

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 2/14

9:20 am Education Time

5:30 pm THRIVE Community Progressive Dinner (@Benders)

Monday 2/15 LSA - No School, Offices Closed

6:30 pm 20s/30s Group Mtg. & Study (Great Room)

Tuesday 2/16

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

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

Wednesday 2/17

12:15 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)

5:30 pm Lenten Dinner: Soups & Salad (Fellowship Area)

6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday 2/18 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir 6:30pm

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

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

6:30 pm Basics 1&2 Class (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Early Communion Class (Room 122)

Friday 2/19

Saturday 2/20 Message: Relationship Changers

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

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 2/21 Message: Relationship Changers

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

12:00 pm SPL Guatemala Mission Team Mtg. (Great Room)

6:30 pm THRIVE Alive: Bowl-A-Thon for NYG (@Spare Time)

Associate Pastor Outreach & Mission

A few years ago, congregational leaders developed an organizational chart for SPL to lay out the desired staff and leadership structure. God has blessed us in filling our most pressing need of a Senior Pastor in recent months, and as outlined on our chart, our next need is an Associate Pastor Outreach & Mission. This pastor will oversee and direct community life, small groups, adult education, care ministry, outreach, and other pastoral duties. In order to accomplish this we will be interviewing four candidates from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in February. Stay tuned and please pray for what God will do in this process.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 835

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 844

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23rd

Red Cross Blood Drive (12:30-5:30pm @SPL)

February 24th Worship at 12:15 & 6:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm

Midweek Lenten Worship (through March 16th)

February 24th Contact Carole Keirl for Info 423-2475

Intercessory Prayer Group Info Meeting (7:30pm @SPL)

February 26th-28th Sign up also available online at spldecatour.org

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

February 28th

THRIVE Youth Worship (6:30pm @SPL)

March 13th

Return "Change for Life" Baby Bottles for NLPC

March 19th

Iron Sharpens Iron Conference (Springfield, IL)

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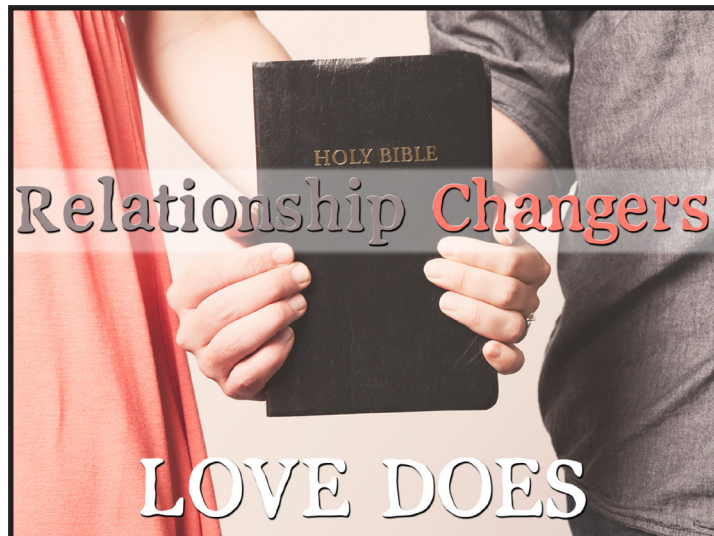


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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 13 & 14, 2016

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Wray Offermann



Love BEARS all things,
BELIEVES all things, HOPES all things,
ENDURES all things.
1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

Prayer Before Worship

Great God, my Creator and Redeemer, You have chosen to love me with an everlasting love. No matter where I go, I cannot escape or flee from that great love and Your holy presence. I've come to meet You again in this place. To be filled by the power of Your Spirit. To know what it truly means to love, and to find true love in who You are and what You have done for me. Bless this time of worship. May our praise be a mere reflection of the joy You set before us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Ever Be

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Open Up the Heavens

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

By Our Love

Message

"Relationship Changers: Love Does"

1 Corinthians 13:1-8



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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.

Without Love

Confession and Absolution

Gracious Father, You have shown us a love that does. Before we were even born, Your plan for the world's rescue was set in motion. Even when we stray, You pursue us relentlessly. So many times, Lord, I fail to take this love to heart. I walk away from Your table of grace angry and bitter at the next person I see. My sin consumes me, paralyzes me, and blinds me to the damage I cause. Forgive me Lord. Turn me into the love-giver You would have me be. 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

No Longer Slaves

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Wonderful God

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

Forever

SHiNe Children's Ministry - Seeking Adult Helpers

SHiNe Children's Ministry is looking for adult/parent helpers to assist with Saturday evening SHiNe Children's Time one time per month. No preparation required. If interested and available, please contact Jennifer Power at 217-423-6955 or jennifer@spldecatour.org.

WOODCUTTER'S RETREAT @CILCA

St. Paul's forms a group of men to attend the Men's Woodcutter's Retreat at Camp CILCA (Cantrall, IL) each year - the retreat is taking place February 26-28, 2016. This is a time spent in fellowship, in God's Word, and in cutting trees & splitting wood (in service to the camp). Don't miss it - Sign up today in the Fellowship Area or online at spldecatour.org/on-the-calendar. Contact Rod Moran with questions at 217-972-9839.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 44th wedding anniversary on February 12th of Ivan and Janet Peterson.

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 "Relationship Changers: Love Does"

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

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

We welcome you to continue your Lenten journey with through Midweek Lenten Worship. Each week at 12:15pm & 6:30pm, we're exploring a special series "From Death to Change" including a teaching time with our pastors along with activities for kids during worship (6:30pm). Dinner is served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Area, offered this week by the SPL Guatemala Mission Team (Soups & Salad Bar). Make this your weekly habit!

PLANNING SESSION: "OXFORD 2.0"

As a follow up to our January "dreaming" session, we would like to gather once again for a "planning session". Anyone interested in "Oxford 2.0" and/or Celebrate Recovery should come to Pastor Eric's house (1625 W. Main St.) on Sunday, February 21st at 6:00pm to connect and learn more.

CHILDREN & 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. *Early Communion Classes meet Thursdays @6:30pm in Rm 122.*

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@spldecatour.org). **All grades (7-12) are welcome in 214 on Sundays.**

THRIVE Community: Progressive Dinner on 2/14 at 5:30pm begins & ends at Pastor Doug's home (3151 St. Andrews Ct.). Next Event: THRIVE Alive Bowl-A-Thon for NYG on 2/21!