

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

### Sunday 9/6

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

6:30 pm THRIVE Community (@Pastor Doug's House)

**Monday 9/7 Labor Day - Church Office & ELC Closed**

### Tuesday 9/8

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

### Wednesday 9/9

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Large Conference Room)

5:30 pm Fall F3 Dinner: Pizza (Fellowship Area)

**Thursday 9/10 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm**

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

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

5:30 pm Discipleship Team Mtg. (Conference Room)

6:00 pm Choir Potluck (Fellowship Area)

7:00 pm National Youth Gathering Info Mtg. (Great Room)

### Friday 9/11

**Saturday 9/12 Message: "Room for Doubt"**

9:30 am LPL Beth Moore Simulcast (Doors Open 7:30am)

4:15 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

**Sunday 9/13 Message: "Room for Doubt"**

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

## SPECIAL THANKS

-From Jonathan Offermann: Thank you to everyone for prayers and support during my recovery - August 30th marked 1 year since my burn accident, and my family and I have made a complete recovery largely in part to the love and support received. Thank you all for all you did to show us the love of Jesus first hand!

-From the Baker & Bollhorst Family: Thank you to our SPL family for all of the prayer and support in the loss of Justin Baker and for the recovery of Landen. For the funeral luncheon, cards from the ELC children, and the special blanket made for Landen, we are especially thankful!

## We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 855

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 795

...Better Together!

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

### September 19th

CICIM 7th Annual Golf Scramble (1:00pm @Moweaqua G.C.)

**September 19th-20th Sign-up today in the Fellowship Area!**

Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout @Camp CILCA (Optional 9/18)

### September 20th

THRIVE Alive "Hunger Games" Youth Event (@SPL)

### September 21st

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

### September 22nd

LWML Fall Rally "GO Ye (Means Me)" (8:30am @Concordia)

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

### September 25th

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

### October 9th

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

### October 10th & 11th

Flu Shot Clinic (5:30pm on 10/10, 9:20am on 10/11 @SPL)

**October 17th Tickets available [spldecatur.org](http://spldecatur.org) - Buy early & save!**

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

## CONNECT WITH US!

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

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

Follow us on Twitter at @SPLDecatur

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 5 & 6, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann  
Pastor Doug Bender



"I WILL GIVE YOU THE  
KEYS OF THE KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN."

MATTHEW 16:18

## Prayer Before Worship

Lord, remove distractions so I can hear Your Word for me today. Please keep me thankful for the blessing of a church family and a church that upholds Your truth. Keep open my eyes and heart and show me how to bless others with the power of forgiveness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Call to Worship

*We Could Change the World*

## Welcome

## Invocation

## Opening Praise

*Stir In Me*

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:29-32

*By Our Love*

## Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Only)

## Children's Message

## Message

"Preparing for Change: Forgiveness"  
Matthew 16:16-19



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### Confession of Sins

Lord, it is so easy to remain uninvolved in the struggles and brokenness of life. We would prefer not to feel responsible for the spiritual health and faith life of others, yet You have entrusted to us, Your Church, the keys to heaven. We confess that we have not been faithful in helping others find freedom and forgiveness. Sometimes we don't want to face our own sins and repent. Be merciful to us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### 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.

*These Hands*

### 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)

*Your Love is Moving*

*Wonderful God*

### 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*

### Get Connected at SPL TODAY!

#### Sign up for F3 Fall Session 2015 Classes

Visit our table in the Fellowship Area or register at [spldecatur.org](http://spldecatur.org)

#### Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout 2015

Stop by our display in the Fellowship Area to learn more & sign up

#### Room for Doubt - Starting September 12/13

Join us for our six-week series beginning next week - invite a friend

### Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

In 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Quincy Evelyn Younghouse. Quincy was born July 30, 2015 to parents Kurt and Jessica (Highley) Younghouse. Please welcome Quincy and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



### LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST EVENT @SPL

DON'T MISS THIS!! SPL Women's Ministry is sponsoring the Living Proof Live Simulcast Event with Beth Moore HERE at St. Paul's on Saturday, September 12th. Doors open 7:30am, breakfast served til 9am, event begins 9:30am (til 4:15pm). Get your TICKETS now for \$35.00/ea. CAN'T BE THERE?? Gift a ticket to someone who you think could benefit from this event!

### Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of 55 years of marriage on 9/9 for Roger and Jeri Wenberg.

### 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 "Preparing for Change: Forgiveness"

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

### F3: FAMILY-FAITH-FORMATION FALL 2015

Get connected at SPL through weekly F3 classes, Wednesdays at 6:30pm beginning September 9th (thru 11/18). Offerings for all ages, including SHiNe Children's Time (for PreK-4th, Gr. 5-6), Confirmation (Gr. 7-8), "They're Christian?" (Gr. 9-12), Basics 1 & 2, Financial Peace University, Room for Doubt (Group Study), Love & Respect (for couples), and A Woman's Heart. Sign-up & find more info in the Fellowship Area today!

### Get Connected...Opportunities for Men at SPL

-**33 The Series: A Man and His Marriage** meets Sunday @9:20am in the Church Office (Rm. 103). Led by Josh Hammer & John Maas.

-**DADS-GRANDPAS-KIDS CAMPOUT**: A great opportunity to make memories with your kids and grandkids! Join us at Camp CILCA on September 19th-20th (with optional September 18th stay). Visit the table in the Fellowship Area to sign-up & learn more 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. F3 classes will begin on Wednesday 9/9 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@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)). Confirmation classes resume on September 6th (Room 122) & 9th (Great Rm).

**THRIVE**: THRIVE Community meets Sunday 9/6 (6:30pm) at Pastor Doug's home (3151 St. Andrews Ct.). THRIVE Alive event scheduled for Sunday evening 9/20 - more to come!