be forgiven? Will my prayers be answered? Will You shepherd my life faithfully? Will You take me home to heaven? In a world where many deny Your Word, sometimes even I have questions. Forgive me. Reassure me. Take hold of me again. In Jesus' 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

Speak to Me

Lord Help Me Follow

Breathe

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

Ancient Words

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!

Family Life "I Still Do" Simulcast Event - For Couples

Saturday, October 17th 8:00am-4:00pm at SPL

Tickets available online - Visit the event posting at spldeatur.org

Support the LSA and the Decatur Community!

Donate canned food items to the LSA in support of the WSOY Community Food Drive

Collection at LSA from September 28th - October 2nd

Prizes for the winning elementary classrooms & High School Pride

Contact the LSA at 233-2001 for more information

Family & Faith Celebration - 1st Bibles

Celebrate and pray for our Kindergarteners and 3rd Graders today as they receive the gift of God's Word!



Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in memory of our fathers, Ralph Burton Johnson and Bobby J. Gillum from Jerry & Pam Johnson.

Flowers at the Pulpit are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 52nd wedding anniversary on 9/28 of Tom & Jerrie Branson.

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: Isn't the Bible..."

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

ROOM FOR DOUBT - COMMUNITY Q&A EVENT

The Decatur community is invited to attend a special Room for Doubt Q&A Event on Sunday, October 4th at 6:00pm at Kirkland Fine Arts Center on the Millikin University campus. Presented by Mark Mittelberg (author of *Confident Faith*), with Dr. Richard Knopp (Lincoln Christian University), and hosted by Wayne Kent.

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 Lorrirts, Dennis & Barbara Rainey, and more). Tickets (available online) include lunch, simulcast, and materials (and giveaways in store). More info available in the Fellowship 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. 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@spldeatur.org for info.

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

THRIVE Praise: Youth - join us this Sunday, September 27th at 6:30pm (Great Room) for a worship study - bring a friend!