

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

### Sunday 1/17

9:20 am Education Time

6:30 pm THRIVE Serve: Bags of Hope (@SPL)

**Monday 1/18** LSA School & Offices Closed

### Tuesday 1/19

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

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

### Wednesday 1/20

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: BBQ Pork Sandwiches (Fellowship Area)

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

6:30 pm F3 Classes Meet (Varied Locations)

### Thursday 1/21

*Handbells 5:30pm, Choir & Winds 6:30pm*

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

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

5:00 pm Baby Blessings Sewing Group (Room 122)

### Friday 1/22

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday 1/23

*Message: Simple Changes*

3:00 pm Light-Price Wedding

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

### Sunday 1/24

*Message: Simple Changes*

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time (Confirmation classes meet)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

6:30 pm THRIVE Youth Worship (Sanctuary)

## LSA ENROLLMENT MEETINGS

For the 2016-2017 academic year, LSA is conducting enrollment information meetings for current and prospective LSA families on January 31st (2:00pm), February 1st (6:00pm), February 2nd (6:00pm), and February 6th (9:00am). All meetings are held in the LSA Theater. Kindergarten Orientation is its own meeting on January 26th at 6:00pm. Call 233-2001 for more information.

## We Worship...

Last Week in Worship:

812

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance:

876

**...Better Together!**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 26th** Call LSA for more information at 233-2001

LSA Kindergarten Orientation for 2016-17 (6:00pm @LSA)

**January 29th** Sponsored by THRIVE and Counseling & Family Min.

TRIVIA NIGHT (6:00-8:00pm @SPL Great Room)

**February 7th** Fundraiser February 7th-21st @SPL

Guatemala Mission Team Bergner Community Days Booklets

**February 10th**

Ash Wednesday (Worship at 12:15 & 6:30pm)

Midweek Lenten Worship Begins (through March 16th)

**February 11th**

Basics class moves to meeting on Thursdays (6:30-8:30pm)

**February 12th** Save the Date!

SHiNe Father-Daughter Dance (6:00-8:00pm @SPL)

**February 12th** Tickets available at LSA 233-2001

LSA PTL Chicken Dinner (4:00-7:00pm @LSA)

**February 14th**

THRIVE Community Group Meeting (6:30pm @Bender Home)

**February 26th-28th**

SPL Men's Ministry Woodcutter's Retreat (@Camp CILCA)

**March 27th**

Easter Sunday & New Member Welcome

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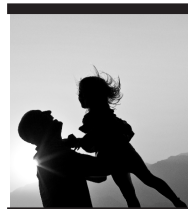
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
JANUARY 16 & 17, 2016

*Pastor Wray Offermann*  
*Pastor Eric Trickey*  
*Pastor Doug Bender*



Whoever takes the lowly position  
of this CHILD  
is the greatest in the  
kingdom of HEAVEN.  
MATTHEW 18:4

## Prayer Before Worship

Lord, what a great day to worship You and experience more of Your power and presence. Let there be a sweet spirit among Your people even as we wrestle with difficult issues together. May this time together stretch our faith and increase our joy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Call to Worship

*From the Day*

## Welcome

## Invocation

## Opening Praise

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:1-6

*Glory to God Forever*

## Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Only)

## Children's Message (Sunday 10:30am Only)

## Message

"Simple Changes: Life Matters"  
Jeremiah 19:3-5

*with Personal Sharing by Sara Trickey*



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## Offering

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.

*Tears Fall*

## Confession and Absolution

Lord, we acknowledge to You that we often want to make our own choices, even in areas of life where Your will is clear. Living independently from You is our constant temptation. Even in issues as big as life itself, we can let personal convenience take precedence over following Your will and trusting You to lead us through hard places. Forgive us individually and forgive our nation for making personal choice a higher value than Your truth. We cast ourselves again on Your grace and ask forgiveness under the shed blood of Jesus. In his 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)

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

*He Knows My Name*

*God of This City*

## Prayers of the Church

*A handout with this week's prayer concerns is available at the Usher's Booth for those who would like to continue to pray about these concerns.*

## The Lord's Prayer

## Blessing

## Closing Song

*We Will Remember*

## Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Lilliana Rae Lang. Lilliana was born November 27, 2015 to parents Alex and Shelby (Williams) Lang. Please welcome Lilliana and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



## Intercessory Prayer Group Forming

Is a time of prayer a regular part of your day? Do you feel compassion and concern for others experiencing life's struggles? Would you like to be part of a Prayer Team that lifts others' concerns to the Lord? Join our Intercessory Prayer Group beginning this month. Contact Carole Keirl for more info 423-2475.

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of His gift of life.

## 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

"Simple Changes: Life Matters"

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

## SUPPORT COMMUNITY

We are creating a supportive community of people committed to finding God's solutions to life's problems. Interested? Want to learn more? Come to Pastor Eric's house (1625 W. Main St.) on Sunday, January 24th at 6:00pm to connect and learn more.

## FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us on Friday, January 29th from 6:00-8:00pm in the Great Room for Family Trivia Night! Teams/Tables of 6 - \$10.00 per person. Ages 14 & up recommended. Concessions available. Win prizes throughout & GRAND PRIZE for winning team! Proceeds to Nat'l Youth Gathering & Tzedakah Christian Health Ctr.

### F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session 2016

Join us on Wednesdays (thru 2/3) - Dinner 5:30pm / Classes 6:30pm

## CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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**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. **Join us for F3 Wednesdays through February 3, 2016!**

**BUILDING BLOCKS:** Class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies to 3 year olds on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211.

**Youth Ministry:** THRIVE Senior High Youth Sundays at 9:20am (Rm 214) (pastordoug@spldecatur.org). **Confirmation-** Classes meet Sunday & Wednesday through January.

**THRIVE Serve:** Bags of Hope @SPL Sunday 1/17 at 6:30pm