

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

### Sunday 1/3

9:20 am Education Time  
12:00 pm Christmas Decoration Take-Down (Sanctuary)

### Monday 1/4

#### Tuesday 1/5 *Classes Resume at LSA*

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

### Wednesday 1/6

5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Fellowship Area)  
6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm F3 Classes Meet (Varied Locations)

### Thursday 1/7

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*  
6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)  
5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Friday 1/8

#### Saturday 1/9 *Message: Simple Changes*

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

#### Sunday 1/10 *Message: Simple Changes*

8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:20 am Education Time (Confirmation classes meet)  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

## Welcome

### SENIOR PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY



Pastor Eric & Sara Trickey

On Sunday, December 27th we installed our new Senior Pastor Eric Trickey (who joins us in leading worship this weekend). We are excited to welcome him along with his wife Sara, and their two children

Thalassa (Thaley) and Eric Jr. - if you missed the opportunity to worship with us last weekend and meet the Trickey family, be sure to greet Pastor Eric today.

You also have the opportunity to get to know Pastor Eric by participating in our weekly Pastor's Class (on Sunday mornings at 9:20am in the Great Room - 2nd floor). He will be continuing the current study in the Book of Acts. He will also bring the message again in worship next weekend as a part of our current "Simple Changes" series. Don't miss it!

### We Worship...

Last Week in Worship (One Service): 641  
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 834

...Better Together!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 6th** *Registration available online at [spldecat.org](http://spldecat.org)*  
**F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session Begins (1/6-2/3)**  
Basics 1&2 Winter Session Begins (*For membership at SPL*)  
Celebration of the Epiphany

### 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

*Tickets available at LSA 233-2001*

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

### February 26th-28th

Woodcutter's Retreat (@Camp CILCA)

### March 27th

Easter Sunday & New Member Welcome

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
JANUARY 2 & 3, 2016

*Pastor Eric Trickey*

*Pastor Doug Bender*

*Pastor Wray Offermann*



What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the SURPASSING WORTH of knowing CHRIST JESUS my Lord, for WHOSE SAKE I have lost all things.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8

### Prayer Before Worship

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year. And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen. -- Billy Graham

### Welcome

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*One Thing Remains*



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