

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 11/8

9:20 am Education Time

6:30 pm THRIVE Service Event (@SPL)

Monday 11/9

6:30 pm Kubow Shepherd Group (Fellowship Area)

Tuesday 11/10

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

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday 11/11 Veteran's Day

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Rm)

2:00 pm Veteran's Day Assembly (@LSA Gym)

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

6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Thursday 11/12 Handbells @5:30/ Adult 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)

Friday 11/13

11:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive (11-5pm @LSA H.S.)

Saturday 11/14 Message: "Listening to God & Others"

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 11/15 Message: "Listening to God & Others"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

2:00 pm SPL Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting (Great Room)

6:30 pm THRIVE Alive: Board Game Night (@SPL)

SPL Angel Tree

Submit Angel Tree requests now thru 11/12 - Forms available in the Church Office. Questions? Call Beth Simminger at 423-6955.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 793

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 805

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 14th-20th

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week @SPL

November 15th

SPL November Voter's Meeting (2:00pm-Great Room)

November 17th

"Prepare Him Room" - Advent by Candlelight (6:00pm @SPL)

November 21st & 22nd Call 875-3656 to help with this event

Live Nativity at St. John's (4:30-5:15pm Walk, 5:30-8pm Drive)

November 26th

Thanksgiving Day Worship (9:00am @SPL)

November 28th All volunteers welcome!

Christmas Decorating (12:00pm @SPL Sanctuary)

December 2nd "No Perfect Tree" -Also December 9th & 16th

Midweek Advent Worship (Worship 12:15/6:30pm Dinner 5:30pm)

December 5th

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

December 6th

New Member Welcome (Brunch @9:30am-Fellowship Area)

Kubow Shepherd Group Caroling (2:00pm@SPL)

December 20th Everyone Welcome to Come!

Christmas Caroling (hosted by SHiNe, Meet @12:00pm-Room 122)

December 24th

Christmas Eve Worship (6:00pm & 8:00pm @SPL)

CONNECT WITH US!

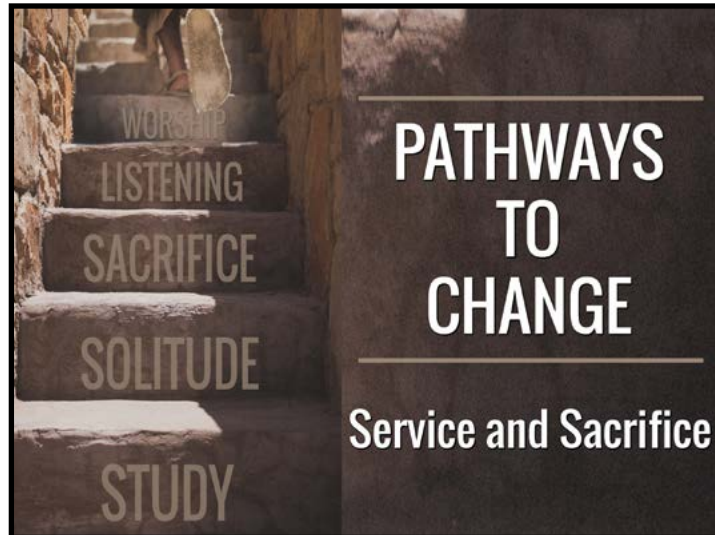
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Doug Bender



Prayer Before Worship

Lord, as we gather together from our varied homes, our unique struggles, and our individual burdens, we come with one thing in common. We all need You, Lord. Without Your Word guiding us, Your Spirit teaching us, and Your people loving us, we live meaningless lives. Bless us here. Strengthen our faith in You. Refresh our joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Build Your Kingdom Here

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-4

All I Am

Message

Pathways to Change:

Service & Sacrifice

Joshua 24:14-22



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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.

Like An Avalanche

Confession of Sins

Lord, it is hard to take the focus off ourselves. I'm wired to meet my own needs first. I'm so inclined to want my life my way. Forgive me for the times I'm unwilling to make sacrifices for You or for others. Cover my selfishness with Your amazing grace, and help me serve as freely and as generously as You have served me. 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

Fearless

Good Good Father

You Have Shown Us

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

Lay Me Down

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!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Reminder

Please return your shoeboxes by November 20th.

LSA HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENING

Applications for Administrative Assistant to the High School are currently being accepted. Resumes may be submitted to Kyle Karsten - kkarsten@lsadecatur.net or by mailing or dropping off at the school at 2001 E. Mound Rd.

November Voters Meeting

All SPL members (18 & Up) are encouraged to attend the November Voters Meeting on Sunday 11/15 at 2:00pm in the Great Room (childcare available). Agenda includes 2016 Budget, congregation updates, Phase II updates, and other items.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 14th wedding anniversary of Matt and Leigh Ann Grossman and in loving memory of their son Jake.

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

"Pathways to Change...Service"

Community Life Discussion Questions, along with the weekly prayer concerns, are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Pastor Eric Trickey--Accepted Call

Pastor Eric Trickey has accepted the call to be Senior Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Please keep Pastor Eric, his wife Sara, and their two children, Thalassa and Eric Jr. in your prayers as they begin to make plans to join our congregation.

SUPPORT THE GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

Support the 2016 SPL Guatemala Mission Team - purchase your **Community Days** coupon booklet (\$5.00 each) thru 11/8.

Advent by Candlelight Donations Needed

We are still in need of monetary donations for the food following the program. Contact the Church Office.

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 Serve: Senior High Group--Sunday 11/8 (6:30pm) at SPL. Packing Care Packages for College Students.