

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 10/4

- 9:20 pm Education Time - *Get Connected with Edu. Opportunities!*
- 2:30 pm "Life Chain" (meet at St. Patrick's Church)
- 6:00 pm Room for Doubt Community Q&A Event (@KFAC)
- 6:30 pm THRIVE Community - Group Study (@Pastor Doug's)

Monday 10/5

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

Tuesday 10/6

- 5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
- 6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday 10/7 SPL Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm

- 5:30 pm Fall F3 Dinner: Homemade Soups (Fellowship Area)
- 6:30 pm Fall F3 Classes (Varied classrooms @SPL)

Thursday 10/8 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)
- 5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday 10/9 Contact LSA for tickets 233-2000

- 1:45 pm LSA Homecoming Rally (LSA Gymnasium)
- 5:00 pm LSA Homecoming Tent Dinner & Music
- 7:00 pm LSA Homecoming: Kickoff LSA vs. Arthur H.S.

Saturday 10/10 Message: "Room for Doubt"

- 4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm Flu Shot Clinic (Counseling Office)
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 10/11 Message: "Room for Doubt"

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am Flu Shot Clinic (Counseling Office)
- 9:20 am Education Time - *Get Connected with Edu. Opportunities!*
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 12:00 pm Guatemala Mission Team 2016 Info Mtg (Great Rm)

SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are in the process of conducting on-site interviews with 4 candidates for Senior Pastor. Be in prayer for God's will to be clear.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 826
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 801

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 24th

THRIVE Alive Event: Trip to Six Flags St. Louis (Depart 9am)

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

Service of Remembrance (7:00pm @SPL - Reception follows)

October 30th **SAVE THE DATE!**

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

November 7th

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

November 14th-20th

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week @SPL

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

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

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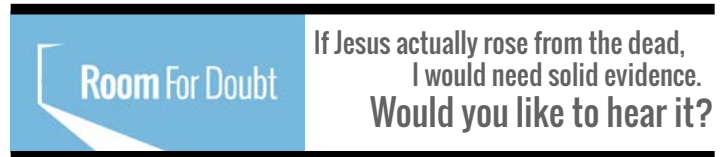
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8:00 AM WORSHIP
OCTOBER 4, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann
Pastor Doug Bender



Prayer Before Worship

Lord, once more You have called us together to find strength and hope in Your Word. Free us from the doubts and worries we bring along. Bring us back to the very foundations of our faith and fill us with Your amazing love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
LSB #528 v. 1-5

Invocation

LSB p. 151

Confession and Absolution

LSB p. 151

Kyrie

LSB p. 152

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

LSB p. 155

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 7:14, 9:6

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:3-6, 14-17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Reader: Out of respect for Jesus and His Words of Life, we stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB p. 156



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Gospel Lesson John 10:31-33, 37-38

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Hymn

Of The Father's Love Begotten
LSB #384 v. 1-4

Message

"Room for Doubt: Why Do Christians Say
Jesus Is God's Son?"
1 Corinthians 15:3-6, 14-17

Nicene Creed

LSB p. 158

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.

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.

Preface and Sanctus

LSB p. 160 & 161

The Lord's Prayer

LSB p. 162

Words of Institution

LSB p. 162

Pax and Agnus Dei

LSB p. 163

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.

Communion Hymns

Christ the Word of God Incarnate
LSB #540 v. 1-6

Lamb of God
LSB #550 v. 1-3

Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness
LSB #563 v. 1-6

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord
LSB #352 v. 1, 2, 5, 6

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!

ROOM FOR DOUBT Q&A EVENT

Sunday, October 4th at 6:00pm - Kirkland Fine Arts Center
Invite others - bring your questions or come to listen and learn.

LSA HOMECOMING EVENT & GAME

Catered dinner & live music (5-7pm) - Kickoff 7pm on Friday 10/9
Tickets available at the LSA Table in the Fellowship Area

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of Delaney Harjung's birthday and in memory of grandpa by their loving family.

Flowers at the Pulpit are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 49th anniversary on 10/1 of Clarence & Carol Josefson.

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: Why Do Christians Say..."

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 - make an investment in your marriage. There is still time to get tickets and join us on **Saturday, October 17th** (8:00am-4:00pm) for the **"I Still Do" Simulcast Event** at SPL (with speakers Alex Kendrick, Crawford & Karen Lorrits, Dennis & Barbara Rainey, and more). Tickets (available online) include lunch, simulcast, and materials (and giveaways in store). VOLUNTEERS also needed (greeting, registration, meal help). Please visit the table in the Fellowship Area if you can help.

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@spldecatur.org for info.

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

THRIVE Community: Youth (group study) - join us this Sunday 10/4 at 6:30pm (Pastor Doug's Home 3151 St. Andrews Ct.).